



Rockrohr News and Notes

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Our website has the latest news of our work and family!

Deborah and Carl Installed as Missionaries

Rev. Dr. Richard Wolfram from Michigan District LC-MS and Bishop Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Weber of the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa installed Carl and Deborah into their missionary calls to Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS), Pretoria, South Africa. The installation service took place at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, MI on July 31. Pastor Jeffrey Fritz was the preacher and celebrant for Holy Communion. What a blessed day!

Carl will be teaching at the seminary and assisting Bishop Weber with duties in the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Deborah will be the Director of the new deaconess training



Dr. Wolfram, Rev. Fritz, Deborah, Carl and Bishop Weber

program at the seminary.

As career Network Supported Missionaries (NSMs) of the LC-MS, Carl and Deborah need to raise approximately 75% of their total budget before going to the field. They will be speaking and making presentations in the coming months to reach their goal.

Any congregation or group interested in hosting a mission presentation can contact Carl or Deborah to set up details. Our current speaking schedule is on the last page of this newsletter.



Mother and Daughter Deaconess Trip

On June 13-18 Deborah and Rebecca attended the annual meeting of the Concordia Deaconess Conference (CDC) in Seward, NE. Since Rebecca just entered the deaconess training

program at Concordia University Chicago, this was her first CDC conference. What a joy to share this time together! At the same conference there were two other mother/daughter pairs so

we took a photo. Student Jillene and daughter Claire Hauser; Deborah and daughter Rebecca; and Deaconesses Irma and daughter Raquel Rojas are pictured at left.

Deaconess Insights: Women of Prayer



Left to right: Esther, Deborah, Nancy and Grace at the CDC conference in Seward.

In June the Concordia Deaconess Conference (CDC) welcomed two visitors from South Africa as guests at its annual conference, held this year

at Concordia University Nebraska.

Nancy and Esther, together with several other women of the LCSA, have been taking short-term intensive courses at LTS in order to become the first deaconesses of the LCSA. This initial deaconess training program, funded through LCMS World Relief and Human Care and taught by Deaconess Grace Rao at the request of the LCSA, will be replaced with a full time residential program in January.

Nancy and Esther are also members of the LCSA Women's League, and wear the league uniform in the photo. Similar to the LWML, these women organize to pray for the people of South Africa and the work of the church, and engage in projects that extend the mercy work of the church to the community. In South Africa, every major Christian denomination has a women's league with a denominationally-distinct uniform.

LTS Accreditation Agreement

On June 8th Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Pretoria, South Africa and the University of Pretoria (UP) entered into an accreditation agreement that will place the seminary's pastoral and deaconess training at a university accredited level connected with a world-class African university. *This is the exciting ministry into which Deborah and Carl have been called to serve!*

This agreement will afford pastoral and deaconess students at LTS very valuable educational opportunities and benefits. Courses from the seminary will be approved courses in the university's curriculum, enabling pastoral and deaconess

training courses to be counted towards a degree from the University of Pretoria. The LTS students will have access to the library of the University of Pretoria as well as the seminary library. Lecturers of the seminary will also be approved adjunct lecturers of the university. Selected courses of the university can be part of LTS students' training.

This agreement with UP puts the seminary on the cutting edge of "upping" the level of academic pastoral and deaconess training available for our African Lutheran partners.

This accreditation agreement has been a goal for the seminary

leadership (Rector Bishop Wilhelm Weber and the Board for LTS) for many years and we thank the Lord Jesus for this blessing. We pray His guidance for the Lutheran Theological Seminary, that through the new agreement the students of the LTS may be well equipped for faithful Christian ministry.



On 8 June 2011 Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Cheryl De la Rey of U.P. and Rector Bishop Wilhelm Weber signed the accreditation agreement.



And the Rest of the Rockrohr Family...

Deborah and I have always understood our calls as pastor, professor, deaconess and now as missionaries to South Africa as linked to our family life. The family support of Paul, Jim, Rebecca and Ted has strengthened our work in the church. We have depended numerous times on their help for remodeling, packing and moving, not to mention their generally joyful personalities every day!

Ted, who is in 7th grade this year, will accompany us to South Africa. His South African school year will start in January.



Paul starts his Master of Divinity and pastoral training at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne this fall.

Jim will graduate from Concordia University Wisconsin with a history degree in December 2011. After graduation he hopes to receive a

commission as an officer in the U.S. Marines.

Beginning in a business program in 2010, Rebecca soon decided she wanted to work full-time in the church as a deaconess. She will be a sophomore in the deaconess training program at Concordia University Chicago.



Your Support

Prayer Support: Please pray for: **Wisdom** as we address the many details of preparing for long-term work in Africa. **God's blessings** on LTS staff and students.

Newsletter: How will you know how to pray for us if you don't know what is happening? Get this newsletter every month by email or post office. You can sign up for it on our...

Website: www.rockrohr.net is the place to get the most current news, so sign-up for the newsletter and see a lot of other information

as well.

Financial Support: When we were missionaries in Ghana with LCMS World Mission (1993-98) we did not have to raise money before we left. Now, all LC-MS missionaries must raise the majority of their budget in pledges and donations before they can move to the field.

All gifts designated "for Rockrohr work" go to a restricted fund account which supports our budget.

To give by mail, please make checks payable to and mail to:

LCMS WORLD MISSION
P.O. Box 790089
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You may also give by phone at **1-800-433-3954**, or online at www.lcms.org/rockrohr

Links to our prayer card and donation information: www.rockrohr.net

Continued Support: Since we plan to stay in South Africa for a number of years, your *continued* support is very important. If you are able to financially support our work in South Africa, please consider giving in the form of monthly or quarterly gifts.

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Upcoming Events (as of Aug 13)

The following schedule shows our speaking dates in the U.S. The most up-to-date schedule will be the calendar on our website, <http://www.rockrohr.net/rockrohr-schedule>.



Flag of South Africa

DATE	PLACE	EVENT & TIME
Aug 21	St. Thomas Luth Ch. Ann Arbor, MI	Carl preaches and leads Bible Class 10 am worship; 11:15 am Bible Cl.
Aug 27 & 28	Beautiful Savior Mequon, WI	Carl preaches and leads Bible Class Sat worship – 5 pm Sun worship – 9 am Sun Bible class – 10:15 am
Sept 11	Mt. Calvary Luth Ch. Milwaukee, WI	Carl preaches and leads Bible Class Sun worship – 9 am & 11 am Sun Bible Class – 10:15 am
Sept 18	Hosanna-Tabor Luth Ch Redford, MI	Carl preaches and leads Bible Class Sun worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Sun Bible Class – 9:45 am
Sept 25	Christ Luth Ch. Milford, MI	Carl preaches and leads Bible Class Sun worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Sun Bible Class – 9:45 am
Oct 2 & 3	Trinity Luth Ch Columbia, MO	Carl preaches and leads Bible Class Sun worship – 8 am & 10:30 am Sun Bible Class – 9:15 am Mon worship – 6 pm

We're on the Web!
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 and
www.lcms.org/rockrohr

Invite Us to Speak

Please contact us to speak to your group! We are most happy to speak to any group that is interested in hearing about our work in South Africa.

Presentations can be made to Bible classes; men's, women's or youth

groups; grade school chapels; Lutheran high school and university chapels. We can meet mornings, afternoons or evenings. Our presentation includes:

1. Teaching about current African Christianity and Lutheranism and the

work of LTS.

2. An explanation of the Network Supported Missionary program.

3. No honorarium is required, but a freewill offering collected to help defray our travel expenses is appreciated.