



July 2009 LDR-SEPA Task Force Update



Pandemic Exercise and Awareness Event

The "Disaster Preparedness Camp" scheduled for August 14, 15, and 16 has been re-designed. The event has been changed to a half day Saturday event, still the same weekend, August 15, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Devon, Pa. The event will feature information on how best to prepare for a pandemic crisis where our conventional means of gathering for work, fun or worship are not feasible. The half-day event will also feature an exercise where St. Luke Lutheran Church serves as a "Push Site" for mass distribution of medicines. Push Sites are a type of dispensing point used to supplement the larger high-school based POD (Points of Distribution) sites.

This event is for anyone interested in learning how their family or congregation might be better prepared in the event of a pandemic. Practical information will be provided as well as the opportunity to experience the the Chester (and Delaware) County model for mass distribution of medicines. All are welcome and encouraged to register and attend.

In light of the fact that the WHO has declared the H1N1 "swine flu" virus a pandemic and the likely incidence of more cases this fall, this exercise is timely! To register, please contact Julia Menzo at the information below.

Oktoberfest 2009!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Glenside in cooperation with Living Word Lutheran Church, Roslyn, are hosting an Oktoberfest event to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response here in Southeast Pa.

September 26, 2009, 4-7 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside
Fun for the whole family and German music, food, and beer

Advance tickets are \$20 for over 21, and \$10 for ages 5-20, with a max price for under 21 of \$20 per family.

We need your participation and support to make this event successful! Bring your friends and family!

St. Paul's is located adjacent to the Glenside SEPTA station. The R1, R2, and R5 lines service this station. Limited parking available as well.

For tickets, contact Julia Menzo

VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) Basic Training

September 12, 2009 - 9 a.m. - noon -- St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ferndale

During this three-hour course, new SEPA VOAD volunteers learn important personal preparedness skills, are introduced to responding to disasters alongside the American Red Cross, and are credentialed to respond to local large-scale disasters. Contact Linda Frey at lwfrey@epix.net for more information.