



UNITED LUTHERAN APPEAL

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Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

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Through the United Lutheran Appeal, your Partners in Ministry extend your reach as a good neighbor. On your behalf, they care for the weak and lonely, the elderly, the child, the prisoner. They educate those who hunger for knowledge.

They are your partners...caring for your neighbors, just as you do.

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- Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia
- Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center
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Experience God's love in an outdoor setting

Our mission is to provide unforgettable faith experiences for those 5 to 25 (and beyond), in both our summer camp program and to retreat groups who visit throughout the year.

For more than 50 years our summer camp program has continued to be a vital part of our ministry.

Hear what some of our past campers and their parents have had to say:



- *I love coming to CFLC, it's like a second home to me*
- *[My son] had a great time, learned a lot and felt that he made a contribution to the community*
- *The example the staff provides for them will stay with them and the other campers for a lifetime*
- *I miss all of you guys especially Pastor Wayne. You guys are really like my family because you treat us so nice and are very good to us.*
- *The counselors were really amazing and I'm going to miss the other campers cuz they were cool too and included me*
- *I didn't really want to come to camp, but I'm so glad I did!!!*
- *I just wish I could get the word out to all the congregations about how good it is!*

We invite you to be part of our mission in reaching out to youth.

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CAROLINE FURNACE LUTHERAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



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Hungry Mother feeds its neighbors

Last year, Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center partnered with a local ministry, Project Crossroads, to plant a garden at the Center, known as "Sprouting Hope." This community garden provides fresh food for those in need in Smyth County, Virginia. During 2012 the garden produced a variety of vegetables and herbs, including tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, bell peppers, squash, green beans and peas. We used natural gardening methods, to ensure the healthiest possible produce and working environment. In 2012 our garden served many families in the community, and even provided the local senior center with months of fresh produce.



We also held our annual youth summer camp for more than forty children, which includes Bible time, fellowship, swimming, biking, s'mores and all the expected silliness. Some of these children have never experienced the joy of growing their own food!

The Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center covers 58 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Our mission is to provide intentional community in God's creation. We spread God's grace by giving our sisters and brothers an opportunity to sense the presence of God in nature. Call or email us for a visit!

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HUNGRY MOTHER LUTHERAN RETREAT CENTER

From the crack house to the state house

Having served time on a felony conviction, I am acquainted first-hand with the staggering challenges that people face, especially women, in transition. I survived a life of cocaine and alcohol addiction, homelessness and prostitution. I had the great honor of serving on a Senate subcommittee that studied re-entry of prisoners in the state of Virginia. My life is a 21st Century illustration of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, she is a new creation. Old things have passed away."



One thing I know for sure is that the best and most effective re-entry starts with a change of heart and succeeds through a real, personal relationship with Christ. The most effective and powerful advocate for successful re-entry and victorious living is the PRISON CHAPLAIN. They are an inmate's pastor, counselor, confidant, brother/sister and friend. Chaplains exhibit the character of Christ: love, compassion, peace and hope, as well as teaching principles of grace, mercy and forgiveness. Without them we are lost.

By supporting Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia through the United Lutheran Appeal, you help provide that moment in which an inmate experiences peace with God, peace with their fellow human beings, and the gift of eternal life! Jesus can heal us everywhere we hurt!!!

- Lisa Kratz Thomas

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Life's rich promise is restored for a young boy

Justice is a large boy for 13, with brown hair and a ready smile. Most days you can find him before and after school at the Lutheran Family Services Minnick School Wise campus wearing a neon orange construction vest. As safety patrol, it is his job to keep an eagle eye on children getting on and off the bus. When Justice arrived in January 2011, it would have been inconceivable to his mother that he would be given such responsibility—or more amazingly—be looked upon as a role model. Or be described by staff members as "a joy to be with." This was a child whose aggressive behavior and emotional outbursts made him hard to talk to or teach.



Justice's mother, Diane Silver, wrote us a letter of thanks for giving her son the chance to learn and heal. These are her words:

"Since he began at Minnick, the whole world and all its possibilities have opened up for my son. The child who once had speech and occupational therapy no longer needs these services. The child who had every reason to stop believing in the promise of tomorrow now wakes up in the morning singing at the top of his lungs. I know, without a doubt, that his new sense of pride, his new lease on life, is directly related to the work the faculty at the Minnick School have done with and for him."

