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Thrivent Advisor Supports the Lutheran Deaconess Association

Valparaiso (October 1, 2012) – Carsten Falkenberg, CFP®, ChFC®, CLU®, CASL®, was named a 2011 Divisional Volunteer of the Year for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. As such, he selected the Lutheran Deaconess Association (LDA) to receive approximately \$25,000 from Thrivent’s annual charitability project.

Falkenberg was just one of three representatives nationwide to receive this honor. He is a wealth advisor with the South Shore Group in Crown Point, IN, and is an adviser of the North Lake and South Lake County Thrivent Chapters, which serve families and communities in the Northwest Indiana area.

The Divisional Volunteer of the Year recognizes outstanding service to others in church, community, chapter, and professional organizations. During 2011, Falkenberg produced a large Kids Against Hunger food packing event at Valparaiso University, served on the LDA’s investment committee, financially mentored several pastors under the ELCA Freed to Lead and the LCMS Ministerial Excellence programs, as well as personally and financially supported several churches, schools and social ministry organizations.

LDA Executive Director, Deaconess Lisa Polito, explains, “This is just the latest of many ways – large and small – that Carsten has supported the LDA over the years. We are blessed by his presence and his support. As an independent organization, the LDA relies on donations. Major gifts such as this one have a meaningful impact on our ability to fulfill our mission.”

Located in Valparaiso, IN, the LDA educates women and men of all ages to become servant leaders in the Lutheran tradition. The LDA also supports the deaconess community, members of which serve worldwide, and provides servant ministry resources for the whole people of God.

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