

Reflecting news and views

# The Reflector

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### Lent- A Time for Renewal

Lent is a season when we focus on spiritual renewal. It's a time of introspection, prayer, meditation and fasting. It's a season when we reflect on Jesus' final days on earth. It's a time to think about discipleship, sacrifice and commitment. We remember all that Jesus did for us.

An important part of our Brethren heritage is the focus that has been placed on the combination of devotion and service. Pietism is a religious movement out of which the Church of the Brethren developed. This is how E. Ernest Stoeffler describes "Pietism" in the Brethren Encyclopedia:

"All of them were profoundly convinced of the need for the 'new birth', or the need for a thoroughgoing religious renewal of the individual. August Hermann Francke may be considered a spokesman when he wrote, 'True faith is a divine work in us,

which transforms us and bestows upon us the new birth from God, which kills the old Adam, and fashions us into a new person who is entirely different in heart, soul and mind.' This personal renewal was then expected to exert a transforming influence upon the individual's lifestyle, and through such transformed individuals, upon both church and society."

## Small Congregation Seminar



Are you a leader in a small congregation? Are you looking for a way to gather with others for a time of encouragement? If so, "*Strengthening Your Small Congregation*" may be just what you need.

**This one-day seminar will be held Sat., April 13, at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, IN**

Keynote speaker Margaret Marcuson will present a conversation about "*Leaders Who Last: Sustaining Yourself in Small Church Ministry*," and several workshops will be held including "*Worship in Your Own Voice*," "*Money and Your Ministry*," and "*The Pastoral Care Team*."

Renewal is an important part of our lives as Christians. We need to continue to be open to the renewing of God's Spirit in our lives and in our congregations. Out of renewal comes commitment to serving those around us. Francke stressed that spiritual renewal bears good fruits. Out of his focus on renewal, Francke went on to start orphanages, schools and homes for the aged.

My prayer is that we will continue to be renewed as individuals and congregations during this Lenten season. May we be renewed by God's Spirit as we open ourselves anew to God's grace and forgiveness. And may we with new passion and energy reach out to those around us in the name of Jesus.

This unique event was inspired by two pastors with a strong desire to support other leaders in small congregations. You can read their whole story in the January 10 edition of Newsline.

To find out more about this important and uplifting event, visit [www.brethren.org/smallchurch](http://www.brethren.org/smallchurch), or e-mail [congregationallife@brethren.org](mailto:congregationallife@brethren.org) or call 800-323-8039 ext. 303.

"*Strengthening Your Small Congregation*" is sponsored in part by **Congregational Life Ministries**. To support the life-changing work of these ministries visit [www.brethren.org/give](http://www.brethren.org/give).

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# DE PONDERINGS by Kevin Kessler



Jo Young Switzer, president of Manchester University, produces *Notes from the President*, a monthly communication that I thoroughly enjoy reading. President Switzer begins the March 2013 issue with some

thoughts on blame. She iterates that we live in an era of blaming, noting a variety of instances of blame very familiar to us, e.g., Democrats blaming Republicans and vice versa, states blaming teacher for student learning levels and teachers blaming states for decreased education funding, and so on.

Blaming is an age-old phenomenon. In Genesis chapter 3, Adam blames Eve for giving him the forbidden fruit to eat. Eve blames the serpent for enticing her to eat the forbidden fruit. When we fail to accept responsibility for our own actions we can easily blame someone else. Blaming transfers guilt to the other, hoping with all hope that blame will absolve any personal wrongdoing or inadequacy.

Blaming plagues the church as well. Progressives blame conservatives and conservatives blame progressives for membership decline and inadequate focus on mission, along with a long list of other issues and concerns. I wonder what the tenor in

Church, the Church of the Brethren included, would be if we focused less on blaming (what we don't want) and more on what we want?

This question presented itself to me after I watched a short video clip entitled *Seeing Red Cars* from Star Thrower Distribution, Inc. Presenter Laura Goodrich makes this statement in the video: "We get more of whatever we focus on." She points out that when employees or employers are asked what they want, the oft-given response is about what they don't want. Goodrich contends that focusing on what is wanted rather than what is not wanted will result in greater levels of productivity, accomplishment, and success.

