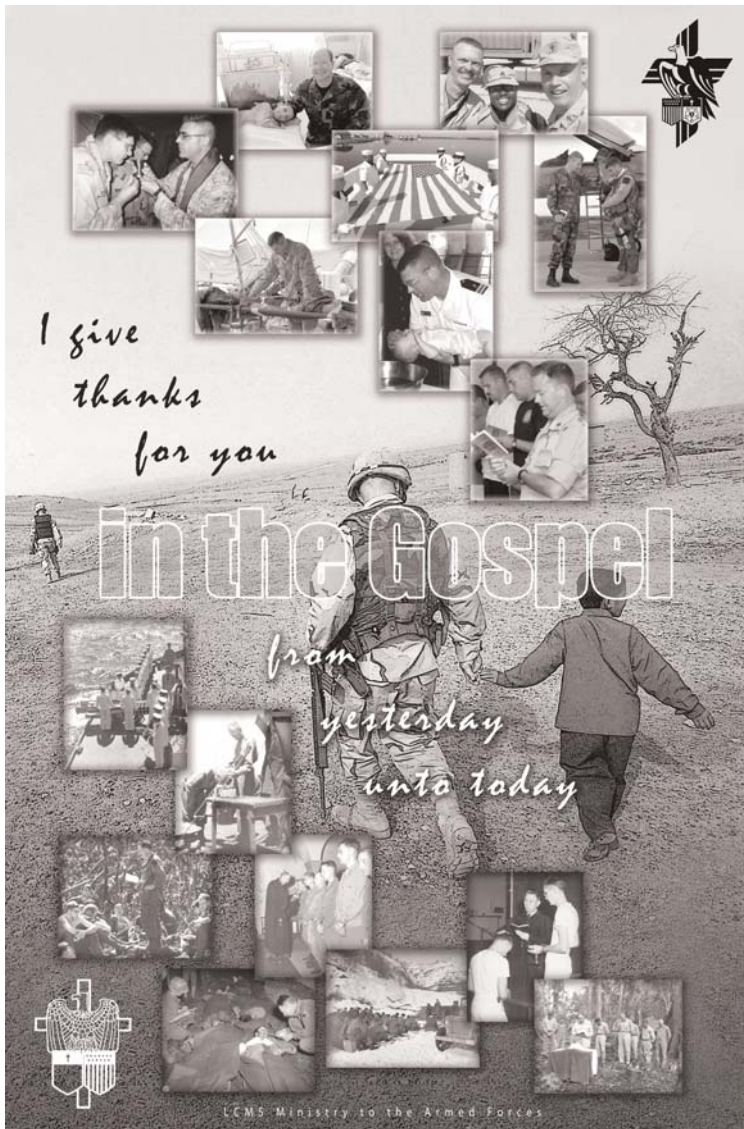




New Museum Exhibit Opens

In the Gospel: LCMS Military Chaplaincy



Concordia Historical Institute's new museum exhibit, *In the Gospel: LCMS Military Chaplaincy*, opened on October 23, 2006. The exhibit highlights the important ministry our chaplains provide to Lutheran men and women in the armed forces. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has had chaplains in every war beginning with the Civil War as well as many chaplains who have served during times of peace. The exhibit includes information on the LCMS chaplaincy during each war, as well as work in military hospitals, Lutheran Service Centers, stateside camps and bases, and with prisoners of war. The history of the LCMS's Ministry to the Armed Forces is also a prominent part of the exhibit. The first room of the exhibit is devoted to worship—on ships, in the field, and at bases or camps. There is a replica worship area complete with log benches and a field communion kit. The exhibit boasts a few key items such as a model of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, a Civil War chaplain's diary, and a letter signed by major Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials.

The staff at CHI have been actively working with Chaplain Mark Schreiber, director, and Chaplain Ted Wuerffel, associate director, of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) on the exhibit. MAF has helped fund the exhibit and also contributed to the research and collection of items on display. One of the most important functions of MAF has been to request items from chaplains, both those retired and those in the field, for the exhibit. Over sixteen chaplains have contributed to this exhibit by loaning or

donating artifacts, photographs, and stories. This exhibit is richer and more complete thanks to the assistance of MAF and LCMS chaplains.

