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God Seeks Us Out and Loves Us into Wholeness

Working in the areas of outreach, evangelism and stewardship is exciting. As church, we are always reflecting on the outreach, evangelism, and stewardship we have done, taking what we have learned, hearing God's call to be out in the world, and going back out again.

In the short time I've been on synod staff...

The Synod Outreach Team gave a Mission Initiative Grant to Third Lutheran Church, Louisville, Ky., to help them reach out to the community with their 5:22 Sunday evening service.

I have been to both the Mission Director Training and Mission Developer Training at the Lutheran Center in Chicago.

The Stewardship Committee, Synod Outreach and Evangelism Team, and Academy for Mission have all met (more than once) and are doing important work in the synod.

I had the privilege of leading a council retreat for St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Richmond, Ky., on doing God's mission out in the world.

A ministry review was done at New Life Lutheran Church, Crown Point, Ind. Together we celebrated how people have been touched deeply by the Angel Food ministry and acknowledged the need to reach out to even more people in Crown Point.

Come2Go Ministries, Fort Wayne, Ind., was featured in the *Stories of Faith in Action 2008* magazine.

More ministry has happened than any one person can recount.

New Joy Lutheran Church, Westfield, Ind., broke ground on their first building on September 15.

Mission Developers and their Mission Director (another hat I wear) gathered at the College of Developers in Charlotte, N.C., for a time of renewal and re-energizing for mission out in the world, a world God loves deeply. That is what it is really about – God’s love for the world. A love we see in and through the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

There is a sign in my office that reads... “God seeks us out and loves us into wholeness.” Come see it and let’s talk about what God is up to in the world and how we can help.

Peace+Joy,

Heather McCulloch

