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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the first issue of the Ministry in Mission Newsletter. The goal of this publication is link the members of the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Board of Ministry in Mission and all of its related workgroups and task forces for the sake of great communication, collaboration and mutual support.



Pastor Nancy Larson has accepted a new call as the "Director of Evangelical Mission / Assistant to the Bishop" so there will be a few small staffing changes at the synod office. One change is that I will now be the staff person relating to your group. Please feel free to contact me, Pastor Mark A. Anderson, at andersonm@neiasynod.org or on [facebook](#).

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Upcoming Events

April 18, 2009 - 9:30am-
Hunger Meeting, Synod Office

May 12, 2009 - 3:30pm- Day of
Remembrance, Postville

June 5-7, 2009
Synod Assembly, Luther College

August 5, 2009
Tour de Revs

[Hunger Work Group](#)

Synod Assembly: The work group plans to present 3 Hunger Minutes; to offer three workshops (one in cooperation with the LYO) and have a booth in the display area. In addition, there will be a request for synod assembly participants to bring school supplies for the students in Postville. .

Tour de Rev (please see www.tourderevs.org) will arrive at Redeemer in Waverly on August 5. They are 3 guys riding one bike for 100 days going 13,000 miles through 65 cities to fight hunger.

The next Meeting of the hunger work group will be 9:30am, Saturday, April 18.

Chairperson: [Norbert Strasser](#)

Care of Creation Work Group

The [Care of Creation Work Group](#) is preparing a newsletter to be included in the June issue of the Synod Newsletter. At the Synod Assembly they will offer a morning workshop on "community supported agriculture" and an afternoon workshop on "[Luther College's greenhouse goals.](#)" They will also have materials available at a display table.

Chairperson: Donna Rasmussen

[Home Life Work Group](#)

This work group will be offering a workshop at the synod assembly on the "best practices" of Bible study. They are looking forward to establishing a network of leaders and a Fall & Spring Event.

Contact: [Elayne Werges](#)

[Rural Life Task Force](#)

2009 Hunger Grants Awarded

\$9,000 Awarded in the Northeastern Iowa Synod



The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) has announced 5 [Domestic Hunger Grants](#) which have been awarded to ministries in the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

\$2,000.00 Operation Threshold -Grundy Center

To purchase food for the Grundy County Food Pantry. In 2006 the Food Pantry served 72 Households, by 2007 this had doubled to 214. In the spring of 2008 the area was impacted by an F5 tornado in Parkersburg as surrounding communities. In the fiscal year 2007 93% of the people who used the food shelf were employed or receiving social security.

\$2,000.00 Project Concern-Dubuque

To support the "Help & Hope Program" which will offer direct assistance like food, clothing, and shelter to disadvantaged low-income and homeless families along with on-going case management services.

\$2,000.00 Greater Area Pantry - Calmar

To purchase immediate food

The Rural Life Task Force will be offering three workshops at the Synod Assembly including: Geoparish, Welcoming Returning Soldiers, and "Keeping Faith and Hope Alive in Troubled Times." They will also have a display showing a powerpoint presentation explaining the Geoparish concept.

Contact: [Pr. Dennis Hanson](#)

Multicultural Ministry Work Group

is sponsoring a "Day of Remembrance"

Tuesday, May 12 marks the first anniversary of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE) raid on Postville, Iowa.

To stand in solidarity with the 389 people who were detained and their families, a nationwide day of remembrance has been declared to promote awareness of the devastating effects of raids.

The prayer vigil and walk to commemorate the event will be held as follows:

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
3:30 p.m. - Gather at St. Bridget's Church, 141 W Williams St, Postville, Iowa
4:00 p.m. - Prayer Vigil and Remembrance
5:00 p.m. - Solidarity Walk to Agriprocessors

The event is a unified call for comprehensive immigration reform, just labor practices, family unity and an end to raids.

Contact: [Pr. Marshall Hahn](#)

and personal needs products, vouchers, and to expand the "container gardening program" piloted during the last growing season.

This food pantry is near Postville where the need has been especially great since the ICE raid on May 12, 2008.

\$1,500.00 Eastside Ministerial Alliance -

Waterloo To fund the "Rites of Passage Program" which teaches "values clarification" by providing trips for 75 youths and parents through field trips to EWALU Bible Camp, Wartburg College, the University of Iowa, libraries, and museums.

\$1,500.00 Messiah Lutheran Church - Charles City

To purchase food products to provide for the increased use of the "Community Food Box" and to fund a program in which a local gardener teaches people how to freeze, dry, or can their own garden produce.

[Ministry on Aging Work Group](#)

The workgroup on Aging works to promote respect and good ministry for the elder community.

At the Synod Assembly this group will offer a workshop "Caregivers, Don't Lose Heart" and a display.

The workgroup has also [launched a website](#) and publishes two STAR inserts a year. It is also working with a consultant to develop trainings and a powerpoint.

Contact: [Pr. Barbara Wills](#)

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all men - the testimony given in a proper time. 1 Timothy 2:5-6

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