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Hosting a Fair Trade Fair

Every fall Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hosts a Greater Gift sale. "People enjoy purchasing gifts for their friends and family, which in turn helps the artists who create the gifts make a living," says Karen Goedeken, organizer of the Gloria Dei Fair Trade Sale.

Goedeken kicks off the sale by showing a video about fair trade to the Adult Forum Class. She enlists the help of the Social Ministry Committee and youth from the Confirmation Class to help her set up and take down the equipment.

College Lutheran Church and the American God Parent Scholarship Foundation both of Salem, Virginia, sponsor several fairs every year. They feature fair trade coffee, chocolate, soups and dips, crafts, and Christmas decorations. The sales benefit small farmers and artisans internationally who do not have access to traditional markets. Fair sales profits assist children in Tanzania with education through the American God Parent Scholarship Foundation.

Last semester Jenna Davis, vice president of the Texas Lutheran University (TLU) campus congregation, Sarah Lydic, campus congregation president, and other students worked with Sister Carolyn Hellerich, director of church relations at TLU, to put together a Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Fair. During the three-day fair, a variety of items were sold to members of the university and the neighboring community of Seguin.

All of the proceeds from the sale went to help improve conditions for the families of the individuals who made the items.

Davis commented, "A few people on campus knew what fair trade was, but the majority of students who came to the fair were really curious. Everyone involved had a positive experience, so I think it has a good chance of gaining momentum as a service project."

Congregations can host a fair trade fair with fairly traded handcrafts and foods from around the world. Every sale benefits the producers of handcrafted items and consumable products.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) has partnered with A Greater Gift, the handcraft program of Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation (SERRV), to offer a fun and easy way to bring handcrafts from around the world directly to your parish and community.

Every year, A Greater Gift donates a percentage of LWR handcraft sales to support partners and projects around the world. Traditionally this has been 10 percent, but because of increased costs, LWR projects the donation this year to be 7.5 percent. It is expected that next year the donation will be back to 10 percent.

Lutheran World Relief provides detailed instructions in the LWR Fair Trade Fair information packet. The packet has everything you need to get started. You may download the PDFs from *www.lwr.org/handcraft/fairtradefair.asp* or call 888/294-9660 to request a packet, which includes instructions, parish account forms, and an order form.

Go to the LWR Web site and download:

- Fliers

Texas Lutheran University students Sarah Lydic and Jenna Davis prepare items for sale at TLU's Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Fair. Proceeds from each sale went to helping improve working conditions, access to health care and education for the artisans and farmers by offering them fair prices for their products

- Bulletin inserts
- A list of ideas to promote your fair
- Sample articles and announcements for your newsletter, bulletins, and community publications
- Gift cards
- *Carving a Brighter Future* video

Fair Trade Artisans' Stories

PHOTO COURTESY OF LWR

Long Mei Shu

This 45-year-old woman and her husband have four children, ages 9 to 19. Her family is Miao, one of China's 55 ethnic minorities that make up 3 to 5 percent of China's population. Outside of China, the Miao ethnicity is often called Hmong.

Long Mei Shu and her family live in one of the rural, mountainous farming villages that cover much of China's Yunnan province. They grow and harvest hemp and turn it into useable fibers and broad pieces of cloth. These are embroidered by women in a nearby village to make items such as handbags. The hemp process — from planting through producing useable cloth — takes almost six months. It takes Long Mei Shu about six hours to weave about one yard of hemp cloth that is about 12-18 inches wide. The hemp income that Long Mei Shu earns is important because it buys better quality fertilizer for their farming, which generates the family's primary income.

Threads of Yunnan was begun in 1999 as a project of Danyun, a Danish development organization. Threads of Yunnan strives to improve the lives of rural ethnic minority women in Yunnan province by marketing their embroidery. One tenth of the yearly gross goes back to the village, where it is used for development work. An irrigation project built using this 10 percent allowed the farmers to plant in February, before the rains of May, thus increasing their yields.

Of the 170 women artisans involved in the project, many have doubled, and some even tripled, their family income. Threads of Yunnan also educates the women in literacy, hygiene, and financial planning and has begun a night school in one of the villages.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LWR

Pavan

Pavan, 31, grew up and still lives in Agra, India, the city where Taj Mahal is located. He is a master craftsman on the stone lathe. Before working as a stone carver for Tara Projects, he performed odd lathe jobs in his home for very little. Now he is married, has built a small home for his family, and has two small children for whom he is able to provide an education, including learning English. Pavan says: "Before coming to Tara, I never would have dared to dream I could have all of these good things."

Tara Projects started as a project of a study group at Jamia Millia University in Delhi that wanted to make an impact on the lives of the "untouchables." Tara is now a leading force in the movement opposing child labor in India and also works to improve the status of women. Currently, nearly 1,000 Tara artisans produce dhurrie rugs from Uttar Pradesh, bangles from Sambhall, wooden jewelry from Nageena, shesham wood items from Saharanpur, stone boxes from Agra, Zari embroidery, brassware from Moradabad, and jewelry with semi-precious stones.

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Iowa Church Adopts Residency Program

On a day in late April 2006, three young seminarians from Connecticut and Ohio arrived at a church in eastern Iowa. Eager to begin the transition from academia to real-life ministry, the three looked for the first time at the place that would be their home for the next two years.

Over the door a large lime-green banner declared: "Balance."

St. Paul Lutheran Church, a lively 3,000-member city congregation in Davenport, Iowa, is embarking on a unique residency program designed to initiate newly called pastors into a lifetime of leadership in the ELCA.

"Balance," the word chosen for St. Paul's weekend focus on discipleship, was an apt introduction for this trio. In the first two years of their ministry, these young pastors will strive to achieve practices critical for leadership, focusing on balancing their experiences with intentional reflection. They'll bear the influence of this residency into decades of pastoral leadership in the Lutheran church.

The Lilly Endowment Inc. of Indianapolis invited the congregation to apply for a one-time only grant to establish this Pastoral Residency Program. Only 18 other churches in the country have similar programs. The Lilly Endowment will not be funding this grant in the future but is offering other grant opportunities through the Louisville Institute (see story on opposite page).

The Rev. Peter Marty, senior pastor of the Iowa congregation and host of the ELCA's radio ministry *Grace Matters*, says, "This whole idea of an extended residency program for the shaping of young pastors is a relatively new concept in the American church. Other professions understand well the importance of not taking graduates straight out of the classroom and plopping them directly into the practices of their field."

"Just as we are fortunate to have physicians experience a residency program after their formal academic training, so the church has the chance now to establish really sound pastoral practices in the very early and impressionable years of first-call pastors."

The Lilly Endowment has established this Pastoral Residency Program in the belief that the training of excellent pastors is critical to the long-term health of the church in America. Grants like the one made to St. Paul are given

in the confidence that particular congregations provide superb laboratory-like settings for individuals eager to learn important pastoral skills.

The two-year program, specially crafted by St. Paul leaders, is built on a weekly "core seminar" led by Pastor Marty. There the focus will be on the art of pastoral ministry, with special attention to leadership, administration, congregational culture, and wise pastoral practices.

The collaborative learning environment of a gifted multiple staff team provides a foundation of support. In addition to the full range of pastoral ministry issues, the residents will plunge into "congregational life rotations." They'll encounter a weekday preschool for more than 100 children, confirmation and youth ministries that draw from the Quad-Cities metropolitan area, and a partnership with nearby Camp Shalom. They'll enter into neighborhood connections with an elementary school and the church's housing ministry for mentally ill women. Hands-on initiatives, such as serving in Gulf Coast reconstruction or the church's medical mission trips, may also capture their interest.

The three pastoral residents are Elizabeth Lerohl from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut, and Lorin Darst and Lowell Michelson from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

As these young pastors undertake new callings, so does Tammy Hermanson, the administrator of the St. Paul program. She has embraced this unique vocational track after a 27-year career as a physical therapist. In addition to organizational skills, Tammy brings her commitment for learning and wellness in body, mind, and spirit to the residency model.

The people of St. Paul view themselves as a teaching congregation. Committed to lifelong learning since its founding in 1882, St. Paul has sent 36 members into ordained ministry.

For two years, Lorin, Elizabeth, and Lowell will serve as St. Paul pastors. When residency concludes, the three will be eligible for call to other ELCA congregations and the impact of this Iowa experience will go with them. Shaped and strengthened for lifelong ELCA leadership, they'll flourish wherever they go, and the gift is shared with others.

For information on first call ministry go to: *www.elca.org/firstcall*

Tips for a First Call

And I said,"What shall I cry?" One is perhaps tempted to associate the first-call process of becoming a pastor with the experience of being exiled to a foreign land. (Read Isaiah 40:1-11 for context.) That may indeed be the case as one anticipates the myriad details of transition that a call to ministry entails. So it gives me great joy to be able to share a little bit of the wisdom of others and some of my own limited observations that may be of help for a first call candidate.

1. Keep your "Transition to Parish" notes handy, especially the ones about the assignment process, interviewing hints, and planning an ordination service.

2. Contact your home synod's office to alert them of your availability for preaching and leading worship. These "mini-calls" serve to keep your liturgical/homiletical edge up, and help to affirm your sense of call in anticipation of receiving your first full-time call. Also be sure that the church knows that you are not yet ordained and therefore not able to preside at communion. An ordained pastor may be found to take over that part of the service.

3. As soon as possible after your assignment to a synod for first call, meet with the synod bishop or assistant to the bishop to develop a collegial working relationship. In preparation for that first meeting, try to learn as much as you can about the synod and its ministerial needs. Visit *www.elca.org/findachurch.html* as a starting place to gather information.

4. The synod bishop will probably assign a staff person to work closely with you to match the needs of the synod's congregations with the gifts you bring. Keep in touch with this person, even if you don't have much to share. He or she will see to it that congregational profiles are sent to you in a timely way, that your form C is sent to seeking congregations, and that the call process is kept moving along.

