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**The LOGOS Ministry**  
North Central Regional Newsletter  
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Dear LOGOS Friend,

Our regional newsletters are now electronic! We hope that you will share this newsletter with the folks in your congregation, your community and your region. If you have news to share, please contact Liz Perraud at [lizperraud@thelogosministry.org](mailto:lizperraud@thelogosministry.org).

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**LOGOS as Confirmation for Christ Lutheran**  
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*Written by Rev. Margie Guelker*

I began my ministry at Christ Lutheran in Blaine, MN in the summer of 1999 after having had a LOGOS ministry in a previous congregation for five years. The people of Christ Lutheran were excited about the possibility of incorporating LOGOS into our church programs and we began to lay the ground work for a fall, 2000 start.

In the spring of 2000 we trained twelve leaders. I believe that this initial training and preparation and continued training is what has made our ministry successful. LOGOS is our Middle School Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) program. The program has grown from about 85 students to 115.

We hold LOGOS on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Over the years we have changed and developed the ministry to what it is today. We've always been careful never to "break any of the bones," but we have "bent" a few along the way.

Serving a family-style meal to 115 students and about 65 leaders proved to be impossible, so we modified the meal process while incorporating themes, table prayers and table games. Students sit with the table parent and table family all year in order to develop relationships.



Since we have to run family time, recreation and worship skills in two concurrent time frames with limited space, we opted to have recreation one week and worship skills the next. This has worked well for us. We have one large group for Bible time and sixteen small groups with guides for each group.

High schoolers are a big part of large group assisting with music and other duties. They eat together and have Bible study after large group. They are not included in the numbers that are enrolled. This allows them to maintain their hectic and flexible schedules. There are usually between six and twelve high schoolers in attendance.



We decided on LOGOS at Christ Lutheran in order to build Christian relationships with caring adults and between students. The students love the ministry, bringing friends throughout the year. Our volunteers are committed and excited to be a part of the ministry. When we first began, some parents only wanted to come for the "Confirmation" (Bible time) part. We told them that LOGOS was our "Confirmation" program--all four parts.

Each spring we have a "Taste of LOGOS" evening inviting fifth graders and parents to family time and large group. We do an introduction to LOGOS and invite parents to sign up to volunteer in

the fall.

Continual training of LOGOS leaders and volunteers, remaining flexible while keeping our standards of excellence in programming high, caring discipline and a love for middle schoolers has made our LOGOS ministry vital and successful.

**Upcoming Events in the North Central Region**

**LOGOS Powering UP! Workshops -- April 25, 2009**

First Christian Church  
Des Moines, IA

**The LOGOS Experience -- June 26-28, 2009**

Faith Presbyterian Church  
LaVista, NE

**The LOGOS Encounter -- September 19, 2009**

Fairview Christian Church  
Gladstone, MO

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