



**NEBRASKA NORTH DISTRICT LWML**

**SPEAKERS LIST  
2018-2020**



Dear Sisters in Christ,

This booklet has been compiled to assist you in finding Christ-centered programs and to help you link up with resources that may be helpful to your group. Please contact a chosen speaker personally. Inquire as to what the speaker expects for mileage and/or other fees. Also, be sure to check if they will require any special equipment such as a television, screen, projector, or computer, etc.

May God bless your programs and your planning for His kingdom.  
If you have any questions, contact:

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**Rev. Richard Boring:**

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Executive for Mission and Outreach

Pastor Boring will speak about mission and ministry opportunities right here in Nebraska. From existing ministries to new mission starts, there are many people that we can reach out to with the Good News of Jesus. Pastor Boring would be happy to share with your group how souls are being saved and how you can witness your faith.

**Rev. Ricky Jacob:**

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Lutheran Indian Ministry (associate member)

Speaking topics:

Cross-cultural ministry; Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach - Church and preschool.  
The school teachers are also willing to speak.

**Craig Stirtz**

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Gift-Planning Counselor Nebraska District

Topics for consideration:

Every Woman Needs a Will; The Christian Estate Plan of an Inspired Steward;  
Thy Will Be Done; and Five Reasons to have a Christian Will.

**Rev. Brent Kuhlman**

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Pastor Kuhlman can present on varied topics including: teaching trips he has made to the Lutheran Seminary in Siberia; The End Times; Mormonism; Debunking the Da Vinci Code; The Lord's Supper; Baptism, and what use God has for you in this world.

**Chaplain Mike Moreno**

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Navy Chaplain Michael Moreno currently serves as project manager for Operation Barnabas, a program for the LCMS as a ministry to the Armed Forces. It seeks to equip congregations to care for their military families, especially needed during military deployments.

**Orphan Grain Train**

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Provides help to ORPHANS (people without hope) around the world, including disaster areas within the United States. You can be a hands-on part of this ministry. Several speakers and/or videos are available to show you how.

**Project Hope**

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This organization was started in Hope Lutheran in North Omaha and has continued to receive support from the Lutheran churches in Nebraska. It is the largest food pantry in the Omaha area with an ever-increasing demand for services. Invite them to share their story and tell you how you can support them in prayer and ministry.

**Kathy O'Hara Brehm**  
Director of Public Relations  
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Contact person to arrange appropriate speakers for Lutheran Family Services (LFS) throughout the state for topics such as adoption; foster care; individual, family, and pastoral counseling; substance abuse and other addiction treatment; community re-entry for ex-offenders; refugee and immigration; Lutheran Disaster Response; sexual abuse family support services, etc. She coordinates various speakers from LFS.

**Prof. Lynn Soloway**  
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Professor Soloway has been an instructor at Concordia University for many years. She presents a program entitled "The Seed that Grew after 35 Years – the Testimony of a Jewish Christian." It is her testimony, and is a two hour program.

**Rev. Dr. Brent Smith**  
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His presentations inspire, inform, and focus God's people to raise their level of mission awareness. Gary has presented his message to more than 1,700 congregations in the U.S. and Canada and has traveled to 80 countries to film the work of LCMS World Missionaries. He loves to speak to the LWML!

**Virginia Von Seggern**

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Virginia is a past LWML National President, and former District President.

Topics:

Is your society or group not functioning well? Need some ideas? Need some expert advice? Give Virginia a call. (Topics too numerous to mention) Also willing to share her mission trips to Africa and Latin America.

**Deb Burma**

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Deb Burma has a passion for sharing Christ's love through the study of God's Word.

Deb is a leader and guest speaker for women's ministry retreats, conferences, and special events.

She is also the author of Bible studies, retreat kits, devotionals, and Christian-living books.

Currently, Deb is also a women's ministry leader and youth ministry volunteer at Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska, where her husband, Cory, serves as pastor.

**Deb's Topics:**

**“Stepping Out: To a Life on the Edge!”**

Despite our timid tootsies, God has called us to STEP OUT of our struggles and away from our comfort zones to a life lived on the EDGE! ***A Full Retreat-length Bible Study Presentation - INCLUDES POWERPOINT PRESENTATION***

**“My Overflowing Cup”** - Sessions include "My Empty Cup," "My Portion & My Cup," and of course, "My Overflowing Cup!" ***A Full Retreat-length Bible Study Presentation - INCLUDES POWERPOINT PRESENTATION***

**“Living a Chocolate Life: Savoring God’s Sweet Grace”** – ***A Full Retreat-length Bible Study Presentation - INCLUDES POWERPOINT PRESENTATION***

**“Treasured”** – What could be more precious than diamonds? YOU! ***A Full Retreat-length Bible Study Presentation – INCLUDES POWERPOINT PRESENTATION***

**“Beautiful Feet”** – No matter where you are in your walk, the Lord has equipped you with uniquely Beautiful Feet! ***A Full Retreat-length Bible Study Presentation***

**“A Woman of Joy...”** Do you long to be a *Woman of Joy*, regardless of your circumstances? ***A Full Retreat-length Bible Study Presentation***

**Rev. Michael Awe**

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Pastor will speak on any of his mission trips as well as LWML as a whole or any topic you would like. For his description, he says, "I'm forgiven!"

