

Enclosed please find a full-page flier to post, a bulletin insert, and a registration form for the upcoming Operation Barnabas Conference set for Saturday, October 6, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, Iowa. Attachments may also be found at www.idwlcms.org/news.php. Chapters are invited to bring a display of activities to share ideas.

Please use the suggested bulletin blurbs/newsletter articles below to promote the Conference in your congregation and community.

Operation Barnabas: What is it? In Scripture, Barnabas is known as "the encourager." That is what Operation Barnabas strives to do by encouraging our military and their families. Come to the sixth annual Iowa District West Operation Barnabas Conference on Saturday, October 6, Carroll, Iowa, to learn more on how you can be involved and "***Called to Serve.***"

Save the Date: The Iowa District West Operation Barnabas Task Force, along with Lutheran Church Extension Fund, invites you to the upcoming conference, "***Called to Serve.***" The conference will be held on Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1844 Highland Drive, Carroll, Iowa. (Coffee and rolls from 9 to 9:30 a.m.) Presenters include Rev. Craig Muehler, Operation Barnabas Director, and Rev. Michael Wolfram, representative from VA Hospital. You will also learn about special projects from area chapters. There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided.

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Why should I attend the Operation Barnabas Conference? If you attend only one meeting about Operation Barnabas, this is the meeting. The conference, "***Called to Serve,***" is open to everyone. You do not need to be currently involved with an Operation Barnabas Chapter. Are there people from your community or family deployed? How can you show care for the veterans in your congregation or community? Join us as we work together to serve our military families. Hear presentations and discuss ways that you can minister to the military. Join us on Saturday, October 6 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, Iowa. There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided. Registration (due by October 1) may be done online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKFBHYS> or forms are available in the church office. Sponsored by the Iowa District West Operation Barnabas Task Force and Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

"Called to Serve": We live in a world of social media. A world that stays connected through Facebook, AOL news, Skype, email, texting and Twitter. How can your congregation use these same forms of media to provide hope, healing and support to our military and their families? Come to the 6th annual Operation Barnabas Conference on Saturday, October 6 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, Iowa and share ideas. For more information on the conference go to www.idwlcms.org/news.php or contact Rev. Kevin Johnson (515-989-3841 or pastorj.holycross@yahoo.com).