5. Personal impressions of call prospects can be misleading. Know that discernment takes patience and an openness to change. There are many partners in the process to help discern where God is calling you to go. Ministry is an adventure; the more you accept that reality, the easier it is to allow excitement to displace anxiety in the transition process.

6. Review your notes on good interviewing skills. Think up the kind of questions you would want to ask a future pastor if you were on the call committee, then rehearse what your responses would be. When you do receive an invitation for an interview, just remember to "be yourself." You'll not be doing anyone a favor by putting up a good, politically or religiously correct front that will inevitably crumble after the first several months on the job. At the same time, consider your encounters with call committees carefully. They will naturally press you on the hard questions; it is your responsibility to press the call committee on hard questions of your own.

7. While a phone interview is sometimes warranted, the best way is to meet with the call committee face-to-face. As you prepare for your interview, pray that God will give you the humility and grace necessary to endure.

8. After your initial interview, it is increasingly common for the call committee to invite a first call candidate to lead worship and to preach. Proclaiming the gospel among God's people will give all members of the congregation a basis upon which to make an informed vote on your becoming their pastor. This can also give you a better sense of the congregation's character and how you will fit into the community.

9. It is appropriate, even before the congregational vote, that you begin to make some arrangements for the anticipated ordination and installation. Consult with your bishop as to his/her availability for doing the ordination and for authorization for you to administer Word and Sacrament until the ordination. Ascertain from the church where the ordination will take place and secure a tentative date and time. Send out invitations at least one month in advance of the ordination. Once the congregation votes to extend a letter of call to you, "Get you up to a high mountain..." giving thanks and praise to God.

I pray these bits of collected wisdom prove helpful as you transition with grace into your first call — to tend and feed God's sheep (John 21:15-17) as a pastor of God's own choosing.

—Krehl Stringer

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Louisville Institute Grant Programs Announced

The Louisville Institute seeks to enrich the religious life and institutions of American Christians by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them so that the work of each might reinforce the work of the other. Founded in 1990, The Louisville Institute is a Lilly Endowment program based at Louisville Seminary.

The Louisville Institute offers funding through six specialized grant programs, designed to address different issues and to assist different groups of institutions and individuals. The following is a list of grant awards made during the 2005-2006 year.

The **Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders** program provides pastors and other religious leaders with sustained periods of time for reflective engagement with their life and work and issues related to contemporary religious leadership. Deadline: September 2007.

The **Summer Stipends** program offers grants to academics and pastors engaged in summer research projects pertaining to American Christianity. Deadline: October 15, 2006.

The **Christian Faith and Life** grants program supports research projects on themes of Christian faith by academics and pastors. Deadline: November 15, 2006.

The **Religious Institutions** grants program supports research projects by academics and pastors on the nature of and challenges to religious institutions in the contemporary world. Deadline: December 1, 2006.

The Dissertation Fellowship program supports the final year of Ph.D. or Th.D. dissertation writing for students engaged in research pertaining to American religion. Preference is given to projects focusing on Christian faith and life, pastoral leadership or religious institutions. Deadline: January 15, 2007.

The First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars seeks to assist junior, non-tenured religion scholars of color to complete a major research and book project, focusing on an issue in American Christianity related to the priorities of The Louisville Institute. Deadline: February 15, 2007.

The Louisville Institute also offers a modest General Grant Program that supports a limited number of individual and collaborative projects by academics, pastors or other religious leaders on current program priorities of The Louisville Institute. Deadlines: March 1, July 1, and November 1.

For more information about The Louisville Institute's grant programs, please contact the Institute at: Louisville Institute, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, KY 40205 (*www.louisville-institute.org*).

2006 Youth Gathering Resources

Close to 40,000 Lutherans, the vast majority under the age of 18, met in two back-to-back Youth Gathering sessions this July in San Antonio, Texas.

The theme of the gathering was *Cruzando: Journey with Jesus*. Cruzando is a Spanish word for crossing. What a crossing it was!

A party atmosphere filled the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Youths zipped around the rafters in the "ropes section," limbo lines graced the Augsburg Fortress display area, Christian bands echoed their music off the walls, cup-stacking skills mesmerized make-shift audiences, and the churchwide staff working in booths gave away all sorts of goodies to passersby. The festivities for both Saturday nights featured fireworks displays, salsa dancing, regional food, and bands galore.

The youth, many of whom were away from home for the first time, found and met new friends from all over the United States and the world. They worshiped, studied the Bible, attended workshops, and completed community service projects together.

Many of the adult counselors wished to share *Cruzando: Journey with Jesus* when they returned to their congregations. Below are just a few of the youth gathering resources now available:

Video

Cruzando Highlights & More available from *www.oldlutheran.com*

Music

ELCA Song lyrics available at *www.elca.org/gathering/downloads/ELCA-song.doc* or from Lost and Found's Web site at *www.speedwood.com/store/index.php?cat=printables* for a $1 donation to the ELCA.

Peter Mayer, former guitar player and song writer with Jimmy Buffett, is the son of Lutheran missionary parents and currently has 11 CD's under his own name, *www.petermayer.com*

Kelly Glow fuses jazz, rock, and holy hip hop into a mix of rocking Christian music, *www.kellyglow.com*

The Katinas, a quintet of brothers who are considered a premier vocal group in Christian music, were a big hit at the gathering, *www.thekatinas.com*

Workshops

Pimpin' This, Pimpin' That, A heart wrenching workshop by former prostitute and leading spokesperson opposing the sex industry, Heidi Carlson, *www.adultssavingkids.org*

A Voice in the Wilderness, by musician Ken Medema, *www.elca.org/gathering/learning/ken*

Stand Up, Speak Out, by Annie Lynsen, Andrew Genszler, Kim Stietz, and Karen Vagley, *www.elca.org/advocacy*

Speakers

***Cruzando* Dome Show Speakers** available for $40 from *www.oldlutheran.com* includes presentations by Tony Campolo, Donald Miller, Dr. San Juana Mendoza Bruce, Pamela Genghini Hernandez, the Rev. Jim Wallis, Francis Bok, Yessenia Vazquez, Emmanuel Yeboah, and Dr. Kristine Gebbie.

Worship and Bible Study

***Cruzando* Bible Studies & Sermons Video** available for $25 from *www.oldlutheran.com* features Pastor Stephen Bond leading three Bible studies, the July 9 closing Eucharist sermon by Pastor Jan Gamelin, and the July 16 closing Eucharist sermon by Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson.

Parish Nurse Center

Parish nurses are registered nurses prepared in holistic ministry to work with members of a congregation in many ways:

- Visit members in their homes or hospital
- Counsel members on health-related issues
- Assist in obtaining needed health services
- Help members understand the relationship between body, mind, and spirit
- Promote wellness through education and activities
- Provide health screenings
- Develop support groups with the congregation
- Coordinate congregational volunteers

The Parish Nurse Center of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., will offer a basic Parish Nurse Preparation Course. Dates and Locations are:

- October 23-27, 2006, Duluth, Minn.
- March 12-16, 2007, Minneapolis/St. Paul area
- April 23-27, 2007, Fargo/Moorhead, Minn. area

The program meets the requirements to use the standardized core curricula developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, in consultation with the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center.

For more information, please call 218/299-3893 or e-mail: *parish-nurse@cord.edu*

As a ministry of the ELCA, we have more than 600 loans totaling over $300 million at work today helping ELCA congregations and ministries throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Some loans help new congregations get started. Others help existing congregations refinance debt or renovate fellowship halls. But the reason these ELCA ministries come to us is simple: to get the financing they need at a competitive rate. Which, should the need arise, is the same reason your congregation or ELCA-related ministry should come to us. To find out how we can help, call 877.886.3522 or visit us at *www.missioninvestmentfund.org*.

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Ripe for Picking

Bonhoeffer Conference

The Melanchthon Institute is hosting a conference, *Bonhoeffer Today: Peace, Ecology and Christian Ethics*, in Houston, October 19-21. The conference will feature internationally known experts on Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Speakers include Barbara Green, Larry Rasmussen, and Clifford Green. Holocaust survivor Walter Kase will relate his personal experiences.

The conference will include a concert performance of the opera *Bonhoeffer* written by Lutheran musician Ann Gebuhr, professor of music at Houston Baptist University. The Holocaust Museum Houston will handle registration and will offer guided tours of its facilities. Other conference sponsors are St. Paul's Methodist Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church. For more information visit *www.melanchthon-institute.org*

The Melanchthon Institute is a nonprofit organization providing continuing education for pastors and lay leaders.

STAFF PHOTO

Staff members Emma Harbin and Cathy Hunt walking at the churchwide office in Chicago

Journey to Reformation

On your journey to Reformation this fall, take Luther's lead to live well and reform yourself!

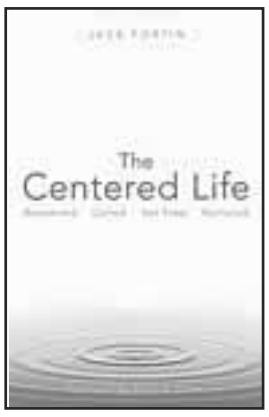
The ELCA Board of Pensions offers two paths for your journey:

- *Here I Step: A Journey to Reformation* is a six-week walking and wellness campaign (Sept. 17 – Oct. 29) that mandates increasing physical activity, adopting a healthy diet, and living prayerfully.

- *Walk to Wellness* is a 28-day campaign (Oct. 1 – 28) available through the Mayo Clinic. This campaign lets you choose a walking goal level and provides motivational information, an online tracking tool, and strategies and tips for success. To participate in *Walk to Wellness* you must enroll by Sept. 30.