On October 20, 2006, CHI and MAF held a special opening of the exhibit for chaplains and chaplain candidates. The event began with a reception that included an introduction of all the current chaplains, retired chaplains, and chaplain candidates who were present. Chaplain Schreiber showed a presentation on the work of chaplains in Operation Enduring Freedom; this PowerPoint presentation is also in the exhibit. Chaplain Wuerffel led the group in a responsive prayer for our chaplains and the Lutheran men and women currently in the service. The group also sang "Lord Guard and Guide" just before Chaplains Schreiber and Wuerffel cut the ribbon to open the exhibit.

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Everyone who attended seemed to appreciate the exhibit. Chaplains who loaned or donated artifacts enjoyed seeing their stories included. Chaplain James R. Roberson, an LCMS chaplain during the Vietnam War, wrote of the event:

"It is not possible for my wife and me to tell you what a wonderful experience it was to be there for the opening of the Chaplain's Exhibit. We thought it would be just one part of our trip. It turned out to be the highlight."



Chaplain and Mrs. James Roberson enjoyed the reception and greatly appreciated the exhibit. Chaplain Roberson served as a U. S. Army chaplain during the Vietnam War.



Chaplain Ted Wuerffel, associate director of Ministry to the Armed Forces, commented:

"The Ministry to the Armed Forces staff of LCMS World Mission was delighted to see the carefully planned and professionally displayed panels, uniforms, artifacts and numerous pictures and

historic documents tracing the rich heritage of LCMS chaplains in the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe the exhibit will be of great interest to the church at large, and our military chaplains will be deservedly proud of their legacy and the invaluable ministry they carry on, sharing the Gospel of Christ with the men and women serving in the armed forces of our nation. Glory be to God!"



Associate Director Ted Wuerffel and Director Mark Schreiber of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) cut the ribbon to open the chaplaincy exhibit.



U. S. Army jeep decorated to look like a WWII-era field chaplain's jeep for the exhibit opening.

Opening Night



Chaplain Melvin Witt poses beside his U.S. Air Force uniform on display in the exhibit.



Chaplains Ernest Wentzel and Mark Schreiber stand beside the panel on executive leadership of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF). Chaplain Wentzel served in various positions including interim director and Chaplain Schreiber is the current director of MAF.



Chaplain Mark Schreiber stands next to the model of the USS Theodore Roosevelt in the exhibit. Schreiber built the model of the aircraft carrier that he served on doing his chaplaincy.



Merle Freitag, the president of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), poses next to the case focusing on the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Freitag loaned many items in the case, which were from his service in the Vietnam War.

CHI's Auxiliary News



Historic Trinity's steeple

On October 12, 2006, the members of the Auxiliary of the Concordia Historical Institute met at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Saint Louis. This congregation was the first established by the Saxon immigrants, most of whom settled in Perry County. The congregation's earliest date of meeting was March 3, 1839, under Bishop Martin Stephan.

The Auxiliary was treated to a fine presentation by Trinity Church Historian Dennis Rathert. Mr. Rathert explained that Trinity first met in Christ Church (Episcopal), and then in its first permanent location from 1842 to 1865 at Lombard Street. The second house of worship, at its current location, 812 Souland, was dedicated in 1865. This building was severely damaged by the tornado of May 27, 1896, and was shortly thereafter rebuilt at the same location.

Mr. Rathert told the Auxiliary members that Otto H. Walther was the first pastor of Trinity. When he died in January 1841, the congregation called his younger

brother, C.F.W. Walther, who served until his death on May 7, 1887. Trinity started branch schools, which soon became congregations. The first was Immanuel (1847), whose first pastor was Johannes Buenger. The second was Holy Cross (1858), whose first pastor was Theodore Brohm. The third was Zion (1860), whose first pastor was E. D. K. Boese. These four congregations constituted the Saint Louis Gesamtgemeinde, which was overseen by C. F. W. Walther. The horse carriage now on display at Concordia Historical Institute was used by Walther to visit all four congregations regularly. This organization was dissolved at Walther's death.

Mr. Rathert explained that the constitution of Trinity congregation, which was drawn up by C.F.W. Walther, was the model for many Missouri Synod congregations. He described many of the appointments in the sanctuary, such as the altar, pulpit, baptismal font, stained glass windows, organ, etc. Mrs. Mary Belle Brighton led the group in a hymn on the church organ. After the talk, the Auxiliary gathered in the conference room for a short business meeting and refreshments.