We, the church, spend an astonishing amount of time (focus) on what is wrong and how we can fix it. This approach for building up the body lacks effectiveness because, if Laura Goodrich is correct, we continue to get more of what we are focused on. Therefore, my hope is that the church will shift and focus on its strengths and opportunities for ministry. Strengths and opportunities abound. Let's name them. Let's focus on them. Let's be surprised by the outcomes as a result in a shift of focus. And instead of blaming, we'll be claiming together the blessings of God within, around, and beyond us.

## Assembling Kits is a Great Hands on Project for your VBS

With Spring just around the corner is your church gearing up for a week of Vacation Bible School? Is your Church looking for an easy way for the children to burn off some of their pent up energy left from the long winter while at the same time doing good in the world? **Church World Service** can help with a wonderful opportunity for a hands on service project. Bring your children together to create School Kits to help other less fortunate children both in the United States and around the world.

School Kits are filled with items as simple as paper and scissors. School Kit items are designed to help a child whether in an improv-

erished school system or a refugee camp have the basic tools needed to attend school. A School Kit can make a child stand a little taller. A School Kit teaches wonderful lessons to those that create the Kit and changes the life of the child that receives it.

Please take a moment and consider adding School Kits to your Vacation Bible School week. Together we can make a difference.

**To order a Kit brochure contact Heather Willson at the CWS Michigan regional office at 888-297-2767 or [hwillson@church-worldservice.org](mailto:hwillson@church-worldservice.org) Find out more at [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org).**



Photo: by Matt Hackworth/CWS

## Registration Form

# DISTRICT POTLUCK April 27, 2013



Peoria Church of the Brethren  
4714 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614  
9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Worship \* Workshops \* Fellowship \* Food**

**Registration Fee - \$5.00, but no one will be turned away  
Registration deadline prior to the District Potluck is April 9.  
You may attend without registering ahead of time.**

**Each person should bring a potluck dish to enjoy with others from across the district.  
Drinks and table service will be provided.**

### Schedule

8:30 – 9:30 ----- Registration & Fellowship  
9:30 – 10:15 ----- Opening Worship  
10:30 – 11:15 ----- Workshop Session 1  
11:30 – 12:15 ----- Workshop Session 2  
12:30-1:30 ----- Potluck Lunch and Fellowship  
  
1:45 – 2:15 ----- Workshop Session 3  
2:30-3:15----- Closing Worship

### Workshop Topics and Leaders

**Deacon Training -- David Doudt**  
“Being Present in A Healing Way” I & II  
“Caring for the Caregiver”  
**Multiculturalism – Dennis Webb**  
Multiculturalism – “When a goat is both a pet and dinner!”  
**Disaster Relief 101 – Dutchtown COB**  
“Dollars are Delightful, But Bodies are Better”  
**District Revitalization Team**

Plan now to attend this exciting event. Share this information with others in your church. There will be something for everyone: deacons, pastors, those who want to learn, worship, and enjoy wonderful fellowship.

**Come enjoy time with sisters and brothers from across the district!!!!!!**

*This one-day event is being planned by your **District Deacons** on behalf of the Leadership Team of the District.*

Please complete the bottom portion, detach, and return with the registration fee to the **District Office at 269 E. Chestnut St., Canton, IL 61520**. Make checks payable to the District of IL/WI. **NOTE:** If you know how many are planning to attend from your congregation but are unsure of who, please return the form with the name of the congregation and the number attending. This will help us plan for the day. **Thank you.**

We look forward to seeing you and visiting on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Peoria.

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### District Potluck – April 27, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make copies of this form as needed.**

# **DISTRICT POTLUCK - April 27, 2013**

## **Deacon Training – David Doudt**

### Session 1

"Being Present - Listening in a Healing Way" - Part 1

What do I say or what should I do when someone is in need? Do I need to solve their problem or make them feel better? What am I expected to do? Come and learn how you can be a better listener and make a difference in someone's life.

### Session 2

"Being Present - Listening in a Healing Way" - Part 2

Good listening starts with the practice of listening to God. We will discuss and practice listening to God. Then we will use that practice to see how God uses us to show compassion to others. We'll learn common phrases not to say to people who are hospitalized or grieving. Then talk about how to pray for another person.

### Session 3

"Caring for the Caregiver"

More than anything, deacons are caregivers. But in your congregation are many other caregivers, professional and otherwise, who need encouragement and support as they carry out these roles. Many are likely part of the "sandwich generation" caring for aging parents as well as their own children. Hear thoughts on all aspects of caregiving - and perhaps how to care for yourself as a caregiver, too.