Knowing what works for you is part of being well. Choose your path, log your progress, and celebrate your success on Reformation Sunday. For more information about both campaigns, visit *www.elcabop.org*

Center Your Life



Refuting the idea that one can achieve the "balanced life" touted by some time management experts, *The Centered Life* (Augsburg Fortress Publishing, $9.99 at *www.augsburgfortress.org)*, a book by Jack Fortin, outlines a process that readers can follow to live a centered life. Fortin is executive director of the Center for Lifelong Learning at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

According to Fortin, who also leads the seminary's ecumenical Centered Life® initiative, the answer to overcoming a life that feels fragmented, isolated, and overwhelming is not about living a different life; it's about living life differently. "We long for a more centered life, a sense of wholeness, a more peaceful, confident life," wrote Fortin. He invites readers to focus on what is at the center of their lives and to live out their callings. Fortin proposes that living out one's calling in life is the key to living a centered life — a life that draws together all aspects of life, including faith in God, family, and work. He believes that one's calling is in the work one does every day, whether as a parent, child, neighbor, caregiver, volunteer, or worker.

"Jack Fortin leads us away from the myth of the 'balanced life' to one that is centered in faithfulness," said Dr. Richard Bliese, president of Luther Seminary. "Fortin provides a pathway that people can follow to pursue ministry in daily life and make the important connection between Sunday and Monday."

Don't Forget Candlelighting for Mental Illness

The Lutheran Network for Mental Illness/Brain Disorders (LNMI) will again sponsor the annual All-Lutheran Candlelighting for Mental Illness during October, which is Mental Illness Awareness Month. LNMI is a joint effort of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Its mission is to educate about mental illness and brain disorders and generate support for individuals with mental illness and their families. You can contribute by learning more about mental illness and its effects, and welcoming mentally ill persons to your congregation. The candlelighting includes a call to worship and prayers for people living with mental illness. A free bulletin insert is available online at *www.elca.org/disability/candlelighting* or from the disability ministries program in the ELCA unit for Vocation and Education (800/638-3522, ext. 2692 or *Jon.Vehar@elca.org)*.

ELCA Accessibility Award

The 2006 ELCA Accessibility Award program will be open until October 20. Any ELCA congregation doing ministry with individuals who have disabilities may enter. The winning congregations will receive a monetary award, a plaque, and a citation on the Accessibility Web site. Entries are considered in three areas — building accessibility, community outreach, and inclusion of people with disabilities in the life and ministry of the congregation.

Thanks to the generous support of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and the National Organization on Disability partnered with Wal-Mart®, one large and one small congregation will each receive $1000 to encourage continued efforts in reaching out to people with disabilities. Two honorable mentions will each receive $250 in a Mission Investment Fund account. Entry forms are available at *www.elca.org/disability/award* or 800/638-3522, ext. 2692 and should be sent by October 20, 2006.

LWF Sunday Oct. 1

Visit *www.elca.org/lwf* to find resources for your congregation to celebrate Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Sunday, Oct. 1. You'll find hymns, prayers, and stories appropriate for worship, newsletters, and bulletins. Through the LWF we "hold hands" with Lutherans around the world as we come together to pray, study, seek solutions to global problems, and share our joys and sorrows. Celebrate our shared work!

Questions? E-mail us at *lwf@elca.org*

Imitate My Heart

The *2006-2007 Christian Education Planning Guide* might well be called *Discipleship Anew!* This year marks the seventh year of Christian education materials in support of the *ELCA Call to Discipleship*. Such a milestone deserves a fresh, new look at discipleship. It warrants a radical change in the way we see ourselves as disciples. Our call to discipleship is a connection to the heart, mind, and soul of Christ. It is one that bids us to act as Christ would in our daily encounters with others and in our growing relationship with God.

The planner includes an adult Bible study, planning calendar, a sample *Akaloo* discipleship lesson, and more. It features an intergenerational event based on the teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Please note: this year's planner will NOT be sent to every congregation. Instead, order it free of charge by calling 800/328-4648. Use order code 6-0002-1724-2. Download the entire planner and supplementary material at *www.elca.org/christianeducation/programplanners/2006CEProgramPlanner*

New Mission Support Video Ready for Viewing

Mission Support: Where Your Money Goes is the title of the new offering from ELCA's Mosaic television. To view this program or order a copy go to: *www.elca.org/mosaic/Missionsupport/index.html*

Generosity is an important part of being Christian. The money, time, talent, and energy we give back to God through our offerings are used in a variety of important ways. In this video we ask three questions: Why do we give? What do we give? And, how is our money spent? We also visit St. Paul Lutheran Church on the Island of Puerto Rico. This small congregation is making a big impact in their community and around the world through cheerful giving. Use this new resource as a great way to support stewardship initiatives in your congregation.

Introducing *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ***www.renewingworship.org/elw/intro***

Introducing a new worship resource is an exciting and important event in the life of the church. You've been hearing about it for five years. Thousands of congregations and tens of thousands of individuals have participated in its preparation. Now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is proud to present its new primary worship resource, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)*. Available this October in print and electronic formats, *ELW* will provide primary worship resources for most ELCA congregations. It will serve as the core of an expanding family of resources to be published over the coming years.

In mid-September, an *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Introductory Kit will be mailed to all congregations and rostered leaders. This kit will include a booklet summarizing the content, a DVD, two audio recordings of new musical settings of Holy Communion, and one CD with a variety of materials to help you introduce *ELW* to your congregation. This file will include:

- a guide to exploring *ELW*
- responses to frequently asked questions
- a succinct history of the project
- a selected overview of hymns and songs
- a narrative service of Holy Communion
- an overview of forthcoming support and supplemental resources
- a summary of the ELCA liturgical review process
- *ELW* graphics
- the study guide, *With the Whole Church*
- advance information for Worship Jubilee 2007
- a service of dedication
- articles on introducing *ELW* to children and youth and using *ELW* in a contemporary setting, and more

Even with all these resources available, there is nothing like actually using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Teams of pastors, musicians, and lay people from each synod are offering one-day events to explore the riches contained in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Each synod is responsible for scheduling these events. Each event will have a small registration fee, which will include a copy of the pew edition of *ELW* and a meal. All dates, locations, and contact persons are listed below.

Every congregation is encouraged to send representatives to attend one of these introductory events. They are designed for all worshipers, lay leaders, musicians, pastors, and anyone concerned about the future of renewal in the ELCA. Plan now to attend!

For schedule information that is updated frequently, please visit us on the Web at ***www.renewingworship.org/elw/intro***

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The introduction of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* will be at the 2007 Alaska Synod Assembly. Information will be coming.

Arizona (2D)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
Eric Holtan, 520/370-8016
ericholtan@hotmail.com

Saturday, February 10, 2007
Prince of Peace Lutheran
3641 N. 56th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85018
Jane Yost, 480/296-3012
jyost@desertcross.org

Arkansas (4C)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
United Lutheran Church
100 Cooper Rd.
Bella Vista, AR 72715
Pr. Fred Nelson, 479/855-1325

Saturday, February 24, 2007
Faith Lutheran Church
7525 W. Markham St.
Little Rock, AR 72205
Pr. Michael McCarthy, 501/666-0850

California
(2C)
Monday, October 23, 2006
Pacifica Synod "PLC" event
Embassy Suites Hotel
74-100 Highway 111
Palm Desert, CA 92260

(2B)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. John's Lutheran Church
959 Valley Rd.
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
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(2B)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
First Lutheran Church
2900 Carson St.
Torrance, CA 90503
Pr. Bill Hurst
info@flchurch.org

(2A)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Grace Lutheran Church
3149 Waverley St.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Pr. Matthew Smuts, 650/494-1212
office@gracepa.org

(2B)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
1737 E. Ave. R
Palmdale, CA 93550-5411
Pr. Barry Vail
st.stephens@sbcglobal.net

(2A)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
3973 N. Cedar Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726
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(2A)
Saturday, January 6, 2007
Faith Lutheran Church
4930 Newanga Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
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faithsr@sbcglobal.net

(2B)
Saturday, January 6, 2007
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1 E. Avenida de los Arboles
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Prs. Nausin or Hansted Meadors
churchoffice@htlcto.org

(2B)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
6020 Radford Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91606
Pr. James Schoenrock
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(2B)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
First Lutheran Church
1300 E. Colorado St.
Glendale, CA 91205
Pr. Ken Simon
fburnford@socalsynod.org

(2C)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7082 Crescent Ave.
Buena Park, CA 90620
Pam Reynolds, 714/692-2791
synodpam@aol.com

(2B)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Christ Lutheran Church
311 S. Citrus Ave.
West Covina, CA 91791
Pr. Dennis Nelson
clchurch@gte.net

(2C)
Sunday, January 28, 2007
Clairemont Lutheran Church
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92117
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(2A)
Saturday, February 3, 2007
Good Shepherd Lutheran
71615 Morse Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95864
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info@goodshprd.org

(2C)
Saturday, February 3, 2007
Eden Lutheran Church
4725 Brockton Ave.
Riverside, CA 92506
Pam Reynolds, 714/692-2791
synodpam@aol.com

(2A)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
PLTS Chapel
2770 Marin Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94708
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gregschaefer@plts.edu

(2B)
Saturday, March 3, 2007
Angelica Lutheran Church
1345 S. Burlington Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90006
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angelicalutheran@earthlink.net

Colorado
(2E)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Atonement Lutheran Church
685 Inca Parkway
Boulder, CO 80303
Tim Snyder, 303/499-4567
tim@atonement-lutheran.org

(2E)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 E. Hampden Avenue
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
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karen@bethany-denver.org

(2E)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1630 Grand Avenue
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Pr. Jeff Carlson, 970/945-6848
goodshepherdlutheran@qwest.net

(2E)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
First Lutheran Church
1515 N. Cascade Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
Teri Swanner, 719/632-8836
teri@flccs.net

Connecticut
(7B)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Immanuel Lutheran Church
164 Hanover St.
Meriden, CT 06451
Pr. Perry Beaver, 860/349-3398

Delaware (8F)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. Paul Lutheran Church
701 S. College Ave.
Newark, DE 19713-1399
Nicole Clouser, 302/368-0064
saintpaulsmusic@comcast.net

Saturday, February 10, 2007
Reformation Lutheran
613 Lakeview Ave.
Milford, DE 19963
Pr. John Ranney
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Florida (9E)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Shepherd of the Woods
7860 Southside Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32256-6488
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904/641-8385
aimkristen@aol.com

