

## Sent to share and serve

*Spotlight on the synod's churches*



### *New Castle Co. Lutherans serve*

**H**ow are New Castle County (Del.) Lutheran churches sent to share and serve? For a number of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations, it means bringing new meaning to the phrase "home sweet home" for people like Sabine Davis (center).

Habitat for Humanity Site Managers Beth Huber and Dan Holmes presented her with a Bible at the dedication of her new home (*above*), funded by the Thrivent Builds project and dedicated in December 2006. Sabine and her son moved into the house in mid-December. Five Wilmington-area churches supported the 2006 Thrivent Builds program, which provided 316 houses nationwide in 2006.

In 2007, Habitat for Humanity New Castle County and the New Castle County Chapter of Thrivent will join for a second year to build a home for a deserving family in Wilmington. The number of supporting congregations has grown to nine: six local churches have pledged full financial and volunteer support for the program, with at least three more churches pledging additional support. Par-

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ticipating this year are Concordia Church, Wilmington (LCMS); Grace Church, Hockessin, Del.; St. Paul's Church, Newark, Del.; and St. Stephen's Church, Wilmington (all 2006 participants); and St. Mark's Church, Wilmington, and St. Philip's Church, Wilmington. Providing additional support are Good Shepherd Church, Wilmington (2006 participant); Our Redeemer, Newark, Del. (LCMS); and Zion Church, Wilmington.

The 2007 home will be one of a row of eight houses in Wilmington. Frame construction will begin in March, with completion scheduled for October/November.

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