



The Rooster Crows

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Entrance to Schwitzer Student Center



Interior of Schwitzer Student Center

What Went On at NLS?

We Joined the Race – All Roads Led to Indy

Judy and I attended the 2007 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting (NLSAM) in Indianapolis, the crossroads of America. The theme was “The Race Set Before Us”. We enjoyed Hoosier Hospitality both at the NLS AM and in Indianapolis.

The 2007 NLS AM was held at the University of Indianapolis, a small Methodist school on the south side of Indianapolis. The university is only fifteen minutes from either the airport or downtown. Most of our meetings took place in the Schwitzer Student Center which houses the dining hall, most conference rooms and a beautiful chapel. We also used the auditorium in an adjacent building for a few sessions. The dorm facilities were nice (air-conditioned, double accommodations with community bathrooms) and located a short distance away in Cory Bretz Hall.

After a three-year hiatus, it was great to be back with familiar friends and a host of new ones, too.

—Carroll Lang



The 2007 NLS Annual Meeting banner



The University of Indianapolis Campus



An Indy theme at every table. Race cars and INKY doll mascots (Indiana and Kentucky are together in one secretariat). We didn't race through the meals, though, they were delicious!

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Entertainment every evening

Some Scenes and Notes from the 2007 NLS Annual Meeting

Some things don't change (the content of the weekend, for example), but when a movement is growing, the organization makes necessary changes to create a nation-wide community and to network neighboring secretariats for a common mission.

The NLS Executive Board has divided the U. S. into related regions. Iowa is



Installation of newly-elected officers

with Minnesota, South and North Dakota and Nebraska. Regional events are being planned for sharing ideas, seminars, and more. Watch the NLS website for more: <http://www.viadecristo.org/index2.htm>

How about having an Iowa presence at the next Annual Meeting, which will be July 24-27, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ? Iowa is able to have 8 delegates, let's show them we are alive and kicking by attending the next Annual Meeting! —Carroll Lang



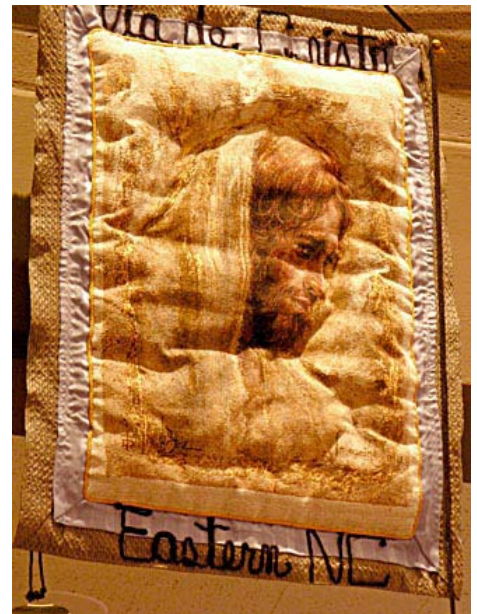
The Banner for the 2008 NLS Annual Meeting in Arizona.



Delegates were grouped according to areas of the U. S. to share customs and exchange new ideas. Yep, that's Judy & Carroll upper left.



The serenaders sang their hearts out at the Saturday evening banquet.



This "3-D" banner from Eastern North Carolina is a picture of Jesus. Banners from most of the movements were displayed in the auditorium.



Look at all the first-timers destined to return in the future—more than forty!

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From the Lay Director

De Colores! As Lay Director it is completely my fault the Rooster Crows is arriving at this late date. I want to apologize to everyone and especially Pastor Lang for my procrastination. We are well under way with preparations for January's Men's and Women's weekends. Teams are assembled for the most part and practice talks have been given. Now it's time for the 4th day Community to go out and gather pilgrims. I would encourage everyone to go to the new web site at: www.iolutheransecretariat.org and see the changes. You can download applications, confirm the team members and even contact people via email.

Finally I would encourage you to pray for the Rectors, Team, Secretariat, 4th Day, and most of all for the pilgrims or potential pilgrims. May God open the hearts and minds of those we would ask to experience this powerful weekend.