Saturday, November 11, 2006
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
455 N. Missouri Ave.
Largo, FL 33770-1597
Pr. Joe Glymph, 727/585-9969
pastorjoe@poplargo.org

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Messiah Lutheran Church
3701 W. Hwy 390
Panama City, FL 32405-2725
Pr. Dennis Schmidt, 850/785-2398
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Saturday, January 13, 2007
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
2140 Highway 434
Longwood, FL 32779-5007
Terri Marko, 407/869-0491
terri@ststephen.org

Saturday, January 20, 2007
Advent Lutheran Church
5001 NE 4th Ave.
Boca Raton, FL 33431-4903
Pr. Andy Hagen, 561/395-3632
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Saturday, February 3, 2007
Messiah Lutheran Church
2691 NE Pine Island Rd.
N. Fort Myers, FL 33909-6507
Pr. Rusty May or
John Renfroe, AIM, 239/995-0133
messiahnfm@yahoo.com

Georgia (9D)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
3050 Cascade Road SW
Atlanta, GA 30311-3630
L. & J. Hamilton, 404/629-2035
lhami630@bellsouth.net

Sunday, November 12, 2006
Living Grace Lutheran Church
1812 Coolidge Road
Tucker, GA 30084
Patti Axel, 404/634-6884
jpaxel@msn.com

Saturday, December 2, 2006
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
2966 Ebenezer Road
Rincon, GA 31326
Pr. Ellie Russey, 912/754-3915
jer1734@aol.com

Sunday, February 18, 2007
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1208 Rose Creek Drive
Woodstock, GA 30189
Pr. Paul Baumgartner, 770/924-7286
pr.paul-gslc@comcast.net

Hawaii (2C)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
Calvary by the Sea Lutheran
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Honolulu, HI 96821
R. Erickson-Roberts, 808/377-5477
calvarybythesea@hawaii.rr.com

Idaho (1D)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
3100 S. Five Mile Rd.
Boise, ID 83709
Darrel Bozett, 308/343-0726
darrelbozett@yahoo.com

Saturday, December 2, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
656 Tyee
American Falls, ID 83211
Kari Sansgaard, 208/377-0220
ksansgaard@koglutheran.org

Illinois
(5A)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
St. Luke Lutheran Church
205 N. Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068
Anne Krentz Organ, 847/825-6659

(5A)
Sunday, October 22, 2006
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
29700 N. St. Mary's Road
Libertyville, IL 60048
Pr. Robert Davis, 847/367-4060

(5B)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Bethany Lutheran Church
76 W. Crystal Lake Ave.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5C)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran
2101 S. Prospect
Champaign, IL 61820
Kay Matthews, 217/352-1732

(5B)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Calvary Lutheran Church
121 Meridian St.
New Windsor, IL 61465
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5C)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
2477 W. Washington St.
Springfield, IL 62702
Pr. Paul Olson, 217/793-3933
polson@stjohns-springfield.org

(5B)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
St. John Lutheran
2650 Plainfield Rd.
Joliet, IL 60435
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5B)
Sunday, December 3, 2006
Gloria Dei Lutheran
4700 Augustana Dr.
Rockford, IL 61107
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5C)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
3205 Broadway
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
John Rogers, 618/242-5143

(5B)
Sunday, January 14, 2007
First Lutheran Church
1230 5th Ave.
Moline, IL 61265
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5A)
Sunday, January 21, 2007
Faith Lutheran Church
41 North Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Pr. James Honig, 630/469-2361

(5A)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Our Savior Lutheran Church
8607 S. Narragansett
Burbank, IL 60459
Pr. Stefan Munker, 708/599-4780

(5B)
Saturday, February 3, 2007
Christ Lutheran Church
600 N. Main St.
Stockton, IL 61085
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5B)
Sunday, February 4, 2007
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1701 16th Ave.
Sterling, IL 61081
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

(5B)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
2000 Luther Dr.
Peru, IL 61354
June Cain, 815/964-9934
june@nisynod.org

Indiana (6C)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Christ the King Lutheran Church
17195 Cleveland Road
South Bend, IN 46635-1255
Maretta Hershberger
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Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. Luke Lutheran Church
4200 Epworth Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630-9390
Tom Vanselow
vans913@yahoo.com

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
10202 N. Merician
Indianapolis, IN 46290-1022
Al Goertemiller
agoertemiller@pilgrimindy.org

Saturday, March 17, 2007
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
8010 W. Jefferson Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
Pr. Martin Gehring
ris.church@verizon.net

Iowa
(5F)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Waverly, IA 50677-2030
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(5D)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Faith Lutheran Church
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Eldridge, IA 52748
Prs. Mixdorf or Hinrichs, 563/285-4501
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(5E)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Grace Lutheran Church
211 S. Ninth St.
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
Pr. Matthew Martens, 515/576-4106
gracefd@frontiernet.net

(5E)
Sunday, November 5, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
1122 Jackson St.
Sioux City, IA 51105
Pr. Paul Johnston, 712/258-0519
tlctrinity@yahoo.com

(5D)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Grace Lutheran Church
3010 52nd Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50310
Prs. Cline or Rothweiler, 515/276-6873

(5E)
Sunday, November 12, 2006
Immanuel Lutheran Church
246 S. Clark St.
Forest City, IA 50436
Margie Markusen, 641/585-3152
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(5D)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
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church@standrewlutheran.org

(5E)
Sunday, November 19, 2006
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1011 East 13th St.
Atlantic, IA 50022
Pr. Sally Meyer, 712/243-3678
stpauls@metc.net

(5F)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
First Lutheran Church
604 W. Broadway
Decorah, IA 52101
Pr. Marion Pruitt Miller
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(5F)
Friday, February 2, 2007
Trinity Lutheran Church
213 N. Pennsylvania
Mason City, IA 50401-3442
Pr. Bill Peters
pastorbill@wctatel.net

(5E)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
St. Mark Lutheran Church
1614 W. 5th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588
Pr. Connie Spitzack, 712/732-5255
stmarkpc@iw.net

(5F)
Saturday, February 17, 2007
St. Peter Lutheran Church
3200 Asbury Rd.
Dubuque, IA 52001-8408
Pr. Marion Pruitt Miller
mmiller@firstlutherandecorah.org

(5F)
Saturday, March 3, 2007
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4000 Hudson Rd.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-8249
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Kansas (4B)

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
338 N. 7th St.
WaKeeney, KS 67672
Janice Kibler, 816/861-6584
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Sunday, November 19, 2006
Messiah Lutheran Church
402 N. 1st St.
Lindsborg, KS 67456
Janice Kibler, 816/861-6584
jkibler@css-elca.org

Saturday, December 2, 2006
Reformation Lutheran Church
7601 E. 13th N
Wichita, KS 67206
Janice Kibler, 816/861-6584
jkibler@css-elca.org

Sunday, December 3, 2006
Advent Lutheran Church
11800 W. 151st St.
Olathe, KS 66062
Janice Kibler, 816/861-6584
jkibler@css-elca.org

Kentucky (6C)

Saturday, March 3, 2007
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
2718 Dixie Highway
Crestview Hills, KY 41017
Vicki Garber
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Louisiana

(4F)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Christ the King Lutheran Church
1001 W. Esplanade Ave.
Kenner, LA 70065-2731
Toni Dufrene, 504/469-4740

(4D)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
8895 Youree Dr.
Shreveport, LA 71115
Pr. Wallace Shealy
elw.t.wshealy@recursor.net

Maine (7B)

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
612 Main St.
Westbrook, ME 04092
Pr. Tom Chittick, 207/829-5295

Maryland

(8F)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
St. Mark Lutheran Church
1900 St. Paul St.
Baltimore, MD 21218-6035
Pr. Dale Dusman
saintmarks1900@aol.com

(8G)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
16420 S. Westland Dr.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Jeffrey Pannebaker, 301/588-4363
jpannebaker@email.com

(8F)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Zion Lutheran Church
107 W. Main St.
Middletown, MD 21769
Fran Taylor, 301/371-6181

(8F)
Saturday, February 17, 2007
St. Martin Lutheran Church
1120 Spa Road
Annapolis, MD 21403
Donna Ervin
443/454-6565 or 410/672-2452
donnadervin@hotmail.com

(8F)
Saturday, April 14, 2007
First Lutheran Church
3604 Chatham Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042-3920
Pr. Glenn Ludwig
flcoffice@toadmail.com

Massachusetts (7B)

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
73 Lancaster St.
Worcester, MA 01609
Donald Meineke, 508/667-4568

Saturday, November 4, 2006
Immanuel Lutheran Church
547 N. Main St.
Attleboro, MA 02703
Pr. Julie Haspel-Schoenfeld
508/222-7864

Michigan

(5G)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Mission United Lutheran Church
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Pelkie, MI 49958
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kay@nglsynod.org

(5G)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Bethany Lutheran Church
202 S. 11th St.
Escanaba, MI 49829
Kay Benedict, 906/228-2300
kay@nglsynod.org

(6B)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
3701 Jefferson Ave.
Midland, MI 48640
Pr. Nancy Young
nyoung@tlcmidland.org

(6B)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
549 East Mt. Hope Ave.
Lansing, MI 48910-9194
Pr. Jim Lichtenberger
jimlichten@mindspring.com

(5G)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Messiah Lutheran Church
305 W. Magnetic St.
Marquette, MI 49855
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(6A)
Fri. eve. - Sat., Nov. 10-11, 2006
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
39020 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154
Pr. Joel Brandt, 734/464-0211

(6B)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Christ Lutheran Church
2350 44th St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
Pr. Timothy Brown
revtim@iserv.net

(6B)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Peace Lutheran Church
3703 US 27 S
Gaylord, MI 49734-1153
Pr. Tom Mammoser
pastor@peacegaylord.org

(6A)
Sunday, December 3, 2006
Genesis Lutheran Church
7200 Mack Ave.
Detroit, MI 48214
Pr. Adolf Wachsmann, 313/921-9616

(6A)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
Christ the Redeemer Lutheran
1232 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
Pr. Richard Rentner, 517/423-5501