## **Disaster Relief - Dutchtown COB**

"Disaster Relief Work 101" "Dollars are Delightful, but Bodies are Better!"

An opportunity for you to learn the basics about Disaster Relief Ministry, to hear stories from Veteran Disaster Relief workers from their past trips and to consider if God is calling you to this ministry."

## **Multiculturalism - Dennis Webb**

"Multiculturalism - When a goat is both a pet and a dinner!"

This workshop will explore the challenges of the denomination in relation to Multiculturalism. It will also explore ways in which congregations can embrace multiculturalism.

It hopes to address the question that so many congregations ask, "If our church's membership is of one ethnic group / race, how are we ever going to embrace multiculturalism?" Come let's reason together about multiculturalism.

## **District Revitalization Tem**

# **Annual Conference Bible Display Opportunity**

There is an opportunity for children, youth and adults in our District to submit poems, choruses or hymns they have created about the Bible for display at Annual Conference this summer. You may get more information about the exhibit on the Annual Conference website or by contacting me, al.margaret.huston@gmail.com.

One of the exhibits at Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC, this summer will highlight the Bible. It will also offer children, youth and adults the opportunity to share their love for God's Word by submitting poems, choruses or hymns they have

created about the Bible. These will be put on display at the Bible Visits exhibit which will share how and why the Bible came to us and how it is being shared around the world today. You can access more information about this exhibit on the Annual Conference web-site (Home Page/Information Packet/Additional Information/Exhibits/Bible Visits). All items to be put on display must be submitted by June 1st to:

Bible Visits, c/o Al Huston, 6210 Townsend Lane,  
Waxhaw, NC 28173

# Along the Paths of Camp Emmaus



It may be snowing outside, but your hearts are warm in Northern Illinois! We are pleased to report that our matching funds campaign for donations towards the operating fund account of Camp Emmaus is completed and was successful. Three churches in the district and multiple individuals donated enough money to that camp funding campaign so that the Mt. Morris congregation was able to write a \$10,000 check to match that amount, and all was finalized within two months.

\*The retirement of the debt on the repair and renovation of the camp pool has also gone well, thanks to continued giving of local churches and individuals. The Polo congregation very generously donated \$10,000 towards that fund this winter. The process of the pool repair project has taken a long time, from the beginning of planning in 2008, to the first use of the renovated pool last season, to now. The original debt of \$250,000 has been reduced to \$34,000, and we have hopes the remaining debt will be refinanced and then finished in a timely manner.

\*Diana Roemer, the Director of Advancement and Marketing for Pinecrest Manor, has been hired as an outside consultant to help Camp Emmaus with an expanded marketing plan and to help find outside funding sources. We are looking forward to seeing the results of her efforts for us in the months ahead.

\*The Camp Emmaus board recently reorganized, with the new officers being: Mike Schnierla as president, Ellis Boughton as vice president, Heidi Gerdes as treasurer, and Dianne Swingel as corresponding secretary. Sylvia Saunders continues on as recording secretary, and Heidi Gerdes is in charge of programming. Other board members are Gary Baisden, Tom Cline, Steve Dietrich, Mark Flory-Steury, and Don Hart.

\*Camp Emmaus has a new email address for those who wish to make contacts: [campemmaus@live.com](mailto:campemmaus@live.com).



Those pictured: Bill Hare, Camp Mgr; Diane Swingel and Steve Dietrich of Mt. Morris Church; Mike Schnierla, Board Chair; and Sylvia Saunders, of Mt. Morris Church.

## Nursing scholarships are available through the Church of the Brethren



The Church of the Brethren awards a limited number of scholarships each year to individuals enrolled in a nursing program. Candidates must be enrolled in a LPN, RN, or nursing graduate program, and be members of the Church of the Brethren. Scholarships of up to \$2,000 for RN and graduate nurse candidates, and up to \$1,000 for LPN candidates will be awarded to a limited number of applicants.

Read the full story at [www.brethren.org/news/2013/nursing-scholarships-for-brethren.html](http://www.brethren.org/news/2013/nursing-scholarships-for-brethren.html)

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# Bus to NOAC at Lake Junaluska



Don and Patti Weirich will be coordinating a bus to the 2013 National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) this September. Since the NOAC registration brochure was

printed and mailed before the travel arrangements were finalized, we want you to know that there will be a bus for people from the Illinois-Wisconsin District. Some will have to travel to the nearest stop but they can avoid driving all the way to NOAC.