**Cathy Bremer**

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Cathy will speak on her short-term mission trips to Hong Kong and Sumatra, Indonesia. She teaches in the Omaha school system.

**Joyce Buethe**

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Blessings...Are they what we think they are? "After a diagnosis of depression, hearing a song by Laura Story, and a life changing event, I started wondering if I really knew what blessings are. In Exodus the account of Joseph really gave me new insight into what true blessings might be."

**Donna Meyer**

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Donna feels very honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to serve nearly 10 years on the mission field in Guinea and Indonesia and now to share her experiences as a volunteer mission speaker here at home in the USA!

Donna has an urgent desire to help our youth to develop hearts for mission, whether that be foreign missions or witnessing to classmates, family and neighbors. Toward this end, Donna is serving as a volunteer speaker for Mission Central. She can and does modify each presentation to meet individual needs.

**Faith and Preston Doerr**

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Preston is a math and Spanish teacher at Concordia High in Omaha. Faith is a substitute teacher and networker. They are both graduates of Concordia University in Seward. They would love to talk to junior high, high school, or even college kids about how to stay connected with Christ and leadership.

**Bob and Judy Bartels**

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Will speak on their trip to Sudan with Orphan Grain Train

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Pastor Sommerfeld has served churches of Canton and Moundridge, Kansas, and Arapahoe and Kearney, Nebraska. He served LCMS Nebraska District – as a Vice President and as District President. He currently serves as an assistant professor of theology at Concordia University in Seward. Pastor is on the Board of Transforming Congregations network. He was pastoral advisor for the Nebraska District Lutheran Laymen's League. He is a conference speaker on LCMS governance and varied mission topics.

Topics on which Pastor Sommerfeld can speak are:

- 1- Bible studies on both Old and New Testament texts
- 2- The development of mission work in the Nebraska District - LCMS
- 3- Rural and Small-Town Ministry
- 4- Ministry with inactive church members
- 5- Congregational care ministries for mentally ill and their families
- 6- Contemporary ministry for those coping with homosexuality
- 7- God's mission among the Sudanese of Africa and the United States
- 8- The university/college ministry of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

**Rev. Reuben Schmitz**

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Bethesda Lutheran Communities is focused on strengthening our relationship with the church. One of my goals is to promote an increased awareness and understanding of Bethesda's ministry among Lutherans in the Midwest. The best way to do this is to personally present the Bethesda story to any congregation, school, church or LWML group that is interested in hearing about our mission and ministry. I would be happy to meet at any gathering – local or zone. I will also be offering to present at congregations, schools and other church groups.

Bethesda's is a unique and important ministry. We serve the physical, emotional, vocational and spiritual needs of thousands of people across the country each day, people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and who depend on us for help. Bethesda has been successful in carrying out this ministry for the past 113 years because we have had friends and supporters, like your LWML members, who have partnered with us in this vital work.

**Crystal Miller**

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Pairing a craft or cooking with Bible study on the following topics:

- God's definition of beauty
- Your word is a light unto my path
- Taste and see

**Rev. Jacob Bobby**

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**Karen Peters**

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Pastor Bobby and Karen present a program on their 500th Anniversary of the Reformation tour to Germany in the summer of 2017. Luther was the first bestselling author and brought many changes to the world.



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JoJo is a retired RN, who answered the call to join a medical mission group serving in Uganda, Africa. They provided much needed medical care while sharing the Gospel of Jesus. She would be happy to share her experiences while serving in Uganda. She will be making her third trip in July 2018.

**Deaconess Heidi Goehmann**, MSW, LCSW, LIMHP

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Topics I specialize in presenting:

Altogether Beautiful: Redefining Beautiful in our Lives and Relationships

Naked and Unashamed: Finding grace and safety in marriage and families

He Calls Me Loved: God's Identity and My Identity, A Walk through Isaiah

Chasing Freedom: A look at Galatians

Good Gifts: Redefining good with the Book of James

Think on These: A look at Philippians 4:8

Casting Stones: Ecclesiastes 3, struggle, joy, and life transitions

Mental health topics: grace and mental health, fear and anxiety, and spiritual care for mental health

Youth/young adult studies concerning relationships, identity, questioning/struggles, and genuine community/friendship

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Other products are available through [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)

Resources available include a variety of Bible studies, devotions, litanies, programs, sketches and retreats. These are free to download and be used by a group, zone or district LWML to stimulate interest, develop ideas and offer creative planning for meetings and special events.