(6A)
Sunday, January 21, 2007
Christ of the Lakes Lutheran
9101 Highland Rd.
White Lake, MI 48386
Deaconess Wood, 248/698-1320

Minnesota

(3I)
Sunday, October 22, 2006
Christ Lutheran Church
201 Frontage Rd. NW
Byron, MN 55920
Pr. David Rossow, 507/775-6646
clcprdave@frontiernet.net

(3D)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
First Lutheran Church
912 Lake Ave.
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502
Pr. Wade Dutton, 218/847-5656

(3G)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Central Lutheran Church
333 S. 12th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Mark Sedio, 612/870-4416

(3F)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
St. Stephen Lutheran Church
1301 S. 4th St.
Marshall, MN 56258
Deb or Jane, 507/537-1516
ststephen@starpoint.net

(3D)
Sunday, October 29, 2006
First Lutheran Church
822 Douglas St.
Alexandria, MN 56308
Randy Morken, 320/762-2196

(3D)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Concordia Lutheran Church
100 Jefferson Ave. SW
Fertile, MN 56540
Pr. Carl Hansen, 218/945-6696

(3D)
Sunday, November 5, 2006
Messiah Lutheran Church
502 9th Ave. NE
Roseau, MN 56751
Ann, 218/463-1648

(3H)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
St. Michael Lutheran Church
1660 West County Road B
Roseville, MN 55113
Karen Wilkerson
651/592-6760
karenwilkerson@comcast.net

(3F)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Calvary Lutheran Church
302 Olena Ave.
Willmar, MN 56201
J. Aalderks or D. Rice, 320/235-2508
calvarylutheran@willmar.com

(3G)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
18500 County Road 101
Maple Grove, MN 55311
Lori Buegler, 763/420-5015

(3I)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Central Lutheran Church
259 West Wabasha St.
Winona, MN 55987
Patricia Lundeen, 507/452-5156
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(5L)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
21 N. Hill St.
La Crescent, MN 55947
Angie Henning, 507/895-6048
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(3H)
Monday, November 13, 2006
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, MN 55124
Mark Ertl, 952/432-6351
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(3I)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Grace Lutheran Church
300 E. Elm Avenue
Waseca, MN 56093
Pat Hinz, 507/582-3466
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(3E)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
First Lutheran Church
1100 E. Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55802
Pr. Karen Bockelman, 218/724-4424
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(3E)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
First Lutheran Church
107 2nd St. SE
Aitkin, MN 56431
Pr. Karen Bockelman, 218/724-4424
karen.bockelman@ecunet.org

(3G)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
Christ Lutheran Church
641 89th Ave. NE
Blaine, MN 55434
John Lundholm, 651/495-2181
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(3F)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
Rejoice Lutheran Church
1155 Cty. Rd. 75
Clearwater, MN 55320
Pr. Scott Gjevre, 320/558-6851
rejoice@rejoicelutheranchurch.org

(3H)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
700 Snelling Avenue South
St. Paul, MN 55116
Pr. Harvey Leuning, 651/699-1378
prharvey@gloriadeistpaul.org

(3E)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Zion Lutheran Church
2901 Highway 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Pr. Karen Bockelman, 218/724-4424
karen.bockelman@ecunet.org

(3G)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran
13760 McKenna Road NW
Prior Lake, MN 5 5372-1199
Bryon Dockter, 952/230-2941
bryon-dockter@sollc.org

(3F)
Saturday, March 3, 2007
Augustana Lutheran Church
603 Armstrong Blvd. N
St. James, MN 56081
Diane Missling, 507/375-4792

Missouri

(4B)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
914 West Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65203
Janice Kibler, 816/861-6584
jkibler@css-elca.org

(4B)
Sunday, November 5, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017
Janice Kibler, 816/861-6584
jkibler@css-elca.org

Montana (1F)

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview
Glendive, MT 59330
Pr. Avis Anderson
aabgsky@midrivers.com

Saturday, November 4, 2006
American Lutheran Church
5 Lewis Avenue
Billings, MT 59101
Pr. Kay Tostengard
pastorkay@amluth.org

Saturday, November 4, 2006
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
1400 Stuart St.
Helena, MT 59601
Rob Stuberg, AIM
rob@ourredeemerlives.org

Saturday, November 11, 2006
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
603 S. Main Street
Kalispell, MT 59901
Pr. Larry Stappler
pastorbl@cmontanasky.us

Saturday, November 11, 2006
First Lutheran
641 2nd Avenue North
Glasgow, MT 59230
Pr. Scott Hedegaard
scothed@nemontel.net

Saturday, November 18, 2006
First Lutheran Church
Havre, MT 59501
Mary Stevens
marypt@ttc-cmc.net

Saturday, December 2, 2006
St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 Brooks Street
Missoula, MT 59801
Bonnie Olsgaard
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Nebraska (4A)

Saturday, October 21, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
1300 W. Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701-2621
Claire Bushong, 402/426-7311

Saturday, December 2, 2006
American Lutheran Church
1512 Ave. G
Gothenburg, NE 69138-1716
Glenn Hohlt, 308/532-0250

Saturday, January 6, 2007
Calvary Lutheran Church
17 E. 27th St.
Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4352
Glenn Hohlt, 308/532-0250

Saturday, January 20, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
701 N. 6th
Beatrice, NE 68310-2326
Matt Schur, 402/477-2607

Saturday, February 17, 2007
Dana College
2848 College Drive
Blair, NE 68008-1099
Claire Bushong, 402/426-7311

Synod Key

1A Alaska
1B Northwest Washington
1C Southwestern Washington
1D Eastern Washington-Idaho
1E Oregon
1F Montana
2A Sierra Pacific
2B Southwest California
2C Pacifica
2D Grand Canyon
2E Rocky Mountain
3A Western North Dakota
3B Eastern North Dakota
3C South Dakota
3D Northwestern Minnesota
3E Northeastern Minnesota
3F Southwestern Minnesota
3G Minneapolis Area
3H Saint Paul Area
3I Southeastern Minnesota
4A Nebraska
4B Central States
4C Arkansas-Oklahoma
4D Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana
4E Southwestern Texas
4F Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast
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5D Southeastern Iowa
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5G Northern Great Lakes
5H Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
5I East-Central Synod of Wisconsin
5J Greater Milwaukee
5K South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
5L La Crosse Area
6A Southeast Michigan
6B North/West Lower Michigan
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6F Southern Ohio
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7D Upstate New York
7E Northeastern Pennsylvania
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8A Northwestern Pennsylvania
8B Southwestern Pennsylvania
8C Allegheny
8D Lower Susquehanna
8E Upper Susquehanna
8F Delaware-Maryland
8G Metropolitan Washington, D.C.
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9B North Carolina
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St. Pauls Lutheran Church
1515 Harrison St.
Grand Island, NE 68803
Glatha Rathjen, 402/429-5510

Nevada (2D)

Saturday, January 13, 2007
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
6670 West Cheyenne Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89108
Tim Beasley, 702/645-1777
tim@holyspiritlc.org

New Jersey (7A)

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Lutheran Church of St. Matthew
2201 New York Ave.
Union City, NJ 07087-1090
Pr. Gus Vinajeras
saintmatthewuc@aol.com

Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
587 Springfield Ave.
Summit, NJ 07901
George Moser, 908/918-2505
gmoser@stjohnssummit.org

Saturday, February 3, 2007
St. Paul Lutheran Church
130 Cable Ave.
Beachwood, NJ 08722-4040
Pr. Peter Hartney
pastor@stpaul-lutheranchurch.com

Saturday, March 3, 2007
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
318 Chester Ave.
Moorestown, NJ 08057
Pr. Bert Carlson, 856/235-2055

New Mexico

(2E)
Saturday, February 17, 2007
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
6104 Taylor Ranch Drive
Albuquerque, NM 87120
Linda Willoughby, 505/897-0047
linda@crossofhope.org

New York

(7D)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
First Lutheran Church
181 Western Ave.
Albany, NY 12203
Pr. Vern Victorson, 518/463-1326

(7C)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7420 4th Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11209
Pr. Cathy E. Rosenholtz
cathyellen@earthlink.net

(7D)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. John's Lutheran Church
3512 Clinton St.
West Seneca, NY 14224
Pr. John Klatt, 716/668-2152

(7D)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Incarnate Word Lutheran Church
597 East Ave.
Rochester, NY 14607
Pr. Joanne Stewart, 585/244-6065

(7C)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
3 Carhart Ave.
White Plains, NY 10605
Pr. Cathy E. Rosenholtz
cathyellen@earthlink.net

(7D)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7248 Highbridge Road
Fayetteville, NY 13066
Pr. Dave Roppel, 315/637-9290

(7C)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
99 Central Park Rd.
Plainview, NY 11803
Pr. Cathy E. Rosenholtz
cathyellen@earthlink.net

(7C)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
St. Luke Lutheran Church
308 W. 46th St.
New York, NY 10036
Pr. Cathy E. Rosenholtz
cathyellen@earthlink.ne

(7C)
Saturday, March 24, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
55 Wilbur Blvd.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Pr. Cathy E. Rosenholtz
cathyellen@earthlink.net

North Carolina (9B)

Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
12 North 6th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, November 4, 2006
Lutheran Church of the Nativity
2425 Hendersonville Rd.
PO Box 208
Arden, NC 28704
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, January 20, 2007
First Lutheran Church
3600 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27410
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, January 20, 2007
Calvary Lutheran Church
950 Bradley St.
Concord, NC 28205
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, February 10, 2007
St. Philip Lutheran Church
7304 Falls of Neuse Road
Raleigh, NC 27615
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, February 10, 2007
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
4420 County Home Rd.
Conover, NC 28613
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, March 10, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

Saturday, March 10, 2007
St. Luke Lutheran Church
3200 Park Road
PO Box 11063
Charlotte, NC 28220
Charlene Deese
704/633-4861, ext. 118

North Dakota

(3B) & (3D)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
1710 5th St. S
Fargo, ND 58103
Pr. Ronald Bock or Dawn Papenfuss, 701/232-8521
ldpapenfuss@cableone.net