We will need at least 35 people to confirm their space on the bus which will travel from Mt. Morris, Illinois (need a commitment of 10 people there), stop at Timbercrest in North Manchester, and travel on to Dayton, Ohio, before heading to NOAC. The return trip will be in reverse order.

A note about additional stops for this bus: If there is interest they will stop in Elgin, IL, after Mt. Morris; and they do plan on a Middlebury, IN, stop before going on to Timbercrest. This provides lots of options that people can use to their advantage.

Contact Don and Patti Weirich for more information:  
theweirichs@frontier.com  
phone: (574) 825-9185 (574) 825-9185 FREE



## Exploring Your Call

Bethany Seminary  
June 14 - 24, 2013

EYC invites rising juniors and seniors in high school to experience hands-on learning and exploration of where their lives' passions meet God's great purpose. This grant-funded program creates space for discernment and community building amidst the myriad of competing interests for Brethren youth. Registration is already open, so encourage youth in your congregation or district to apply for this amazing opportunity.

# Bethany Trip to Israel - 2013



Jesus said, "Follow me!" Come and explore his invitation more deeply in the Holy Land!

Dan Ulrich, professor of New Testament studies at Bethany Seminary, and Marilyn Lerch, director of the TRIM program for the Brethren Academy of Ministerial Leadership, are leading an Academy travel course to Israel in **June 2013** and invite Bethany alumni/ae and other interested travelers to join them. It is an excellent opportunity to earn CEU credits.

Along the way, Dan and Marilyn will lend their expertise to that of the professional guides with Educational Opportunities, an organization that has taken groups to the Holy Land for years. From Bethlehem to Nazareth, the Dead Sea to the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives to the place where it is said Jesus was crucified, the group will tour the sites that are part of the faith story for Christians around the world. Hear the scriptures read on location and get a glimpse of the Middle East today with its vibrant population and fascinating culture.

A complete travel brochure is available on the Bethany website at [www.bethanyseminary.edu/sites/default/files/docs/academy/Holy\\_Land\\_Trip\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/sites/default/files/docs/academy/Holy_Land_Trip_Brochure.pdf)  
For full trip details, including passport deadline information, go to [www.bethanyseminary.edu/sites/default/files/docs/advancement/HolyLand\\_AlumInfo.pdf](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/sites/default/files/docs/advancement/HolyLand_AlumInfo.pdf)

## 2013 CAMP EMMANUEL SCHEDULE

The mission of Camp Emmanuel is "Sharing God's Message and Love with children of all ages through the beauty and wonder found in nature. CAMP MANAGERS FOR 2013 ARE RANDY AND JO ELLEN DOYLE. Camp Phone is 309-329-2291. The Camp e-mail address is: [campemmanuel.cob@gmail.com](mailto:campemmanuel.cob@gmail.com). The website is: [www.cob-net.org/camp/emmanuel/](http://www.cob-net.org/camp/emmanuel/)

### JUNE 7-9 WOMENS' CAMP

Friday, 4:00 p.m. – Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Director: Rosie Brandenburg (217-763-6039)

Email: [samrosie@ctiwireless.com](mailto:samrosie@ctiwireless.com)

Fee: \$60 (\$75 after May 24<sup>th</sup>)

### JUNE 9-15 YOUTH CAMP (ages 14-18)

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Dana McNeil (309-243-8726)

Email: [pastordana@peoriabrethren.org](mailto:pastordana@peoriabrethren.org)

Fee \$125 (\$140 after May 31<sup>st</sup>)

### JUNE 16-22 JUNIOR HIGH CAMP (ages 11-13)

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Lynn Jones (217-627-2355)

Email: [misslynnmo@yahoo.com](mailto:misslynnmo@yahoo.com)

Fee \$125 (\$140 after June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### JUNE 23-29 JUNIOR CAMP (ages 8-10)

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Sarah Fulk (217-454-6942)

Email: [fulkner34@yahoo.com](mailto:fulkner34@yahoo.com)

Fee \$125 (\$140 after June 10<sup>th</sup>)

### JUNE 27-29 PRE-JUNIOR CAMP (ages 5-7)

Thursday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Stephanie Bettinger (217-855-6415)

Email: [bettinger.stephanie@yahoo.com](mailto:bettinger.stephanie@yahoo.com)

Fee \$60 (\$75 after June 13<sup>th</sup>)

### AUGUST 9-11 MENS' CAMP

Friday 4:00 p.m. – Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Director: Ray Knotts (309-692-0846)

Email: [raynkitty@gmail.com](mailto:raynkitty@gmail.com)

Fee: \$60 (\$75 after July 26<sup>th</sup>)

### AUGUST 30-SEPT. 2 FAMILY CAMP

Friday 6:00 p.m. – Monday 10:00 a.m.