Your gift to the United Lutheran Appeal allows us to be an instrument of hope and healing in many ways.

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Empower the Next Generation of Church Leaders

More than ever, we need leaders who will rise up and reinvigorate our faith and our churches. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary prepares leaders with the vision and vitality to bring the scriptures to life in the 21st century. Through your support of the United Lutheran Appeal, you are empowering women and men to bring new life to the church in Virginia and beyond.



David Walters, a seminary student from First Lutheran in Norfolk, VA, knows first-hand about this empowerment. "Seminary is a transformative experience, pushing me and my classmates to really wrestle with the scriptures, theology, and ministry practices as we form as church leaders," he says. "The people in the Virginia Synod bless us and this seminary with amazing support. I am thankful for the faithful witness embodied my home synod through the United Lutheran Appeal to support seminary education."

Your gifts buy books for the library, provide world-class faculty to teach, update classroom technology, and enhance the many student services around campus which are designed to help students succeed in seminary and in the ministries where they will soon serve.

The seminary community is deeply grateful for its long-standing relationship with the Virginia Synod, and for your faithful financial support.

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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SOUTHERN SEMINARY



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Virginia's Lutheran College

Roanoke College was founded in 1842, and is the second oldest Lutheran college in the country. At Roanoke we combine firsthand learning with valuable personal connections in a classic, undergraduate setting of more than 2,100 students. Strong personal connections are the norm on campus. This means students receive an individualized education from people who will inspire them to exceed even their own expectations. Likewise, learning firsthand gives students relevant experience before they graduate, and it can happen in many ways: internships, study abroad, community service, performances, research or in a class.



ROANOKE COLLEGE

Roanoke College believes that this classic experience is the best way to teach students the skills they need for tomorrow, preparing them to rise to future challenges and accomplishing the things they want in life.

Roanoke is one of only 280 colleges and universities in the United States to house a Phi Beta Kappa honor society chapter. The College also was featured by The Princeton Review as one of the "Best 376 Colleges," by Forbes magazine in its "America's Top Colleges" list and in Washington Monthly's "Best U.S. College and University Programs" listing. In 2013, Roanoke was listed as the No. 4 "Up-and-coming National Liberal Arts College" by U.S. News & World Report.

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National Lutheran Communities & Services is now serving seniors in Virginia

What started as a small cottage for seniors in Washington, D.C., in 1890, is now a family of retirement communities and services located in Maryland and Virginia known as National Lutheran Communities and Services.

The Village at Orchard Ridge

In February 2013, The Village at Orchard Ridge opened its doors to its first residents. Particular emphasis is placed on life-long learning and spiritual development, both on campus and throughout the Winchester area.

Orchard Ridge offers a new approach to health care: delivering home-based health services to residents. This allows family members to stay together longer, even if one needs more care than the other. Assisted living/memory support, rehabilitation and extended nursing care will also be offered in the campus health center.



The Legacy at North Augusta

Located in historic Staunton, Va., The Legacy is the area's first faith-based, not-for-profit, independent living community, welcoming people of all beliefs and backgrounds. With no buy-in fees or long-term commitments, The Legacy offers freedom from caring for one's own home and affordable month-to-month rates. All 104 apartments are licensed for both independent and assisted living, and a number of health care services can be delivered to residents in the comfort of their own homes.



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Volunteers make all the difference

Virginia Lutheran Homes, Inc. gives great thanks for volunteers. The staff at Luther Crest, Luther Manor and Brandon Oaks consider them an invaluable asset. This year, the Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Brandon Oaks acknowledges how blessed we are to have two Lutheran volunteers who have faithfully served one day a week for over twenty years: Doris Reick and Betty Thomas. These ladies arrive thirty minutes before daily chapel to transport residents to the dining room for chapel services. They know the residents by name and take time to visit with them after the service, sharing God's love before taking them back to their rooms or the next activity.



In 2013 the Nursing and Rehab Center celebrates 40 years of providing chapel services every weekday and Sunday afternoons. Six days a week, we worship God as we pray the Lord's Prayer, say the Apostle's Creed, hear the Scriptures, and sing hymns accompanied by volunteer piano players.

Volunteers are gracious ambassadors of Christ and they help Virginia Lutheran Homes fulfill its mission to value and serve senior adults.

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