(3B)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
418 5th Ave. W
Lisbon, ND 58054
Leon Zavadil, 701/437-2661
firstlutheran@mlgc.com

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2517 9th Ave. W
Williston, ND 58801
Pr. Stephanie Lorenz, 701/572-4846
stlore01@hotmail.com

Saturday, November 4, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
523 4th Ave. SE
Jamestown, ND 58401
Pr. Naomi Garber, 701/232-3381
naomi@eandsynod.org

(3A)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
146 W. 6th
Dickinson, ND 58601
Kris Brugamyer
churchwork@brugamyer.com

(3B) & (3D)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Sharon Lutheran Church
1720 S. 20th St.
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Pr. Wildermuth, 701/772-3122
dwildermuth@sharonlutheran.org

(3A)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
106 Osage Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58501
Craig Schweitzer
craig@goodshepherdbismarck.com

(3A)
Sunday, November 19, 2006
Bethany Lutheran Church
215 Southeast Third Ave.
Minot, ND 58701
Kari Files, 701/852-1655
karifiles@srt.com

(3B)
Saturday, December 9, 2006
St. Olaf Lutheran Church
601 6th St.
Devil's Lake, ND 58301
Dan Nybo, 701/466-2536
dan.nybo@sendit.nodak.edu

(3B)
Saturday, February 24, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
1710 5th St. S
Fargo, ND 58103
Pr. Mark Strobel
palatino@702com.net

(3B)
Saturday, March 3, 2007
Sharon Lutheran Church
1720 S. 20th St.
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Beth Peterson, 701/265-8907
bethp@polarcomm.com

Ohio

(6F)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
122 W. National Rd.
Vandalia, OH 45377
Emily Harrison, 937/898-5656

(6E)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
St. Paul Lutheran Church
2860 E. Market St.
Warren, OH 44483-6298
Pr. Steve Ritter, 330/394-5741
stpaulwarrenoh@aol.com

(6E)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
First English Lutheran Church
53 Park Ave W
Mansfield, OH 44902-1602
Tim Guenther, AIM, 419/522-0662
tguenther@richnet.net

(6E)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Christ the Redeemer Lutheran
9201 Brecksville Rd.
Brecksville, OH 44141-9512
Joanna Pretz-Anderson, AIM
440/526-2303
jpretzanderson@crlcbrecksville.org

(6F)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
135 E. Mound St.
Circleville, OH 43113
Pr. Karen Kepner, 740/474-3151

(6D)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Emanuel Lutheran Church
810 Scott St.
Napoleon, OH 43545
Pam Jacobs, 419/423-3664
pam.jacobs@nwos-elca.org

(6D)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
18974 State Route 12
Arcadia, OH 44804-9714
Pam Jacobs, 419/423-3664
pam.jacobs@nwos-elca.org

(6F)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
116 N. 7th St.
Zanesville, OH 43701-3795
Pam Rudolph or Renee Thorn
740/452-7569

(6D)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State St.
Fremont, OH 43420
Pam Jacobs, 419/423-3664
pam.jacobs@nwos-elca.org

(6E)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
St. Paul Lutheran Church
777 S. Summit St.
Smithville, OH 44677-0228
Pat Chambers, 330/669-2431

(6F)
Saturday, February 3, 2007
All Saints Lutheran Church
6770 N. High St.
Worthington, OH 43085-1200
Marj Stevenson
marjs@saintsonhigh.org

(6D)
Saturday, February 3, 2007
Good Hope Lutheran Church
129 West Charles St. (at Poplar)
Bucyrus, OH 44820
Pam Jacobs, 419/423-3664
pam.jacobs@nwos-elca.org

(6D)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Epiphany Lutheran Church
915 North Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43615
Pam Jacobs, 419/423-3664
pam.jacobs@nwos-elca.org

(6D)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Zion Lutheran Church
1300 Edgewood Dr.
Lima, OH 45805-1009
Pam Jacobs, 419/423-3664
pam.jacobs@nwos-elca.org

(6F)
Saturday, February 17, 2007
Zion Lutheran Church
10 N. Breiel Blvd.
Middletown, OH 45042-3804
Pr. Dave Moreland, 513/423-8745
pastor@zionluthchurch.org

Oklahoma

(4C)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
10600 N. Council Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73162
Pr. Wally Swenson or Nancy Krause, 405/721-0590

(4C)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Fellowship Lutheran Church
6727 S. Sheridan Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74133
Steve Camp, 918/492-3698

Oregon

(1E)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Zion Lutheran Church
1113 SW Black Butte Blvd.
Redmond, OR 97756
Joy Conradt
541/312-8398 or 541/923-7466
zionlc@bigfoot.com

(1E)
Saturday. November 4, 2006
Milwaukie Lutheran Church
3810 SE Lake Rd.
Milwaukie, OR 97222
Sheryl Ann Waage
milwaukielc@comcast.net

(1E)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Bethesda Lutheran Church
4445 Royal Ave.
Eugene, OR 97402
Michael Jamieson, 541/953-0699
mjamieson7@comcast.net

Pennsylvania

(7F)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
LTSP Seminary Chapel
7301 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19119
Stephanie Ammons, 215/248-6316
sammons@ltsp.edu

(7E)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Dallas, PA 18612
Karen Matthias-Long, 610/395-6891
karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org

(8E)
Sunday, October 22, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
120 N. Main St.
Lewistown, PA 17044
Pr. Gary Roth, 717/248-8780

(8B)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Logans Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 15668
Pr. Edward Sheehan
pastored81@verizon.net

(7F)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
St. Luke Lutheran Church
203 N. Valley Forge Rd.
Devon, PA 19333
Donna Weinstein
office@saintlukedevon.org

(8B)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
First Lutheran Church
246 South Main St.
Greenburg, PA 15601
Marvin Huls
mshuls@comcast.net

(7E)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
252 Dock St.
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
Karen Matthias-Long, 610/395-6891
karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org

(8C)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
106 W. Penn Street
Bedford, PA 15522-1391
Susan Casteel, 814/623-5223
casteel@bedford.net

(8B)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
St. John's Luth Church of Highland
311 Cumberland Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Pr. William Diehm
willfish2@comcast.net

(7E)
Saturday, November 11, 2006
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Fish Hill Road
Tannersville, PA 18372
Karen Matthias-Long, 610/395-6891
karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org

(7F)
Sunday, November 12, 2006
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
400 Lynbrooke Rd
Springfield, PA 19064
Pr. Jenn Oilikainen
office@stmattspringfield.org

(8E)
Sunday, November 12, 2006
St. Luke Lutheran Church
501 Catawissa Ave.
Sunbury, PA 17801
Christy Zeigler, 570/286-1232

(8C)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
216 N. McAllister Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823-0216
Pr. Barry Folmar, 814/355-4679
abcfolmar@pennswoods.net

(8D)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. Paul Lutheran Church
200 W. Orange St.
Lititz, PA 17543
Pam Drenner, 717/652-1852
pdrenner@lss-elca.org

(7F)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
505 N. York Rd.
Hatboro, PA 19040
Pr. Diana Thompson
sjlc@verizon.net

(7E)
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Christ Lutheran Church
1245 West Hamilton St.
Allentown, PA 18102
Karen Matthias-Long, 610/395-6891
karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org

(7F)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
St. John Lutheran Church
1802 Skippack Pike
Center Square, PA 19422
Pr. Bill Welther
saintjohnsmail@aol.com

(8B)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
Trinity Lutheran Church
331 Weldon St.
Latrobe, PA 15650
Julia Sprenkle, AIM
juliasprenkle@trinitylatrobe.com

(7E)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
Atonement Lutheran Church
5 Wyomissing Blvd.
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Karen Matthias-Long, 610/395-6891
karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org

(8C)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
Moxham Lutheran Church
500 Park Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902-2616
Ruth Eckley, AIM, 814/238-2478
aimeckley@glcpa.org

(7E)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
Christ Luth. Ch. of Lower Saucon
857 South Easton Rd.
Hellertown, PA 18055
Karen Matthias-Long, 610/395-6891
karen.matthias-long@ecunet.org

(8D)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
First Lutheran Church
21 S. Bedford St.
Carlisle, PA 17013
Pam Drenner, 717/652-1852
pdrenner@lss-elca.org

(8B)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
400 Old Clairton Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
Pr. Allyn Giuffre
akgiuffre@verizon.net

(8D)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Zion Lutheran Church
Allegheny and Swatura Sts.
Dauphin, PA 17018
Pam Drenner, 717/652-1852
pdrenner@lss-elca.org

(8C)
Saturday, January 27, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
217 E. Pine Street
Clearfield, PA 16830-2597
Robin Stewart, 814/765-2539
stewfour@atlanticbb.net

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(8D)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Luth. Theo. Seminary at Gettysburg
61 Seminary Ridge
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Pam Drenner, 717/652-1852, ext.103
pdrenner@lss-elca.org

(8C)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
Trinity Lutheran Church
918 Tayman Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501-1736
Pr. Walter Startzel, 814/893-5135
graceluther@hotmail.com

(8B)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
First English Lutheran Church
125 North Main St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
Dennis Lane, 412/780-3729
dtl136@psu.edu

(8E)
Sunday, February 11, 2007
Messiah Lutheran Church
324 Howard St.
South Williamsport, PA 17702
Linda Herbst, 570/326-9171

(8E)
Saturday, February 24, 2007
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1600 Fowler Ave.
Berwick, PA 18603
Kathy Monroe, 570/752-3737

(8C)
Saturday, March 10, 2007
St. James Lutheran Church
1407 8th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602-2407
Ruth Eckley, AIM, 814/238-2478
aimeckley@glcpa.org

(8E)
Sunday, March 11, 2007
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
100 S. Main St.
Middleburg, PA 17842
Jane Hoover, 570/837-6121

(8E)
Saturday, March 24, 2007
Christ Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning St.
Milton, PA 17847
Linda Shipman, 570/742-7473

