

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Sunday 2012

rescue. restoration. renewal.

How can you tell when your culture is “post-Christian”? Let’s check some of the signs.

How many people do you know who...

- ... assume God *didn’t* create the world from nothing in six days?
- ... feel heaven and hell are probably imaginary places?
- ... believe it might not matter whether there’s a God or not?
- ... have never thought about why they don’t go to church?

There are those who say we now live in a post-Christian culture; there are plenty of reasons to agree with them.

Here’s part of what being the Christian Church in a post-Christian culture looks like:

- This year, 50% of churches will not see one person come to faith in Jesus.
- This year, 4,000 churches will close.
- This month, 1,500 pastors will be newly unemployed.

What does this mean?

Now more than ever, our culture needs rescue...restoration...renewal; and God is calling faithful Christians to the task of sharing the Good News of Jesus—His cross, His resurrection, His eternal promise—with those who don’t know Him.

Join us in responding to the call.

For more than 80 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries has reached out with the Gospel every week through **The Lutheran Hour®** radio program. Lutheran Hour Ministries can also help your congregation enhance and energize your witness and outreach with:

- **MISSION U**, a workshop and webinar based witnessing-training system,
- **Regional Outreach Conference (ROC)** local outreach training conferences
- **International Ministry Partnerships**, in-depth collaboration with LHM overseas outreach efforts, including short-term mission trips
- **Five14**, outreach-focused events for teens;
- **Men’s NetWork**, a program designed to help men re-connect with the life of the church
- **Operation Barnabas**, a program to reach out to members of the U.S. Armed Forces
- **Spanish-language resources, children’s resources** and more.

To learn more about working together with Lutheran Hour Ministries to share the Good News of Jesus—with family, neighbors, community, and beyond—visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.



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Today is **Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday**. We encourage you to support Lutheran Hour Ministries financially. Giving envelopes are available for individual use. This year, generous supporters with a passion for our ministries have offered to match donor gifts dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$50,000—which means your gift can support twice as much ministry!

In appreciation for your church's support of **LHM Sunday**, we will provide incentives that will assist your congregation's efforts. Every congregation that raises more than \$1,000 for **Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday** will receive two tabletop PC Jr. booklet displays stocked with booklets. Congregations that raise more than \$2,000 can also host a MISSION U course in 2012 for **HALF PRICE!**



Just to make sure to return your gift in the **LHM Sunday** offering envelope to your church office or in the offering plate, so that your church receives proper credit for the gift.



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