— Steve Quattlebaum, Lay Director

ILS Weekends

Brothers in Blue at FDCF Fort Dodge, December 6-9, 2007. Send palanca messages to Carroll Lang, 19903 225th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. CDLNg@aol.com

Iowa Lutheran VdC at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, Men's: January 10-13, Women's: January 17-20, 2008. Send Palanca to: Todd & Barb Brockshus, 2220 280th Street, Spencer, IA 51301. dcolores@pionet.net

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Brothers in Blue at NCCF Rockwell City, October 9-12, 2008. Send palanca messages to Carroll Lang, 19903 225th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. CDLNg@aol.com

Brothers in Blue at FDCF Fort Dodge, December 4-7, 2008. Send palanca messages to Carroll Lang, 19903 225th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. CDLNg@aol.com

The Secretary's Pen

Greetings!! The Iowa Lutheran Secretariat is extremely excited about what God has in store for Via de Cristo 2008. FYI: The Secretariat is a board that has the task of putting on Via de Cristo weekends. Some of the responsibilities of the Secretariat are to oversee the weekends, select and support rectors, oversee the budget, maintain a data base of all the cursillistas in the state, produce and distribute the rooster crows; make decisions regarding program cost and location, attendance at two or three meetings, and to pray for the movement. The Secretariat is open to *anyone* who has been through a Via de Cristo weekend and has a passion for seeing the weekends continue, evolve and grow. It is not a special or invitation-only board and we are always seeking new representatives. If you would like to join the board, talk to Steve Quattlebaum or Laurie Simington. The next meeting will be at Bethany Lutheran in Spencer on March 1, 2008.

The next weekends in 2008 are scheduled for January 10-13 for men and January 17-20 for women. Todd and Barb Brockshus have been working hard to assemble the teams and get them organized and fired up for a great weekend. The teams have already had two practices and have been encouraged by the talks they have heard!! We feel God will use these weekends in a mighty way as he always does. Be praying for our rectors and team.

Of course, the weekends can't happen without *all of you*, so please, prayerfully be considering who you will ask and then ask with confidence!! I have heard that some people plan evenings where they invite potential pilgrims for dinner or coffee and dessert and then tell them about and invite them to the weekend. What a *GREAT* idea! It would be great if we could have a full list of pilgrims by Christmas!! See you in January

— Laurie Simington, Secretary
Iowa Lutheran Secretariat

From the Treasurer

God's Blessing to all the 4th Day Community. As the treasurer of the Iowa Lutheran Secretariat I would like to inform you that our checking and savings accounts have an adequate amount to cover the Okoboji 2008 Weekends in January.

It is no surprise that the weekend costs increase yearly. Our rent at the camp has gone up due to their increased costs. However we are very fortunate to have this lovely facility to host these weekends. Okoboji Bible Camp has and continues to work cooperatively with us during these weekends.

The second highest cost at the weekends is the food expense. I don't feel the cooks have exposed us to any extreme charges. In fact, often the cost of such things as some of the meat (most expensive item) is often donated by 4th Day members during both the men and women's weekends. The meals seem to be a highlight for all attending so once again we are fortunate to have willing servants in the kitchen.

Other expenses incurred throughout the weekends are also often donated by 4th Day members—what a blessing!

Therefore even though it takes a larger sum of finances to host these weekends each year, it is our service to enrich pilgrims' lives with God's Grace through Via de Cristo. The best way to ensure a positive cash flow is to keep the conference room full along with many willing palanca workers. The financial contributions of the 4th Day Community have kept the necessary cash flow to maintain the weekend obligations. YOU are God's feet, hands, and heart in making Via de Cristo weekends successful.

Thank You
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— Bonnie Sleezer



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January 2008 Okoboji Teams

January 10-13

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Rev. Tom Dettmer
 Todd Brockshus
 Steve Quattlebaum
 Mike Lindmann
 Pres Johnston (past rector)
 Jason Vulk

Jerry Roe

Larry Lubinus
 Dave Bennett

Todd Nicholson

Gary Koelling
 Jim Sunde

Jim Hitchcock
 Jeff Buchan
 Brett Hoffman
 Ryan Blau
 Michael Geary

Dean Mechler
 Brad Simington

Jeff Anderson
 Butch Sleezer

Position/Rollo

Spiritual Director
 Rector
 Assistant Rector
 Assistant Rector
 Assistant Rector
 Ideal
 Grace
 Laity
 Grace in Action
 Piety
 Study
 Means of Grace
 Action
 Obstacles
 Leaders
 Environment
 Life in Grace
 Christian Community in Action
 Perseverance/Fourth Day
 Auxiliary
 Auxiliary
 Auxiliary
 Auxiliary
 Palanca Rector
 Assistant Palanca Rector
 Music
 Music
 Kitchen Rector
 Assistant Kitchen Rector

January 17-20

Team Member

Rev. Tim Nappe
 Barb Brockshus
 Theone Quattlebaum
 Joyce McCrea
 Andy Bean
 Susan Kliment

Christy Year

Cynthia Brandt
 Rachel Simington

Michelle McKenna

Lorene Gustafson
 Karen Brandt

Laurie Simington
 Barb Brockshus
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Sculpture in front of Library Auditorium



Our NLS Banner.

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