(8C)
Saturday, March 24, 2007
Allegheny Synod "CTIM" Event
Blair County Convention Center
One Convention Center Dr.
Altoona, PA 16602
Ruth Eckley, AIM, 814/238-2478
aimeckley@glcpa.org

(8A)
Saturday, May 5, 2007
Grace Lutheran Church
420 Madison St.
Clarion, PA 16214
Pr. Jake Jacobson
hojake@adelphia.net

(8A)
Saturday, May 12, 2007
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
5312 Peach St.
Erie, PA 16509
Kate Logan
etak1971@yahoo.com

South Carolina (9C)

Saturday, November 11, 2006
Redeemer Lutheran Church
525 St. Andrew's Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210
Pr. Gary Loadholdt, 803/772-5419
pastorgary@placeforgrace.org

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
421 N. Main
Greenville, SC 29601
David Rhyne, 864/242-5702
derhyne@trinitylutheran.ws

Saturday, November 18, 2006
St. James Lutheran Church
1358 South Lake Dr.
Lexington, SC 29073-8353
Pr. Bill Eiwen, 803/359-2122
geiwen@juno.com

Saturday, January 20, 2007
St. Luke Lutheran Church
206 Central Ave.
Summerville, SC 29483
Pr. Sue Briner, 843/873-2652
sjbriner@bellsouth.net

Saturday, January 20, 2007
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1515 Boundary St.
Newberry, SC 29108
Huger Caughman, 803/276-2003
redeemermc@bellsouth.net

Saturday, January 27, 2007
Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran
2637 Highway 17 South
Garden City, SC 29576
Pr. Richard Webber, 843/651-7377
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South Dakota (3C)

Saturday, October 21, 2006
First Lutheran Church
411 N. Duff St.
Mitchell, SD 57301-3003
Prs. Astrup or Hagmeier,
605/996-7706

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Peace Lutheran Church
5509 W. 41st St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Pr. Rolf Svanoe, 605/361-3683

Saturday, November 4, 2006
Zion Lutheran Church
1732 S. Main St.
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Pr. Marcia Sylvester, 605/225-6755

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Trinity Lutheran Church
816 E. Clark St.
Vermillion, SD 57069
Christy Kimball, 605/624-4442

Saturday, December 2, 2006
Atonement Lutheran Church
602 Auburn Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57701-9577
Pr. Jon Mapa, 605/343-3155

(3C)
Saturday, January 20, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
820 Main St.
Webster, SD 57274
Mark Levson, 605/345-3415

Tennessee (9D)

Saturday, January 27, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
544 Broadway NW
Knoxville, TN 37917-7427
Claudia Wise, 865/523-3330
cstaff@st-johns-lutheran.org

Sunday, January 28, 2007
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road
Franklin, TN 37064
Pr. Julian Gordy, 615/428-8986
pastor@saintandrewchurch.com

Texas

(4F)
Sunday, October 22, 2006
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
305 W. 3rd St.
Brenham, TX 77833
Pr. Lawrence Bade, 979/836-5522

(4E)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Zion of Helotes Lutheran Church
9944 Leslie Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78254
Jennifer Gold, 210/688-3090
jgold@zionhelotes.org

(4F)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Living Word Lutheran Church
3700 S. Mason Rd.
Katy, TX 77450
Barbara Van Akkeren, 281/392-2300

(4D)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Calvary Lutheran Church
7620 Baker Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76118
Pr. Phil Heinze
phil@calvaryftw.org

(4F)
Sunday, November 5, 2006
House of Prayer Lutheran Church
14045 Space Center Blvd.
Houston, TX 77062
Eli Lopez, 281/448-4439

(4F)
Sunday, November 12, 2006
Kinsmen Lutheran Church
12100 Champion Forest Dr.
Houston, TX 77066
Edwina Ehmann
eehmann@kinsmenlutheran.org

(4D)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
First Lutheran Church
1008 Jefferson Ave.
Waco, TX 76701
Pr. Dan Brandt
oneluth@ev1.net or flcwaco@ev1.net

(4E)
Saturday, January 13, 2007
First Lutheran Church
302 S. Sugar Rd.
Edinburg, TX 78539
Carol Holck, 512/346-5683
carol@tllc.org

(4E)
Sunday, January 14, 2007
St. John Lutheran Church
3316 County Rd. #48
Robstown, TX 78380
Carol Holck, 512/346-5683
carol@tllc.org

(4E)
Saturday, February 3, 2007
St. Martin Lutheran Church
606 W. 15th St.
Austin, TX 78701
Carol Holck, 512/346-5683
carol@tllc.org

(2E)
Saturday, February 10, 2007
New Hope Lutheran Church
4801 Sun Valley Drive
El Paso, TX 79924
Karen Miller, 915/544-6767

(4D)
Saturday, February 17, 2007
St. Luke Lutheran Church
1210 West Belt Line Rd.
Richardson, TX 75080
Pr. Peder Sandager
pastorpete@stlukeslutheranchurch.org

(4E)
Saturday, February 24, 2007
Trinity Lutheran Church
106 N. Deleon St.
Austin, TX 77901
Leah Matocha, 361/573-1130
blsma@access4less.net

(4D)
Saturday, February 24, 2007
Grace Lutheran Church
1202 S. Pioneer
Abilene, TX 79605
Pr. Doug Dirks, 325/692-1342
or Paula Rennegarbe, 940/256-2054

Utah (2E)

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Zion Lutheran Church
1070 Foothill Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84108
Melanie Instefjord, 801/582-2321
office@zelc.org

Vermont (7B)

Saturday, November 11, 2006
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1 Hillside Rd.
Rutland, VT 05701
Pr. Sharon Hughes, 802/775-7091

Virgin Islands (9F)

Saturday, November 18, 2006
Frederick Lutheran Church
7 Norre Gade
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
Virgin Islands 00804
Pr. Kienberger, 340/776-1315

Virginia

(9A)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
250 Fox Hill Road
Hampton, VA 23669
Pr. Jean Bozeman, 757/622-9421
bozeman@vasynod.org

(9A)
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church
281 E. Market St.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Pr. Jean Bozeman, 757/622-9421
bozeman@vasynod.org

(9A)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
Christ the King Lutheran Church
9800 W. Huguenot Road
Richmond, VA 23235
Pr. Jean Bozeman, 757/622-9421
bozeman@vasynod.org

(9A)
Saturday, December 2, 2006
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
600 Prices Fork Road NW
Blacksburg, VA 24060
Pr. Jean Bozeman, 757/622-9421
bozeman@vasynod.org

(8G)
Saturday, March 3, 2007
St. Mark Lutheran Church
5800 Backlick Rd.
Springfield, VA 22150
Jeffrey Pannebaker, 301/588-4363
jpannebaker@email.com

Washington

(1C)
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 122nd Ave. E
Edgewood, WA 98372
Amy Boers
aboers@mtviewlutheran.org

(1C)
Saturday, October 28, 2006
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
301 E. Lopez St.
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Onalaska, WI 54650
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Ripe for Picking

Resources for our Church and Ecumenical Partners

Fall is nearly here, and the ELCA Office for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations is providing new resources and opportunities for our church and ecumenical partners. Here is what to look for on our Web site at *www.elca.org/ecumenical*

Lend your voice to the possibility of full communion with the United Methodist Church! Have your congregation review *Confessing Our Faith Together* online, fill out the evaluation form, and send it to us.

Are you an ELCA seminarian? Write an essay for our 3rd annual essay contest on the topic of ecumenism in the 21st Century. Guidelines for this year's topic — "The Significance of Ecumenical Activity in Congregational Life" — are online!

Write your ecumenical experiences and we'll put them online. Click on our new "Your Story" link and send your reflections today. See what others are doing in their communities, and learn how you can become more involved.

Do you want even more information? Sign-up for the ELCA e-newsletter *Ecumenical Life*. You'll receive *E-Life* six times a year and be informed about current ecumenical and inter-religious developments and events.

Finally, look for the new highly anticipated free ecumenical bulletin inserts that are available in the "Resources" section of the Web site.

New *Pericope Partners* Online Now

Pericope Partners, a regular collection of short stories that connect the ministries of the ELCA with weekly lectionary readings, is now available for the second half of Pentecost (Sept. 3 - Nov. 26, 2006). These selections are written by ELCA churchwide staff members, and are appropriate for sermon subjects or for insertions in Sunday bulletins or newsletters.

This issue of *Pericope Partners* features writings on hunger, poverty, and global mission. By sharing these stories, you enhance the ministries supported by your congregation's mission support dollars.

Pericope Partners is available online at *www.elca.org/pericope*

Adoption Documentary Tells Heartwarming Story

The film documentary, *5000 Miles*, which follows a young couple from Milwaukee on their journey to adopt a child from Poland, is now available on DVD. This film highlights the collaboration of two **Lutheran Adoption Network** members, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and the Lutheran Service Society of New York. *5000 Miles* has received positive reviews since its release May 30, 2006 and has been described as "heartwarming and astounding."

"The story of building a family through adoption has never been told quite this way," says producer Michael Rozumalski. "In most of the stories I have seen about adoption, the emotion seemed to be missing. These other stories were told as informational pieces; we look at the emotional process of finding and meeting your child."

For more information and to order a copy of the DVD, visit *www.5000milesmovie.com*

Cross-cultural Immersion in Holy Land Offered

In January 2007, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary will offer a cross-cultural immersion in Israel and Egypt. Iconographer Dr. Harvey Huntley will accompany the group to enhance this year's emphasis on the Eastern Orthodox presence in the Holy Land. There will be meetings with The Rev. Mitri Raheb of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, the staff of Augusta Victoria Hospital, the pastors of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem, and Archbishop Abuna Elias Chacour in Galilee, as well as with Jewish settlers and kibbutzniks. Three hours academic credit is also possible at the M.A.R., M.Div., S.T.M., and D.Min. levels. Contact Dr. Monte Luker for details, *LLuker@mac.com* or 803/787-0864. Pastors and lay professionals are encouraged to join us for continuing education credit.