Mr. Dennis Rathert speaks to the Auxiliary members about Trinity

Upcoming Auxiliary Meetings

December 14, 2006—Christmas Luncheon, "A Visit to the Holy Land" by Jane Kranz

March 8, 2007—"Ministry to our Servicemen" by Chaplain Ted Wuerffel

May 10, 2007—Spring Luncheon, "Civil War: St. Louis and Missouri" by Jonah Burakowski

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Celebrating the Gospel Record

October is American Archives Month. It is fitting that Concordia Historical Institute opens a new exhibit this month, *In the Gospel: LCMS Military Chaplaincy*, which makes use of some of the many unique records preserved in our collections. Without these records, as well as those loaned or given to us for this exhibit by several chaplains and other interested individuals, it would be impossible to present the story of this special area of the church's ministry of the Gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ in the context of our country's Armed Forces.

In the course of daily life, individuals, organizations, and governments create and keep information about their activities. Archivists are professionals who assess, collect, organize, preserve, maintain control of, and provide access to the portions of this information that have lasting value. Archivists keep records that have enduring value as reliable memories of the past, and they help people find and understand the information they need in those records.

Archival records such as the Civil War diary of Pastor Friedrich Wilhelm Richmann's service as chaplain, minutes and publications of the Missouri Synod's Army and Navy Board in World War I and Army and Navy

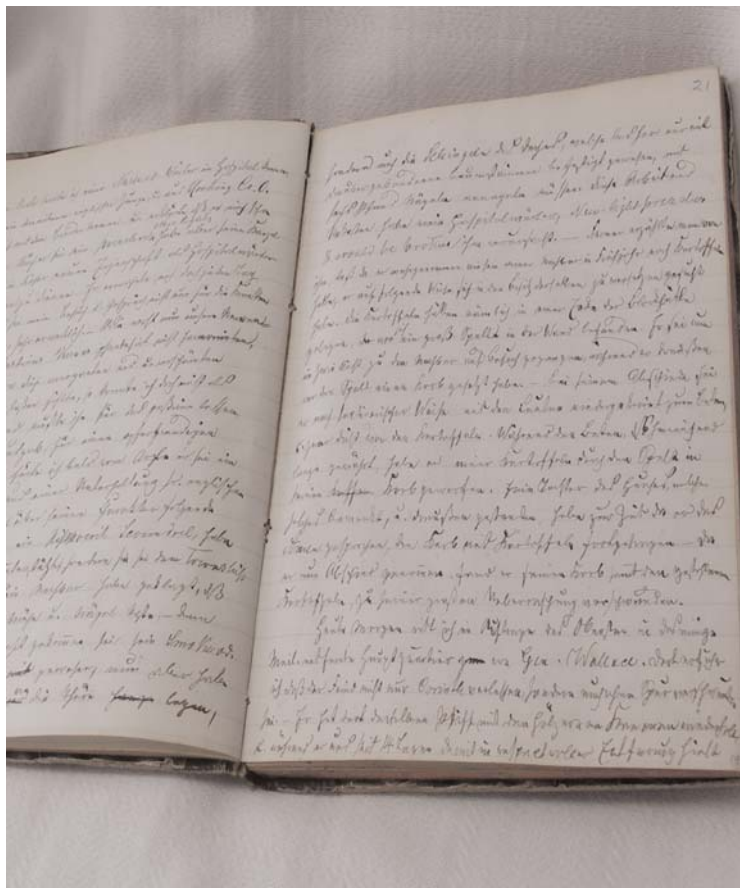
Commission in World War II, and memoirs of chaplains in the Institute's files have made this exhibit possible. Resources in our collections assist people in countless other ways, from developing a deeper appreciation for the ministry of an ancestor who served as a pastor or teacher to understanding how a congregation or social ministry organization was organized and met the challenges of carrying out our Lord's mission.

An archives serves to strengthen collective memory by creating a reliable information bank that provides access to an irreplaceable asset—an organization's, government's, or society's primary sources. Archival records are essential to support society's increasing demand for accountability and transparency in government and public and private institutions. Archival records protect the rights, property, and identity of citizens. Archivists play a key role in ensuring that the digital records being created today will be accessible when needed in the future.

The staff of the Institute is committed to fulfilling these responsibilities in a special way for the sake of God's people in the church in order that we may remember the grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ and share the blessings of the Gospel promise with the world.



Chaplain Friedrich Wilhelm Richmann



Chaplain Friedrich Wilhelm Richmann's Civil War Diary

The Doctrinal Resolutions of the Missouri Synod

Within the organization known as "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod," the national convention held every three years is the highest human authority. To be sure, it only advises congregations on matters not delineated in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. At the same time, it has applied Scriptures and the Confessions to various pressing or controversial issues throughout its history. The synod has consistently given counsel to its members that was practical, evangelical, and thoroughly Biblical.

