

Keeping Connected in the LOGOS North Central Region

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What God is Blessing

The LOGOS ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church in Emporia, KS began nine years ago when the Director of Christian Education challenged the congregation to consider the ministry. And so the process began with a large group joining the DCE and pastor for LOGOS training.

One of those initial participants was struggling with several things on the home front and did not want to go. The DCE kept after her...knowing that God could use her in many ways. She finally agreed to attend the training and is now one of the congregation's strongest supporters of the

LOGOS ministry serving in the leadership of LOGOS, spending countless hours in conversations



with others and offering her gifts in serving God through this ministry. She allows God to use her voice, hands and feet to communicate how important it is that students know Jesus. She has a special gift of learning an

individual's gifts and interests while in conversation with them. And she never hesitates to make a phone call to someone new.

A friend once said "Don't ask God to bless what you are doing. Do what God is blessing." Through her and the work of many others, the LOGOS ministry at Messiah continues to blossom. Young people first meet, and then get to know, a minimum of eight adults each semester....adults they spend time with and grow to know and love.

Servant Night at Messiah Lutheran



Once each semester Messiah sets aside one evening as "Servant Night" for our LOGOS students. Projects are many and varied. The students have dusted the sanctuary and pews with oil soap, made Chrismons for the Christmas tree, tied fleece blankets for Birthright, visited shut-ins, and made cartoon packets to send to the armed forces.

"Birthday bags" are packed for the Salvation Army which include a cake mix, a can of frosting, a birthday card, and a box of candles. The students then decorate the outside of the bag and tie it with a ribbon. The bags are used by those in need to

provide that special birthday cake that is needed for their loved one. The students love to shine the Light of Jesus through these many, hands-on expressions of faith.

This issue's articles were written by Elaine Whiteneck, Minister of Christian Education, teacher, and Worship Skills leader at Messiah Lutheran Church in Emporia, KS. Messiah offers LOGOS for grades 2-12 and currently has 65 students enrolled.

All About Powering UP! with The LOGOS Ministry

In 2007, **Powering Up! Workshops** will be held on Saturdays and will offer a variety of topics that may include teaching Bible Study, organizing Recreation Play, teaching Worship Skills, planning and implementing Family Time, discipline and classroom management, the process of call, administration of LOGOS, and church transformation.

Each of these 2-1/2 hour workshops will be specific and more in-depth than our introductory training and will provide interactive and hands-on experiential learning. All workshops are brand new and will look different than any LOGOS workshop you may have formerly attended. They will all be taught by experienced ministry leaders.

These workshops are open to folks from existing LOGOS ministry churches--- some who will have been to **The LOGOS Experience** or **The LOGOS Encounter**---but may also be attended by those new to the LOGOS system of ministry. No pre-requisite training required! All are welcome! **Powering UP! Workshop Schedule:**

Morning:	Lunch:	Afternoon:
Keynote and Concurrent Sessions	LOGOS Family Time-style	Concurrent Sessions and Closing
8:30a- 12 noon	12:15p -1:15p	1:30p- 4:30p

Powering UP! Contract Workshops are also available for churches that choose to bring a workshop---or a day of workshops---to their congregation. **Powering UP! Workshop Webinars** will be available for all workshop topics beginning in the fall of 2007. Powering Up! Events are \$75.00 per person unless your church is a LOGOS Ministry Member*.

It's time to choose! Has your church decided to be a LOGOS Ministry Member, or a LOGOS Mission Partner for 2007? Need more information? Call 877-937-2572 or see information on "What's New for 2007" 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** 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 Contacts and Regional Team Leaders are your resource people for questions, concerns, ideas, support, or anything regarding your local LOGOS ministry. They welcome your calls and emails!

North Central Region: Please contact National Coordinator of Regional Teams Liz Perraud at 877-937-2572, Ext. 242 or LizPerraud@thelogosministry.org

We are in the process of calling more regional supporters. If you are interested in finding out about serving LOGOS in a variety of possibilities, please contact Liz Perraud.