Directors: Christine Hoecker, Angela Devaney and Cheryl Spence

Fee: Adults \$60 (\$75 after August 16<sup>th</sup>)

Children 4-12 \$40 (\$55 after August 16<sup>th</sup>)

Maximum per family \$155 (\$215 after August 16<sup>th</sup>)

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2013 (Not all scheduled yet)

Spring Work Day – April 13th

Spring Work Week – April 14-20th

Mandatory CIT training – April 27<sup>th</sup> (9AM-Noon)

Fall Gospel/Song Fest – Family Camp Hosts

Fall Work Day/Camp Closing – October 19th

Each camp will be responsible for making a banner in conjunction with the Camp's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Also, there will be special t-shirts for sale in addition to the items given out at each camp.

So order sizes EARLY with your registration.

Special t-shirt costs will be \$12 unless it is a special size.



CAMP EMMANUEL – CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CAMPER'S BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

LAST GRADE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER M/F AGE \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE, CIRCLE: S M L XL XXL XXXL

CIRCLE CAMP ATTENDING: PRE-JUNIOR JUNIOR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH WOMEN'S MEN'S FAMILY
\$60 (\$75) \$125 (\$140) \$125 (\$140) \$125(\$140) \$60(\$75) \$60(\$75) (see schedule)

PERSON PICKING UP CAMPER \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FEES: PLEASE SEND APPROPRIATE FEES TO: CAMP EMMANUEL, P.O. BOX 557, ASTORIA, IL 61501
Those in parenthesis are the late fees. Please see schedule when these late fees would be added.

Church's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Bill my church \_\_\_\_\_ Church portion included \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Church Portion \$ \_\_\_\_\_ My portion \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid in Full: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Personal, Medical and Emergency Information

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Person to ask for \_\_\_\_\_

Please share any allergies or physical limitations of which the camp should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

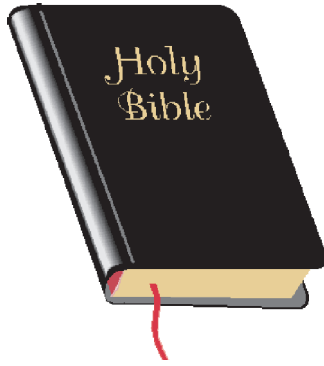
Please share any special dietary needs of the camper, i.e. food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the camper on any medication? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

My child and I have read the Camp Emmanuel information guide. By signing below, we each understand and agree to follow the Camp Emmanuel guidelines. Parent/Guardian signature below also grants permission for Camp Emmanuel personnel to seek medical care or to administer first aid if necessary.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





**Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?**

**What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?  
What if we flipped through it several times a day?  
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?  
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?  
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?  
What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?  
What if we used it when we traveled?  
What if we used it in case of emergency?**



**This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?  
Oh, and one more thing.  
Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.**

**Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!**

**When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!**

*Move  
in our  
Midst*

**Annual Conference 2013**

**You're invited...**

**...To Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC**

**June 29 through July 3, 2013!**

Find more information and register at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac)

## ***Upcoming Academy Level Courses:***

*Courses are open to TRIM students, pastors (earn 2 CEUs) and all interested persons*

*Please note: While we continue to accept students beyond the Registration deadline, on that date we determine whether we have enough students to offer a course. Many courses have required pre-course readings, so students need to be sure to allow enough time to complete those. Please do not purchase texts or make travel plans until the Registration Deadline is passed, and you receive a course confirmation.*

\*Bethany Experience \*\*Brethren College Experience  
Courses noted as "SVMC" need to be registered for through  
the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center at [SVMC@etown.edu](mailto:SVMC@etown.edu), 717-361-1450  
TRIM designations: BT (Bible/Theology credit) MS (Ministry Skills credit)

### **2013:**

\* **"The Word Alive: An Introduction to Preaching"** Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN. Instructor: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Professor of Preaching and Worship, **January 7-11, 2013**. (MS) Registration Deadline: December 10, 2012 (The class has enough registrants to proceed, additional students are welcome)