Do you know what the Synod has said in convention about various subjects and when? Here are some examples: uniformity in worship (1847), Christian burial of the impenitent (1848), the importance of liturgical life (1849), private confession (1850), secret societies such as the Freemasons (1853 & 1854), millennialism (1857), usury and just contracts (1869), parochial schools (1890), and the Scriptural obligation to support church-workers financially (1914). These are just a very few examples of doctrinal resolutions from the German period of the synod's history (1847-1926). These German language resolutions have until now remained inaccessible, except to those who read German and have access to the original convention reports. This is not even to mention the hundreds of resolutions from the English period of the synod (1929 to the present).

Now you can obtain for your personal use and research the complete texts of the doctrinal resolutions of the Missouri Synod. Concordia Historical Institute is now publishing these documents on a single CD disk under the title, "The Doctrinal Resolutions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 1847-2004, including Summaries of German-Period Minutes, Descriptions of Source Materials, and Indexes." The documents total over 2,000 pages when printed. Besides extensive indexes, the CD disk has a search capability. At the nominal price of \$15.00, plus shipping and handling, the CD disks are readable on any personal computer with current operating systems (Windows XP/ME/98/95, and Macintosh OS X/9/8; search function may not work in OS X). The documents are in PDF file format, which requires a free Adobe Acrobat reader (available from www.adobe.com). A form to order the CD disk is included in this *Historical Footnotes* insert for your convenience.

These documents will be eminently useful for all national and district convention delegates, for pastors and other professional church workers, and for all lay persons interested in the history of their church. These primary source documents will be invaluable to historians of all types, in order to understand the key events and decisions in the life of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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Did you know Rev. H. Richard Klann, Rev. A. C. Piepkorn, and Rev. Martin H. Scharlemann (l-r) were chaplains during WWII and later became professors at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis? Come see *In the Gospel: LCMS Military Chaplaincy* at CHI to learn about these three chaplains and many others.

✝ Memorials

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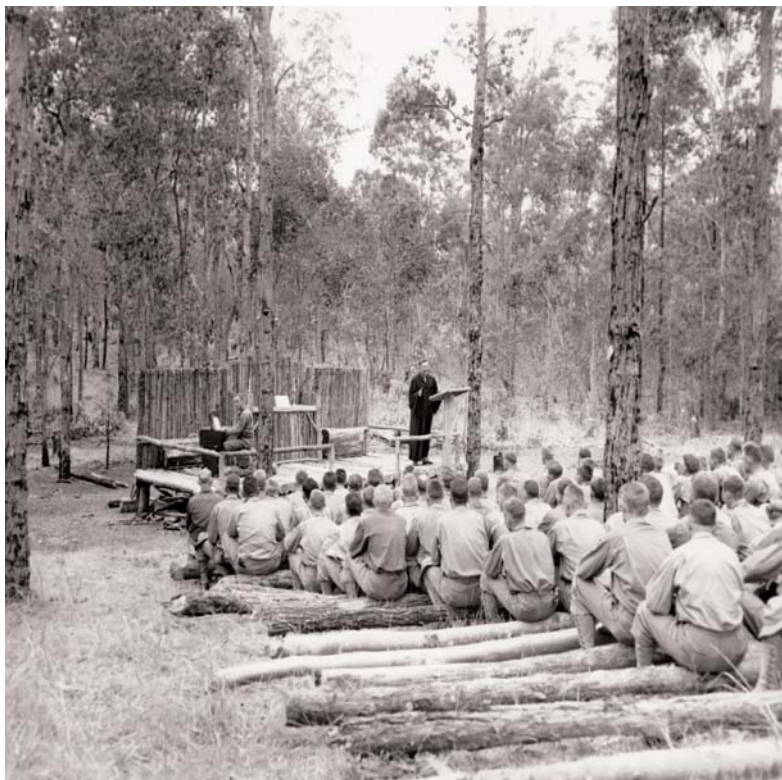
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Chaplain Roswell Mennen preaches to enlisted men somewhere in Australia during WWII.



Chaplain Martin W. Baumgaertner gives Holy Communion to members of a Fifth Air Force communications detachment in a bullet-scarred chamber in Korea circa 1950. The chamber was formerly a stronghold for a North Korean general.