

Concordia Life Care Community, Oklahoma City, Okla.

RECOGNIZED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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Recognized Service Organizations

To extend its mission outreach, education and social ministry, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod works with independent Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) that agree to ensure their programs are in harmony with the doctrine and practice of the LCMS.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug. 3, 2017

LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Webinar “Mission Insight — Getting the Most Out of Your Demographics”
calendar.lcms.org/event/webinar-mission-insight-getting-the-most-out-of-your-demographics

Sept. 19–21, 2017

LCMS Specialized Pastoral Ministry Retreat — Belleville, Ill.
calendar.lcms.org/event/specialized-pastoral-ministry-retreat-belleville-ill

Sept. 21, 2017

LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Webinar “Disaster Relief Training”
calendar.lcms.org/event/webinar-disaster-relief-training

Sept. 26–28, 2017

International LCMS Disaster Response Conference
calendar.lcms.org/event/2017-international-lcms-disaster-response-conference

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Northwest Reformation 500 Celebration — It's Still All About Jesus



Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Lutherans and fellow Christians from across the Puget Sound region and beyond. Over 2500 Lutherans and fellow Christians are joining for a large-scale afternoon celebration of inspiring worship, exhibits for all ages and engaging fellowship.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29, 2017

Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, Wash.
2:30 p.m. – Fellowship and exhibits for all ages
4:30 p.m. – 500th anniversary festival worship

Worship will be the highlight of the celebration. The Rev. Dr. William Weinrich, professor of historical theology and coordinator of military chaplaincy at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., will preach. The Rev. Paul Linnemann, president of the LCMS Northwest District, will serve as presiding minister. Kyle Haugen will serve as artistic director, helping to plan the festival worship service and directing vocal and instrumental ensembles.

This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is presented by Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMSNW), a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For more information please visit nwreformation500.com.



Lutheran Senior Citizens, Inc. DBA Concordia Life Care Community



Lutheran Senior Citizens, Inc. (DBA Concordia Life Care Community) is a nonprofit Lutheran organization committed to upholding Christian values while meeting the current and continuing needs of seniors of all beliefs in a safe, secure and caring environment. As the only Lutheran-owned and operated Life Care retirement community in the state of Oklahoma, as well as the only LCMS RSO in the state, Concordia fulfills its mission of serving seniors both inside the walls of our retirement community and across Oklahoma City through several outreach programs and ministries. Lutheran Senior Citizens, Inc. was founded in 1959 with the sole purpose of opening a Lutheran retirement community in Oklahoma. Nearly 50 years later, Concordia Life Care Community opened its doors in 2007, and this fall will mark the celebration of our tenth anniversary.

Concordia's commitment to social accountability and serving as the hands and feet of Christ took on a new definition when we launched three key programs in 2013, providing opportunity for greater outreach to senior citizens in Oklahoma City and neighboring cities. Concordia currently operates a Wellness on Wheels program, which started with a single wellness clinic at a local YMCA in April 2013, with Concordia's outreach nurses providing free vital health checks to YMCA members. The program offers free mobile wellness

clinics to the community, coordinated by Concordia development and activities staff. Outreach nurses provide free health screenings to include blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, medication consultation and general health education. Wellness clinic offerings include healthy drinks and snacks and access to a health library with resources to address specific diseases or illnesses, including COPD, diabetes, stroke, arthritis and heart disease. Since the program's inception, Concordia has provided over 120 free wellness clinics to local nonprofits, churches and low-income senior housing communities and has served nearly 1,400 older adults and seniors, often serving individuals who do not have access to routine health care screenings. At times, nurses have consulted with individuals who are unaware of their overall health condition or vitals, and the measures taken have proven to be life-saving. Utilizing Concordia's pool of qualified health care professionals as one of our greatest resources, and seeking opportunities to reach more seniors where they are, the program has opened doors to partner with local and national foundations, including the LCMS Office of National Mission, which so generously provides grant funding for this program. In addition, partnerships with local nonprofits and for-profit organizations have helped to address the gap in services of accessible health care for seniors in Oklahoma City. The Wellness on Wheels program serves as an opportunity to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of program participants, and those who play a role in the program consider it a great blessing to serve others in need to glorify our Heavenly Father.

