Our “Life Together”

• To follow the core beliefs of the LCMS
• To equip rural professional and lay leaders
• To support congregations in community engagement

Please Pray for These Important Dates

April 15 – Webinar
“Compassion Fatigue and Burnout”
with the Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs, director of the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Residential Alternate Route (RAR) Programs and associate professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
1–2 p.m. CST

May 13 – Webinar
“Leadership Through Conflict”
with the Rev. Mike Moreno (PMHP/PMSW), mental health and marriage counselor
1–2 p.m. CST

Recently I was watching a webinar on church unity and engagement. It got me thinking about the whole concept of working together as the Body of Christ. We, as believers, have an absolutely awesome opportunity from God, who has gathered us together as the Body of Christ. Because He has gathered us together, we are able to do those things that He has called us to do, but that we couldn’t do on our own. What pure joy it is to know that He has gathered us in His church to work together to share the love of Christ and His life-saving message! The Lutheran Study Bible on Psalm 133 puts it this way: “Living in unity is as soothing as being anointed with oil, as refreshing as dew from the mountains on a parched desert. Descriptions of the goodness and pleasure of unity and brotherhood remind us that we often experience discord, strife, and disunity instead. This is true of our families, our communities, and our churches. Yet Christ’s prayer is ‘that they may be one, even as We are one.’ He bestows that unity through the Holy Spirit in the refreshing waters of Baptism.”

In this issue of our newsletter and in our upcoming webinar you’ll hear about the mission field all around us. What a great reminder of how we can come together in unity to benefit the community around us through the love of Christ. Imagine what we can accomplish through the God-given unity we have as baptized children of God. When we partner together to connect with the lonely, the dying, the downtrodden and the lost among us, we are exponentially stronger to live out the strong faith and fervent love which God has granted to us. This is our commitment as LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission, to facilitate partnerships and bring forth resources so that together we can “reach rural America for Christ.”
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LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission supports and encourages rural and small-town congregations in engaging their communities and growing together in Christ through Word and Sacrament.

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