





Official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through the Board for Communication Services, Rev. Paul Devantier, executive director; Rev. John H. Frahm, chairman.

Staff: Rev. David L. Mahsman, executive editor; David L. Strand, managing editor; Linda Hoops, news editor; John Krus, senior designer; Jane Schmotzer, product manager; Jim Stange, product coordinator; Nathan Scudieri, advertising sales; Carla Dubbelde, coordinator, district editions; Charlesta R. Zekert, editorial assistant; Editorial Office: 1333 S. Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122-7295. (314) 965-9917, ext. 1228.

Published monthly by Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118-3968. Subscription \$7.50 per year. With District edition, offered at reduced rate if submitted through local churches. Third-Class postage paid at St. Louis, MO. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE LUTHERAN WITNESS, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO. 63118-3968.

## Member: Associated Church Press

Cover photo of Denver Promise Keepers event by Robert Chapman.



A magazine for the laypeople of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod NOVEMBER 1995 (ISSN: 0024-757X) VOL. 114, NO. 11

## FEATURES

**What About Promise Keepers?** 

by Robert D. Newton

The Promise Keepers movement is sweeping our land. Should we thank God? Or, should we be concerned?

'We Honor Them Through You'

by Curtis R. Moermond

India is full of surprises. Its Lutherans are full of gratitude, too.

1 (Abide with Me'

by Bert Minkin

As the 50th-anniversary year of World War II comes to an end, a Lutheran couple recalls the special meaning of a favorite hymn.

12 We Believe, Teach and Confess . . . God's Work in Baptism

by Jerald C. Joersz

We don't baptize; God does.

## DEPARTMENTS

National News

20 Letters

Dateline:Washington/Family Counselor

21 Notices

22 Notices

Lifeline Diana Lesire Brandmeyer

23 Q & A/Shedding Some Light

Searching Scripture Robert E. Smith

26 From the President A.L. Barry

THELUTHERAN

NOVEMBER 1995

VOL. 114, NO. 11

## WILLSS WILLSS

