

Keeping Connected in the LOGOS North Central Region

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THE FACES OF LOGOS

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa has been involved in the LOGOS Ministry for eighteen years. It has been a vital ministry of the church and has had many faces. Eighteen years ago it was the new face of ministry, replacing a long-standing choir program. It was not without labor pains during the birthing of this new ministry, but faithful supporters continued their work to interpret the vision of LOGOS to the congregation until all embraced it.

The face of outreach was the core of LOGOS for many years as we ministered to children in our neighborhood who were not involved with the church. Neighbor children playing in the parking lot, became curious, came to the door, came in and joined the

family. They were a special blessing to us during that time.

Now our face is a family face. We have moved from a church with a LOGOS program to a LOGOS church. Wednesday night becomes family night at Westminster for all ages. Parents have always been our mainstay of help, but now the congregation as a whole is involved in many ways. It was best seen this past year at our Christmas Toy Give-Away. What started out as a nice "little" mission experience for the children, became a big outpouring of love from the congregation. The

children shared their gently used toys by the hundreds and members of the congregation purchased many new toys. Everyone worked together to set up, serve treats, wrap all the chosen gifts and be the face of LOGOS and love to our community.



I have been blessed to be here to see it all happen, and looking at the big picture, God has been right in the middle with a huge smile. If we are open to the Spirit's leading, LOGOS will be a blessing to our children, our congregation and to the world. What JOY!

SALAD LADIES



Westminster has added a healthy new dimension to the LOGOS dinner – the salad cart. We try to offer healthy, kid friendly meals, but often those two don't go together. Getting some green on the table can sometime be a trick. We all know what happens to the peas. (Only Veggie Tales has cute peas.)

Our Salad Ladies help with dinner, but their main responsibility is the salad cart that is always full of fresh cut leafy greens and a wide assortment of toppings. The toppings make it fun for the kids to pick and choose as the cart comes to their table. Their salad is served up just the way they like it.

This has been a more economical way of serving salad and the adults are happy to have something to top off maybe a not so favorite chicken nugget/tater tot night.

The articles in this issue were written by Karen Carver, Director of Christian Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, IA. They currently have 39 children participating in LOGOS (grades K-5).

FOCUS ON TRAINING

- **The LOGOS Experience in LaVista, NE / June 8-10, 2007 [Registration deadline is May 25]**

2 ½ day basic foundations training for new LOGOS ministries or to give those in existing ministries an overview and experience. \$325 per person or 1 training seat per Ministry Member

- **The LOGOS Encounter in Shoreview, MN / September 29, 2007 [Registration deadline is September 15]**

1 day basic foundations training for new LOGOS ministries or to give those in existing ministries an overview and experience. Take-home materials extend your learning and provide opportunities to share with others in your church. \$325 per person or 1 training seat per Ministry Member

- **LOGOS Powering UP! in Kansas City, MO / October 20, 2007 [Registration deadline is October 5]**

1 day multi-topic sessions that allow attendees to choose specific subjects of interest for in-depth sharing and learning. \$75 per person or 1 training seat per Ministry Member

For complete information on each training event and to register a team from your church, please check out our website. Additional training events are located in other regions and can also be found on our website.

It's time to choose! Has your church decided to be a LOGOS Ministry Member, or a LOGOS Mission Partner for 2007? Regional Newsletters are just one of the many benefits to Membership or Partnership. If you have not yet renewed for 2007, this will be your final issue. Need more information? Call 877-937-2572 or see information on our website: www.thelogosministry.org



Is your church interested in sharing the LOGOS ministry with others?

Exploring LOGOS is a two-hour event for churches to see and hear information about the LOGOS ministry and support system, consider the ministry's impact on young people and the rest of the church, and have an opportunity to determine whether a team from their congregation is ready to attend **The LOGOS Experience or The LOGOS Encounter** training event.

There is no cost to attend!

We are always looking for churches willing to host these events. We supply a regional LOGOS representative and all materials needed. If you would like information on scheduling **Exploring LOGOS** at your church, please contact Liz Perraud at LizPerraud@thelogosministry.org or 1-877-937-2572.

LOGOS North Central Regional Support

Regional Advisors and Regional Coordinators are your resource people for questions, concerns, ideas, support, or anything regarding your local LOGOS Ministry. They welcome your calls and emails!

Volunteer Regional Advisors serving in the North Central Region:

Minnesota: Lisa Simonson

Nebraska: Beth Fratzke

North Dakota/South Dakota: JoAnn Parnell

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