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WALTER WANGERIN, JR. TO SPEAK AT LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Award-winning author Walter Wangerin, Jr. will speak at the Lutheran Social Services Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. on September 20 at Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

Mr. Wangerin will address his audience with an hour-long lecture on answering the call to serve those in need.

Walter Wangerin, Jr., Jochum Chair at Valparaiso University, has worked as a university professor, a radio announcer and a book reviewer, traveled with migrant farm workers and has been pastor of an inner-city church. He has written more than 40 books, including “The Book of God,” “Saint Julian” and “The Book of the Dun Cow,” for which he was honored with both the National Book Award and The New York Times Best Children’s Book of the Year.

Mr. Wangerin’s latest work, “Letters from the Land of Cancer,” will be released in February 2010. The book is comprised of letters Wangerin wrote to his friends and family members after he was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer in 2006. During the days of diagnosis and cancer treatment, Wangerin and his son Matthew also had the opportunity to collaborate on another personal story in “Father and Son: finding freedom” released in June 2008.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. To order tickets, contact Communications Coordinator Andrew Johnson at 614-228-5200, ext. 1550 or ajohnson@lssco.org.

With its regional divisions of Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio and Lutheran Social Services of Northern Ohio, Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio serves thousands of people each day by focusing on the core societal issues of hunger, housing, healing and hope. LSS provides food pantries, homeless shelters, senior living, affordable housing communities and



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other programs and services that uplift families and strengthen communities. LSS is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, recognized by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and a charter member of Lutheran Social Services in America.