

The Federation of Lutheran Churches and Women's Auxiliary of Cincinnati and Vicinity

"The mission of the Federation is to work with member congregations to bring God's Word and hope to people through various ministries which can not be done as effectively by a single congregation."

Congregations of The Federation

Abiding Faith Lutheran Church
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Bethany Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Cincinnati
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hamilton
King of Kings Lutheran Church
Messiah Lutheran Church
Peace Lutheran Church
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church
St. John Lutheran Church - Arora
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church - Peach Grove
Trinity Lutheran Church - Maysville, Ky.
Zion Lutheran Church

Check our web site:
www.cincinnati.lutheran.org

Finances

The work of the Federation is supported primarily by contributions from the member congregations and individuals who participate in the Sponsor Plan. Interest earned from contributions to the Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund and contributions from the Women's Auxiliary supplement the Federation budget.

The expenses of the Federation include salaries of the Chaplain, and Developer of Youth Ministries, continuing education material, literature for nursing home residents, etc.

The continued growth and expansion of our Federation is in your hands as you offer your prayers, your time, and your financial support to the Federation and Women's Auxiliary.

Join Us

If you want the saving love of Jesus to be known throughout the tri-state, then you can:

- ✠ Volunteer your time and talents.
- ✠ Become a member of the Sponsor Plan.

The Federation

The Federation of Lutheran Churches of Cincinnati and Vicinity is an association of congregations in the Greater Cincinnati area affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It began operating in 1921.

Since it is a "federation" of congregations, individual members of congregations comprising the Federation are also members, individually, of the Federation.

The Federation has two salaried employees, one chaplain at University Hospital, and Developer of Youth Ministries.

Institutional Chaplaincy

A Chaplain's work is indispensable
Because a soul is at stake,
Chaplains are sent to bolster up
A faltering life or faith,
A friendly smile, a helping hand.
A word or two in season
Encouraging the burdened heart,
Regardless of the reason.

Sometimes we feel we're wasting time,
When there is little change
But then our faith is lifted high
When lives are rearranged.
And when we see a person helped;
Because of what we've said,
We know we've been a guiding light
And living Gospel bread.

So thank you Lord for ministry
Amongst the lost and broken
Although the help we offer them,
Is surely just a token.
For you gave all you had to give
To save the lost and grappling
Now please impart your nature, Lord,
And help us mortal Chaplains

Since the 1920s, the Federation of Lutheran Churches (LCMS) has provided chaplains to help, support, and care for those in need. One such assignment continues at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center- a level one trauma hospital.

Nearly 40% of all patient have only governmental insurance, some have none. The chaplain attends to the spiritual need of the poor and those who are dying.

Outside the hospital walls, this ministry extends to those in nursing homes, those who are struggling with addictions, and those who are homeless.

This is an outreach ministry to those who are poor in health, economy, and spirit. Clearly the Federation Chaplain participates in a ministry of mercy.

The objectives of the Federation are:

- † To foster Christian fellowship & love
- † To do institutional mission work
- † To do social welfare work
- † To advance the cause of Christian education
- † To sponsor joint gatherings and group promotional activities of importance to the Lutheran Church.
- † To conduct all such other work as would tend to the glory of God and the welfare of mankind.

Campus and Youth Ministry

Students of The Reformation—LCMS-U

Students of The Reformation—LCMS-U supports the students attending colleges and universities in the Cincinnati area. Located between the main campus and medical school of the University of Cincinnati on Jefferson Avenue, Students of the Reformation—LCMS-U seeks to make a positive impact in the world by strengthening students' conviction in Christ and His Word and thereby develop confident, well-trained men and women who are able to serve Christ in their unique vocations.

We foster such results by:

- † Sharing the sacrificial love of God and the full forgiveness secured by Jesus Christ
- † Helping members to grow in their friendship with Christ through study groups and discussions on the Bible, religious topics, and current events
- † Providing students with social activities and servant events that will encourage a stronger bond between group members as they live out their faith together
- † Connecting students with a local LCMS congregation providing them opportunities for worship, interaction, and involvement in the mission and ministry of that congregation

The Women's Auxiliary

The work of the Federation is augmented and supported by an active Women's Auxiliary, organized in 1924. Any women affiliated with any of the congregations which comprise the Federation are members of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary provides:

- † Financial aid to the Federation.
- † Aid to the Chaplains and Developer of Youth Ministries, in spreading the gospel.
- † Volunteers for hospital and nursing home visits.
- † Christmas booklets and cookie trays.
- † Large Print devotional materials.
- † Editing, mailing, financing and other helps for The Cincinnati Lutheran.
- † Baby blankets for UC Medical Center
- † Comfort Pillows for Ohio District Disaster Relief
- † Workshops on Christian visiting.

The Auxiliary holds three regular meetings plus a special Ingathering celebration each year. Programs are planned to encourage and assist the men and women who visit people in Cincinnati's institutions. These people need to hear that Jesus loves and cares for them.

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Current Activities of the Federation and the Women's Auxiliary that you can become involved with:

1. Institutional Ministry-

- † Assist the chaplains at University Hospital by visiting patients.
- † Visit people in the Health Care Facilities served by the Federation and Women's Auxiliary.

2. Developer of Youth Ministries -

- † Assist the Congregations in reaching out to young adults and University students.

3. Fostering Christian Fellowship and Love -

- † Attend the annual Federation Educational Seminar
- † The annual Ingathering Festival of the Women's Auxiliary in October provides fellowship and spiritual growth. Plan on attending!
- † Join one of the various committees of the Federation and/or the Women's Auxiliary.
- † Attend the Reformation Service where all Lutherans can worship together.