**"Introduction to New Testament"** online Instructor: Susan Jeffers **January 28 – March 2, 2013** (BT) Registration Deadline: January 7, 2013

**"The Book of Jonah"** online, Instructor: Susan Jeffers, **February 11 – March 22, 2013** (BT) Registration Deadline: February 1, 2012 SVMC

**"Story of the Church: Reformation to the Modern Age"** Lewistown, PA Instructor: Craig Gandy, **February 28 – March 3, 2013** (BT) Registration Deadline: February 14, 2013 SVMC

\***"Evangelism: Both Now and Not Yet"** online Instructor: Tara Hornbacker, Professor of Ministry Formation, Bethany Theological Seminary, **April 8 – May 31, 2013** (MS) Registration Deadline: March 11, 2013

**"Introduction to Pastoral Care"** Two locations: Instructor onsite at McPherson College, Kansas (will qualify for a Brethren College experience); course also available electronically in Florida; Instructor Anna Lee Hisey Pierson, **May 2-5, 2013** (MS) Registration Deadline: April 1, 2013

### **2013 Educational Travel Experiences:**

- May: **Iona, Scotland** led by Professor Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm - **Course Full**
- June 3: **"Journey Through the Bible"** A 12 day trip to the Holy Land (Israel) led by Bethany Theological Seminary's Professor of New Testament Studies, Dan Ulrich and TRIM Coordinator Marilyn Lerch. With a starting price of \$3198, included are round trip international airfare from JFK, New York, first class hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, breakfast and dinner daily and more. TRIM/EFSM students may earn course credit for this trip. Course requirements will include preparatory reading and journaling during the trip. Ordained ministers may earn 4 CEUs for participating. The trip is open to all interested travelers: students, those in set apart ministry and lay people. *All travelers need to have a passport by Feb. 15 that extends through the end of 2013, those needing to apply for a new passport should do that before the end of 2012.*

**Please contact the Brethren Academy Office to express your interest** in either trip and for more details.  
[academy@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:academy@bethanyseminary.edu)

**"Annual Conference Directed ISU"** Charlotte, NC Course created around the Ministers' Association speaker Dr. Greg Jones (BT) **June 28-29, 2013**

\*\* **"But Who Is My Neighbor? Christianity in a Global Context"** McPherson College, Kansas, Instructor: Kent Eaton, **Fall, 2013** (BT)

**Illinois/Wisconsin District Church of the Brethren**  
**2012 Pledged to Actual Comparison (unaudited)**  
**As of December 31, 2012**

| <b>Congregation</b> | <b>2011 Actual Contribution</b> | <b>2012 Annual Pledge</b> | <b>2012 YTD Actual</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Paid %</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Allison Prairie     | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Batavia Faith       | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Canton              | \$1,500.00                      | \$1,300.00                | \$1,300.00             | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Cerro Gordo         | \$1,000.00                      | \$950.00                  | \$950.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Champaign           | \$1,200.00                      | \$1,200.00                | \$1,200.00             | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Cherry Grove        | \$500.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$500.00               | \$500.00          | --            |
| Chicago First       | \$500.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$500.00               | \$500.00          | --            |
| Decatur             | \$500.00                        | \$500.00                  | \$500.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Dixon               | \$1,404.00                      | \$500.00                  | \$1,405.43             | \$905.43          | 281.1%        |
| Douglas Park        | \$500.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Franklin Grove      | \$1,100.00                      | \$900.00                  | \$1,100.00             | \$200.00          | 122.2%        |
| Freeport            | \$250.00                        | \$125.00                  | \$125.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Girard              | \$250.00                        | \$250.00                  | \$250.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Highland Avenue     | \$14,510.25                     | \$14,300.00               | \$14,450.00            | \$150.00          | 101.0%        |
| Hurricane Creek     | \$200.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| La Place            | \$500.00                        | \$500.00                  | \$500.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Lanark              | \$2,449.92                      | \$0.00                    | \$2,449.92             | \$2,449.92        | --            |
| Martin Creek        | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Milledgeville       | \$600.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$800.00               | \$800.00          | --            |
| Mt. Morris          | \$1,776.00                      | \$1,750.00                | \$2,250.00             | \$500.00          | 128.6%        |
| Naperville          | \$5,500.00                      | \$5,500.00                | \$5,500.00             | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Neighborhood        | \$1,000.00                      | \$0.00                    | \$1,000.00             | \$1,000.00        | --            |
| Oak Grove           | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Oakley Brick        | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Panther Creek       | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Peoria              | \$5,850.00                      | \$5,850.00                | \$5,850.00             | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Polo                | \$2,000.00                      | \$500.00                  | \$500.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Rock Community      | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Rockford            | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$250.00               | \$250.00          | --            |
| Romine              | \$0.00                          | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| Springfield         | \$3,500.00                      | \$3,400.00                | \$3,400.00             | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| Stanley             | \$300.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$600.00               | \$600.00          | --            |
| Virden              | \$500.00                        | \$500.00                  | \$375.00               | (\$125.00)        | 75.0%         |
| Walnut Grove        | \$1,000.00                      | \$0.00                    | \$0.00                 | \$0.00            | --            |
| West Branch         | \$1,000.25                      | \$740.25                  | \$900.00               | \$159.75          | 121.6%        |
| Woodland            | \$800.00                        | \$0.00                    | \$800.00               | \$800.00          | --            |
| Yellow Creek        | \$0.00                          | \$100.00                  | \$100.00               | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| York Center         | \$8,500.00                      | \$6,500.00                | \$6,500.00             | \$0.00            | 100.0%        |
| <b>Totals</b>       | <b>\$58,690.42</b>              | <b>\$45,365.25</b>        | <b>\$54,055.35</b>     | <b>\$8,690.10</b> | <b>119.2%</b> |