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In June 2013, Concordia launched a durable medical equipment(DME)/furniture program to help address furniture and DME needs of seniors who are transitioning from homelessness into more permanent housing. In partnership with a local shelter providing temporary housing to seniors and several agencies who specialize in senior moves management, Concordia's DME/furniture program was born. Concordia's development and maintenance staff operate the program, accepting in-kind furniture and durable medical equipment donations from Concordia residents, families, staff, board, volunteers, pastors, donors and friends from our 10 LCMS member churches in Oklahoma City and neighboring cities. Furniture is stored off-site at a nearby storage unit, and Concordia staff work directly with shelter clients and their case manager to help ease the stress of leaving the shelter and moving into a new apartment by providing seniors with furniture, durable medical equipment and small household furnishings. The DME/furniture program also

provides furniture to low-income seniors residing at area senior housing communities. The program has served over 100 seniors at a time when these individuals are vulnerable. The saying "It takes an army" certainly fits here, and thanks to Concordia's four partner agencies and friends in the community, this outreach program has provided abundant opportunities to pray with and minister to those receiving aid.

A Mobile Meals program was launched in June 2013, rounding out Concordia's key outreach program offerings, with volunteers delivering meals to homebound seniors living near the retirement community. The nutritious meals are prepared by Concordia's dining services team, and delivered by faithful volunteers who enjoy making this program a part of their weekend routine. Once again, this program provides an opportunity to serve as the hands and feet of Christ and provide a smile, a hug, a word of encouragement and a warm meal to often isolated seniors. Concordia's Mobile Meals program has grown tremendously since its inception, as Concordia's dining services team currently prepares hundreds of meals each week to support the Mobile Meals programs at

three area churches. Revenue generated from these Mobile Meals partnerships in part helps support Concordia's community scholarship program, which offers annual scholarships to Concordia associates who wish to pursue their education or professional certifications in their desired field of study, further strengthening our mission for those we serve.

Concordia Life Care Community residents enjoy ample opportunities to volunteer and lead an active, engaged lifestyle. Bible study classes and worship services are abundant, and residents openly share their love for Jesus Christ, which reflects both within Concordia and to the greater community, serving as a light of hope

and encouragement for older adults and seniors across Oklahoma. Concordia residents have access to all levels of care, including independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory support all under one roof. This is helpful if they ever need a higher level of care and easy access to their spouse and loved

one, particularly if couples need different levels of care at certain stages of their lives. Concordia is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), often referred to as a Life Plan Community, and provides assurance and ease to residents and their families during all stages of the aging process. Concordia is a small community compared to other Life Care communities across the United States, but we often hear from residents how much they love and appreciate living at Concordia. As one resident shared, "Concordia is my home and my neighbors are more than friends, they are my family. Our community is small but mighty, and I like it that way because I know all of my neighbors, and the staff are like family, too."



To learn more about Concordia Life Care Community, please visit concordiaseniorliving.com or call 405-720-7200.



GROUP PURCHASING AGREEMENT – *Organization Profile: Ricoh USA, Inc.*

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Lutheran Annual forms are here!

Be on the lookout for the 2018 Lutheran Annual form this spring/summer! This form is an opportunity for you to review your organization’s contact information and let us know of any changes to contact information or services your organization provides. Please return the form even if you have no corrections or additions to make (note “no corrections” on the form). Thank you for helping us to ensure the most accurate information possible is printed in the 2018 edition of the LCMS Lutheran Annual!

“***Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”***
 (1 PETER 4:8-11)



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Check out our searchable directory and find more RSO news at lcms.org/rso.

EVENTS CONTINUED:

Sept. 30, 2017

LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Engaging Your Community Event – Wolsey, S.D.
calendar.lcms.org/event/rstm-engaging-your-community-wolsey-s-d

Oct. 26, 2017

LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Webinar “Spiritual Warfare”
calendar.lcms.org/event/webinar-spiritual-warfare/

Nov. 9–11, 2017

National LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Conference
calendar.lcms.org/event/2017-national-rural-small-town-mission-conference

Nov. 16, 2017

LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission Webinar “Recognized Service Organizations”
calendar.lcms.org/event/webinar-recognized-service-organizations

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