

# ***The Voice of Renewal***

## **NEWSLETTER OF LUTHERAN LAY RENEWAL OF AMERICA**

*Renewing faith and promoting spiritual growth in individuals and congregations  
with renewal weekends, retreats, workshops, and conferences*

*Celebrating 52 Years!*

**May, A.D. 2024**

### **RETREAT AT CHRIST THE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOHARIE, NY**

On Saturday, April 27, Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Schoharie, New York hosted our retreat on Spiritual Transformation, which was led by our Executive Director. Pastor Colleen Quirion writes: "Our church recently hosted a spiritual renewal retreat, offered by Lutheran Lay Renewal. It was a great presentation and was well received. All of us can benefit from learning how God works to transform us spiritually, thereby transforming the church as a whole. I highly recommend this retreat to other congregations!"



**Retreat at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS IN UGANDA**

Lutheran Lay Renewal is continuing to provide financial support for the Lutheran Church of Uganda. This month we sent funds to the Eastern Deanery in order to purchase two additional acres of land adjacent to Naigobya Lutheran Church, Primary School and Health Clinic. The additional land will be used to expand the current school. We also provided some financial support for Kyabazaala Lutheran Nursery and Primary School this month. In addition, this year we are continuing to provide financial support for the Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Northwest Ankole, (Anglican) Church of Uganda.

### **OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, MAGAMAGA**

Greetings dear friends of Lutheran Lay Renewal,

God is good all the time and all the time God is good, and that is His nature. Amen.

On behalf of the Lutheran Church of Uganda, Eastern Deanery, Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, and the communities around, I would like to extend our vote of thanks for the partnership the Lord created among us, which especially manifested His love for us through His Son our Savior. This love also practically flows to us as we now serve numerous young ones in the communities around Busoga subregions and other districts in the country. We are grateful for you to be part of the two partners that have chosen to support the school here in Magamaga. The church appreciates you for the support given to roof the girls' dormitory and the ongoing project of furniture. Thank you for accepting to be part of us in prayer and supporting the noble cause of propagating the gospel through the school established by the church here in Eastern Uganda at Magamaga. – Rev. Peter Maganda, Dean, Eastern Deanery, Lutheran Church of Uganda



**Some of the teachers at Our Savior Lutheran Secondary School**

## **LUTHERAN LAY RENEWAL CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE**

Thanks to generous funding by one of our board members, we now have some short videos on YouTube. Just click on the links below to watch and find out more about our ministry, and please give us a "Like":

LLRA in the U.S. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RfXq0HuerI&t=79s>

Lutheran Lay Renewal in Uganda- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVU2uNsJPek>

Teaching Lutherans to Fish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7bKT0eFsLY&t=5s>

Yesu Angonza (Jesus Loves Me) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCuIkqo1IqM>

## **OUR PARTNERS IN AFRICA NEED OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The financial needs of our partners in Africa are great, as Uganda and Rwanda are two of the 25 poorest countries in the world. Below is a wish list of current financial needs. Would you or your congregation be willing to help?

### **Lutheran Church of Uganda**

\$100 will pay the salary of a nurse at Niagobya Medical Clinic for one month.

\$355 will pay the salaries of 6 teachers plus the principal at a Lutheran primary school for one month

\$1,500 will buy a motorcycle for a pastor or vicar. At least three motorcycles are needed. Many pastors and vicars serving rural congregations must walk long distances every week to minister to their congregations.

### **Triangular Communities – Iganga, Uganda**

Vision: To see all children and girls enter adulthood with holistic skills and abilities necessary to contribute effectively to the development of Uganda.

### **Josiah Youth and Child Care Center – Ibanda, Uganda**

Josiah Youth and Child Care Africa is dedicated to nurturing the potential of youth by providing a diverse range of educational, skill-building, and mentorship programs.

Guided by our core values, we aim to foster personal growth, inspire leadership, and create a supportive environment where each individual can thrive.

### **Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda**

Funds are needed to build a church building for the Lutheran congregation in Ntoma, which currently is using a rental house. "Please, we need to build our own church building in Ntoma. Your prayers for the work of God in Rwanda will continue to be a blessing. Adult members are 120, and the total believers including youth and children are over 300." - Pastor Jean Claude Maniragaba, President, Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda

*One hundred percent of any donations to Lutheran Lay Renewal will go to the need designated by the donor or, if you prefer to work directly with a church or ministry in Africa, please contact our office and we will put you in touch with church leaders there.*



## SCHEDULED EVENTS

September 24-26      Lutheran Church of Uganda Partners Conference  
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan

September 28          Retreat  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Rochester, Minnesota  
Rev. John Saethre, Pastor

***Does your congregation need a spiritual boost? Maybe it's time to schedule a retreat or a renewal weekend. Call our office or check our website for details.***

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Healing for Elaine Schomaker, Julie, Dan and Kathie Klueg
- For the Lord's blessings on our ministry in the U.S., Uganda and Rwanda, and for the financial resources that are needed for this ministry

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