

# WISCONSIN LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES

## 2007 Annual Report



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Chaplain Kenneth Wenzel



Chaplain Mark Wenzel



Chaplain Kenneth Lenz Em.



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2007 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

God Provides

. . . “If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ” . . . 1 Peter 4:11

Whether it’s good health, employment, family, friends or, as Peter reminds us, the strength to serve, God provides for all our needs.

God again has provided everything we need over the past year for this ministry and we rejoice in the knowledge that the Gospel has been shared with countless men, women, teens and children who have found themselves in an institution for a variety of reasons.

Through the 106 years since the first full time WLIM chaplain began ministry to the institutionalized, the chaplains, deaconess and lay ministry volunteers have shared the saving grace of our loving God and the Good News of salvation with hurting people in jails, prisons, hospitals, nursing and assisted living homes, mental health facilities, drug & alcohol treatment centers, juvenile detention and child & adolescent treatment centers.

The ministry’s mission statement continues to reflect that direction and focus.

Our Mission:  
*“To share God’s law and the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ  
 With all individuals who are or have been  
 Institutionalized, and their families.”*

In 2007, contributions allowed the ministry to not only meet the years’ expenses, but also to provide the necessary funding to allow the delegates at the annual meeting to extend a call to add another full time chaplain to the staff. Again, God provides!

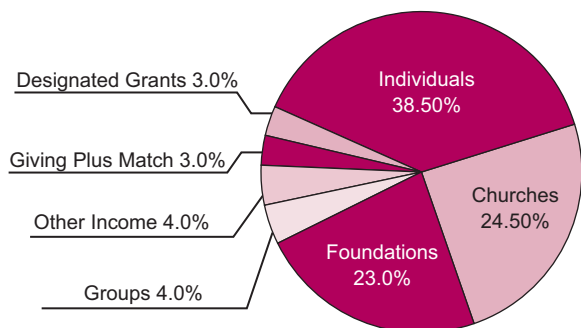
For 2008, the approved budget of \$801,550 will again be directed to ministry to bring the Gospel to hurting people. We are confident that God provides and will work in the hearts of those that support the ministry through their generous gifts.

WLIM appreciates the continuing prayers and financial support of the many individuals, organizations and congregations who recognize our Savior’s call to minister to, “the least of these my brethren.” God provides when we use our time, talents and treasures to spread His Word. May we all recognize that God provides for His people yesterday, today and tomorrow!

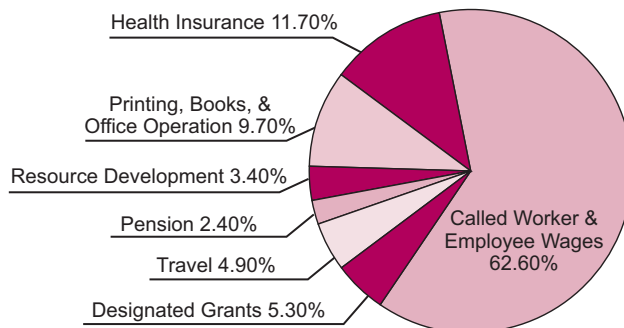
In Christ,

Donald K. Borgwardt  
 Executive Director

**WLIM INCOME  
2007**



**WLIM EXPENSES  
2007**



# MINISTRY LOCATIONS



## INSTITUTIONS BEING SERVED BY THE MINISTRY

Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries, Inc. shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ in prisons, jails, hospitals, nursing & retirement homes, mental health, drug & alcohol treatment, juvenile detention and child & adolescent treatment centers.  
 ( ) = number of institutions served in area

### CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Black River Correctional Center, Black River Falls, WI  
 Buffalo County Jail, Buffalo, WI  
 Columbia Correctional Institution, Portage, WI  
 Columbia County Jail, Portage, WI  
 Dane County Jail, Madison, WI  
 Dodge Correctional Institution, Waupun, WI  
 Dodge County Jail, Juneau, WI  
 Door County Jail, Sturgeon Bay, WI  
 Drug Abuse Correctional Center, Winnebago, WI  
 Ethan Allen School, Wales, WI  
 Fond Du Lac County Jail, Fond Du Lac, WI  
 Fond Du Lac County Juvenile Detention, Fond Du Lac, WI  
 Fox Lake Correctional Center, Fox Lake, WI  
 Fox Lake Correctional Institution, Fox Lake, WI  
 Green Bay Correctional Institution, Green Bay, WI  
 Green Lake County Jail, Green Lake, WI  
 Jackson Correctional Institution, Black River Falls, WI  
 Jefferson County Jail, Jefferson, WI  
 John C. Burke Correctional Center, Waupun, WI  
 Juvenile Detention-Children's Court Center, Wauwatosa, WI  
 Kenosha County Jail, Kenosha, WI  
 Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution, Plymouth, WI  
 Lincoln Hills School, Irma, WI  
 Marinette, MI County Jail, Marinette, MI  
 Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, WI  
 McNaughton Correctional Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI  
 Michigan State Correctional, Marquette, MI  
 Milwaukee County House of Correction, Franklin, WI  
 Milwaukee County Jail, Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee Mental Health Complex, Wauwatosa, WI  
 Milwaukee Secure Detention, Milwaukee, WI  
 New Lisbon Correctional Center, New Lisbon, WI  
 Oakhill Correctional Center, Oregon, WI  
 Oregon Correctional Center, Oregon, WI  
 Oshkosh Correctional Institution, Oshkosh, WI  
 Outagamie County Jail, Appleton, WI  
 Ozaukee County Jail, Port Washington, WI  
 Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution, Prairie du Chien, WI  
 Racine Correctional Institution, Sturtevant, WI  
 Racine County Jail, Racine, WI  
 Racine Youthful Offender Facility, Racine, WI  
 Redgranite Correctional, Redgranite, WI  
 Robert Elsworth Correctional Center, Union Grove, WI  
 Saint Croix Correction Center, New Richmond, WI  
 Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center, Oneida, WI  
 Southern Oaks Girls School, Union Grove, WI  
 Stanley Correctional Center, Stanley, WI  
 Sturtevant Transitional Facility, Sturtevant, WI  
 Taycheedah Correctional Institution, Fond Du Lac, WI  
 Waupun Correctional Institution, Waupun, WI  
 Winnebago Correctional Center, Winnebago, WI  
 Wisconsin Resource Center, Winnebago, WI  
 Wisconsin Secure Program Facility, Boscobel, WI  
 Waukesha County Jail, Waukesha, WI

### HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES & MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

Arboretum, Menomonee Falls, WI  
 Child & Adolescent Treatment Center, Milwaukee, WI

Children's Hospital, Madison, WI  
 Children's Hospital, Milwaukee, WI  
 Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Milwaukee, WI  
 Green Lake Manor Care Facility, Green Lake, WI  
 Honeycreek Rehabilitation, Milwaukee, WI  
 Laurel Oaks, Milwaukee, WI  
 Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, WI  
 Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, WI  
 Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, WI  
 Meriter Park Hospital, Madison, WI  
 Milwaukee Mental Health Complex, Milwaukee, WI  
 Parkview Manor, Milwaukee, WI  
 Sinai-Samaritan Hospital, Milwaukee, WI  
 St. Francis Medical Center, La Crosse, WI  
 St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, WI  
 UW Hospital & Clinics, Madison, WI  
 V.A. Medical Center, Madison, WI  
 V.A. (Clement Zablocki) Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI  
 V.A. Medical Center, Tomah, WI  
 Virginia Highlands, Menomonee Falls, WI  
 Winnebago Mental Health Institute, Winnebago, WI

### OTHERS

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Milwaukee, WI  
 Grace Oasis, Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI  
 Grace Oasis, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Neenah, WI  
 Grace Oasis, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI  
 WELS Ministry Center, Milwaukee, WI  
 (Northside Lutheran Ministry)

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## AREAS OF MINISTRY

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### PRISONS

Prison work continues to be done with regularly scheduled worship services and Bible classes. WLIM Chaplains Charlie Iles and Dan Krause carry out much of the work. More distant prisons are served under the WLIM umbrella by parish pastors serving in the area of the penitentiary. Several inmates are baptized and confirmed each year while in prison. WLIM continues to expand, its ministry to the families of inmates.