Thank you, District Churches, for you continued support for the Ministries of the

Illinois-Wisconsin District

# 2013 Calendar

## March

- 1 .....World Day of Prayer
- 8 .....Mission & Ministry Board, Elgin
- 10 .....Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 .....One Great Hour of Sharing
- 20 .....First Day of Spring
- 24 .....Palm Sunday
- 28 .....Maundy Thursday
- 29 .....Good Friday
- 31 .....Easter Sunday

## April

- Child Abuse Prevention Month*
- 13 .....Leadership Team Mtg Neighborhood Church
- 22 .....Earth Day
- 27 .....**DISTRICT POTLUCK – PEORIA**

## May

- Older Adult Month*
- 2 .....National Day of Prayer
- 5 .....National Youth Sunday
- 9 .....Ascension Day
- 12 .....Mother's Day
- 19 .....Pentecost
- 25 .....Young Adult Conf. Camp Pine Lake, Eudora, Iowa
- 26 .....Trinity Sunday
- 27 .....Memorial Day

## June

- 5 .....World Environment Day
- 8 .....Leadership Team Meeting, Peoria
- 14 - 16..Nat'l Jr Hi Conference, Elizabethtown, PA
- 21 .....First Day of Summer
- 21 - 27..Song & Story Fest, Camp Myrtlewood, Myrtle Point, Oregon
- 27 .....CODE Meeting, Charlotte, NC
- 28 .....Mission & Ministry Board, Charlotte, NC
- 29 - July 3 .....Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC

## July

- June 29 - 3 .....Annual Conference
- 4 .....Independence Day
- 9 .....Ramadan Begins
- 28 .....Parent's Day

## August

- 10 .....Leadership Team Meeting, Pinecrest, Mt. Morris

## September

- 2 .....Labor Day
- 2 - 6.....National Older Adult Conf., Lake Junaluska, NC
- 8 .....Grandparent's Day
- 13 .....Yom Kippur
- 15 .....Bethany Sunday
- 21 .....International Day of Peace
- 22 .....First Day of Autumn

## October

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month*
- 6 .....World Communion Sunday
- 12 .....Leadership Team Meeting, Neighborhood
- 18 - 21..Mission & Ministry Board, Elgin, IL
- 24 .....World Disarmament Day  
United Nations Day
- 27 .....Reformation Sunday
- 31 .....Halloween

## November

- 1 - 2.....Ill.-Wisc. District Conf., Mt. Morris
- 3 .....National Junior High Sunday  
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 .....Veteran's Day
- 15 - 16..Leadership Team Retreat, Camp Emmanuel, Mt. Morris, IL
- 24 .....Christ the King Sunday
- 27 .....Hanukah Begins
- 28 .....Thanksgiving

## December

- 1 .....First Sunday of Advent  
World Aids Day
- 21 .....First day of Winter
- 25 .....Christmas Day
- 31 .....New Year's Eve



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Dayton, Ohio  
(Brookville) Area

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- † Workshops/Panel Discussions
- † Tours of Sites of Brethren Interest
- † Evening Worship Services



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