### JUVENILE DETENTION

Deaconess Sarah Owens reports: Ministry at Juvenile Detention continues to thrive. Juveniles are incarcerated from one day to over a year for crimes of truancy to homicide. What remains constant, however, are the fears they have regarding the unknown future and the needs they have to know a Savior who loves them. It is a privilege to be able to be the first contact that some of these young people have with a Bible. What a joy to share with them the truth of their sin and the saving message of Jesus Christ.

### HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Chaplain Ken Wenzel continues to spend the majority of his work week at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals in Madison, serving especially youth with very serious illnesses. WLIM receives referrals, the names of WELS members confined in Madison, but the majority of the calls are to unchurched patients and their families. The same is true at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, work that has been carried out by now retired Chaplains Steven Stern and Ken Lenz. Mark Wenzel a full time chaplain will serve at Froedtert and also at the Milwaukee County Jail after special training is completed. WELS members coming from a distance are visited by the WLIM chaplain as are hundreds of unchurched individuals.

### NURSING HOMES

WLIM has been slowly turning over nursing home work to lay volunteers who very ably and successfully lead Bible classes and simple worship services in nursing homes. Only a few nursing home services are now conducted by WLIM staff. We rejoice over the growing number of lay volunteers who so enjoy the nursing home ministry!

### MENTORING

Using a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, WLIM has assembled a list of lay volunteers willing to mentor a newly released ex-offender. Christian mentoring has proven to be extremely helpful in reducing the large percentage of ex-offenders who return to jail or prison. Training is provided to those interested in serving as mentors and funds are available for expenses incurred by the newly released, such as appropriate clothing needed for a job application or perhaps bus fare for the individual who no longer has a valid driver's license. We anticipate growth in the mentoring program in coming months and years.

### GRACE OASIS

Grace Oasis is conducted every Friday night at Salem, Cramer Street in Milwaukee. According to Chaplain Phil Merten, "The original Grace Oasis has continued to connect recovering addicts with other men and women recovering, and most importantly, with the 'higher power,' Jesus. I'm calling the Milwaukee Grace Oasis the 'Original Grace Oasis' because several new recovery ministries that use the Grace Oasis model have been initiated from Waukesha to Colorado. WLIM is doing what it can to help new Grace Oasis ministries get started. Guidelines and Bible studies are shared with those interested and the improved WLIM website should help in disseminating this information. Chaplain Merten is willing to travel to provide on-site help to those wanting to start a recovery ministry."

### COUNTY JAILS

Work in various county jails continues to expand as WLIM wishes to eventually serve every county jail in Wisconsin. Chaplains Phil Merten, Joe Radsek, Ken Lenz (in his retirement) and Deaconess Sarah Owens all carry out work in county jails and Chaplain Mark Wenzel will also be involved after completing his training. Many lay volunteers are also involved in this ministry which is serving over 15 county jails.



# WISCONSIN LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES LAY VOLUNTEERS

The WLIM board and staff rejoice that our ministry continues to expand with the growth in the number of lay volunteers. For some, it is a few hours a month perhaps visiting the lonely in a nearby nursing home. For others, it is a Bible class or one-on-one visits with inmates at a local county jail. In a few cases, the lay ministry is conducted at a state penitentiary or a youth facility. A few of our volunteers conduct several Bible classes each week because they so enjoy the opportunity to share the Savior. Those served often respond with thanks and joy. The questions they are asking themselves about God and about eternity are answered from scripture by our wonderful lay volunteers. The volunteers are so loved and appreciated by the people they are serving in Jesus' name. WLIM continues to recruit, train, and, as able, place into service lay volunteers in their own local community. Are YOU interested? Call the WLIM hotline, 888-214-6490.

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