Daily Discipleship

Living in Christ is a daily challenge for disciples of all ages. This fall, consider using the free online lectionary curriculum, *Daily Discipleship*. The theme for this quarter is "Living in Christ." It is an excellent small group discussion guide for disciples of Christ who want to implement biblical principles in their daily lives. Many preachers find *Daily Discipleship* a helpful tool as they prepare their sermons.

Visit Daily Discipleship at *www.elca.org/evangelism/dailydiscipleship*

Marriage Handbook

The Lutheran Handbook has engaged countless Lutherans in their everyday faith with a distinctive blend of seriousness and humor. Now *The Lutheran Handbook on Marriage* does the same for engaged couples, newlyweds, and married couples at any stage! *The Lutheran Handbook on Marriage* brings wit and wisdom to the sometimes frustrating but gracious gift of marriage.

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Speaking of marriage, Augsburg will publish The *Handbook*-based *Lutheran Course on Marriage* Dec. 1, 2006.

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4:24 Prayer Campaign

At 4:24 p.m. each day, during the Youth Gathering in San Antonio, all activities came to a halt. Thousands of young people, their adult leaders, churchwide staff members, vendors, and others bowed their heads for one minute of intentional prayer and reflection.

Based on Acts 4:24, "When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God," the prayer campaign united a community of Christ at a specific time of the day. Why not encourage members of your congregation to take a minute from their day and to pray at 4:24?

What's New on the World Wide Web

Pandemic Planning Materials Available Online

We are living in difficult and challenging days. Our hearts are heavy with painful memories of the past several years. September 11, the anthrax attacks, the ongoing war against terrorism, the war in Iraq, and the devastation of Katrina and other hurricanes have indelibly traumatized us.

Many people have turned to leaders of their congregations in these difficult times. The leaders' support, prayers, presence, and counsel have been, and will continue to be, a source of comfort and strength for many.

Global pandemic is another potential danger that could create extreme anxiety and fear among the people we serve, for which we must make some specific preparation. Such a calamity could result in the prohibition of public gatherings, including worship, as well as lengthy quarantine periods in some communities.

The ELCA Conference of Bishops, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Worship, and ELCA Information Technology have developed some resources to assist faith leaders if a pandemic actually occurs. These include worship materials and spiritually sustaining ideas and plans that address the fears and anxieties that would surely arise if such a disaster struck.

We can never control future events, but we can control how we prepare for them. By preparing for difficult challenges, we may respond effectively to events we pray will never happen.

Visit *www.elca.org/disaster/pandemic* for resources that include:

- Guide for worship with litanies and prayers for times of pandemic and quarantine
- Congregational checklist on pandemic and quarantine planning
- Contingency plans for worship during quarantine
- Proposal for a Spiritual Care Hotline with contact information for chaplains, pastors, and lay pastoral counselors.

For more information, contact The Rev. Kevin Massey, assistant director for ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, at *Kevin.Massey@elca.org* or 800/638-3522, ext. 2822.

About Your Congregational Web Site

Just because your congregation has a Web site does not ensure that it will be found. If you don't have an ad or listing in the Yellow Pages no one would be able to find your phone number. It's the same with the World Wide Web. No one will know that you have a Web site if you don't market it.

The Web is one of the easiest and most cost effective methods of outreach into your community. For as little as $10 a month, or even less, you can reach your community effectively and attractively. So how do you go about spreading the word? Here are some basic steps to help generate visits to your ministry Web site:

- Include your Web address on your letterhead, bulletin, newsletter and any other correspondence that leaves the church
- During announcements remind the people in the pews to visit the Web site for more information
- If you have a Yellow Pages or newspaper ad, include your Web address
- Update your Web content regularly. The site should offer new and exciting information about your church
- Submit your Web address to the big search engines like Google (*www.google.com*) and Yahoo! (*www.yahoo.com*) There is no charge for this service, but make sure that your site is correctly coded for optimal search engine recognition

The ELCA Web site offers guidance, great ideas, and resources for enhancing your Web ministry at *www.elca.org/webministry*

Q&A

In every issue of *Seeds for the Parish*, ELCA resource center staff pull together a "Q&A" on topics that they discuss in their meeting on LutherLink. To find the resource center near you, go to *www.elca.org/communication/resourcecenters.html*

Q *What are some safety tips for secretaries working alone in a church building?*

A I certainly understand the concern for safety. In so many buildings, especially older ones, the office is a long way from the door. This makes it difficult to answer a doorbell (if there is one) and impossible to know when someone enters the building if the door is left open. The safety issue is also a concern for custodians who might be working alone in a building. I recommend the chapters on building and staff safety in *Safe and Secure: The Alban Guide to Protecting Your Congregation* (Alban Institute; 800/486-1318; *www.alban.org*).

—Sara Johnson
Resource Service Center
Southwestern Minnesota Synod Redwood Falls

A In a congregation where I was a former member we installed a buzzer at both doors to the administration building so the secretary could see who was there. When she walked down to open the door, she would take a cordless phone with her. We also installed a pass-through window about 18" x 18." The secretary could keep the office door locked when she was alone, and she could help people from behind the window if she felt unsafe.

—Gayle Denny, executive director
Evangelical Lutheran Education Association

A My first career job was managing the office of the *Lutheran Vespers* radio ministry in Minneapolis. Our offices faced the street and my desk was the first one inside the door. Our staff was all or mostly women. Late afternoons in the winter can be quite dark in Minnesota, and we occasionally had panhandlers drop in. After a particularly volatile visit one evening, the personnel department had a button installed under the lip of my desk. Pressing that button sounded an alarm in the main offices around the corner. Now there are more sophisticated alarm systems that signal security companies and police. I think these serve a good purpose, if only to make staff feel more secure.

—Ann Hafften
Weatherford, Texas

A This business of being safe in the workplace — especially when so many church secretaries and other staff members work alone — is a real concern. I recall one truly horrible time when I was in the Alaska Synod office alone, except for the bishop's dog, Gretel. (The bishop was out on a call.) On this dark winter afternoon a very angry and very drunk man came stumbling though the outer door. He was prevented from going any further by the locked inner door. He was vile in manner and speech and would have broken down the inner door if Gretel had not stood up on her hind legs and looked at him through the window growling and barking. Gretel kept him at bay while I dialed 911. He left (screaming, gesturing, and threatening to kill the dog) before the police got there but they did track him down. I can't recommend a dog for every office, but it was truly by the grace of God that Gretel was there that day. An alarm may work, but if my inner door had not been locked that time, and had there been no dog to menace the intruder, I could have been harmed before help arrived, even with an alarm signal. A lock on the door and a second exit — a way to escape — should also be considered.

—Brenda J. Engelby
Associate in Ministry
Tucson, Ariz.

Rev. Ronald Johnson Wins Peterman Good Steward Award

The Rev. Ronald Johnson, pastor of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis for 32 years, was recognized this spring for his outstanding leadership in stewardship ministry with the 2006 Lee Peterman Good Steward Award. Presented by Ed Kruse, ELCA stewardship director, Johnson received the award at the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly held in April 2006. In the nomination form, Bishop's Associate Heather Hammond wrote,

> "For many years Pastor Johnson has demonstrated exemplary stewardship by his leadership of a challenging inner-city congregation through significant periods of social and community change. Through it all, Pastor Johnson has led the congregation to steward its mission wisely, and always to contribute generously to the work of the whole church.
>
> Year in and year out, Holy Trinity leads the Minneapolis Area Synod in the percentage of its income offered to mission support, as well as consistently being in the top five (out of 167) congregations in terms of total dollars given.
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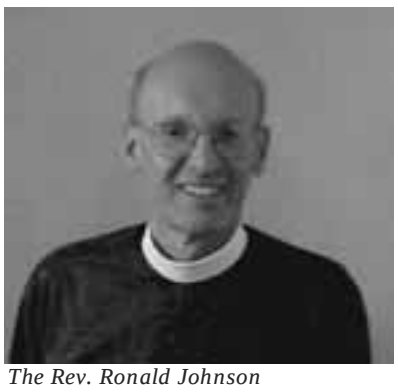
> Add to that the congregation's excellent stewardship of its changing neighborhood, through involvement in affordable housing and Hispanic outreach. Consider as well the way Holy Trinity, through Pastor Johnson's leadership, stewards the talents of its members in producing high-quality dramas and musical offerings, as well as providing intellectually stimulating opportunities for the community, as evidenced in the recent lecture series by Douglas John Hall sponsored by the congregation."


The Rev. Ronald Johnson

When asked what stewardship means to him, he replied, "It is the use of one's total resources in caring for the community and the created order." At age 24, when he worked in Tanzania for the Church of Sweden, Johnson saw the importance of supporting the church throughout the world, as well as the community in which a congregation exists. Since arriving at Holy Trinity, he has continued to emphasize the importance of global mission and has led his congregation to Africa more than once. The congregation has also worked in its Minneapolis neighborhood to help build affordable housing.

Pastor Johnson, who retired in July, did not preach about stewardship. He preached about the numerous mission opportunities that the congregation is given.

Stewardship Resources

Go to *www.elca.org/stewardship* to find resources for:

- Getting started — New to stewardship? This is where to start.
- Financial response methods — How to get financial commitments from members.
- Teaching stewardship — What's available for stewardship education?
- Year-round communication — Keep going with year-round stewardship.
- Raising funds — Guidance with what the ELCA promotes and discourages.
- Interpreting the mission of the ELCA — Help tell the story of the church.

Prayer Ventures Lifts up ELCA Missionary Stephanie Quick

Last Easter, members of a new Lutheran community in Guapiles, Costa Rica, worshipped together for the first time.

The presiding pastor was the Rev. Stephanie Quick, an ELCA missionary serving the Costa Rican Lutheran Church (*Iglesia Luterana Costarricense,* or ILCO).

After residents of Guapiles decided to establish a Lutheran church, ILCO asked Quick to develop a new faith community in the San Martin neighborhood.

"Offering English classes turned out to be a great way to meet people," she says.

Also a leader of worship and children's activities in two congregations in the Sarapiqui region, Pastor Quick says her young students are interested in learning about life in different countries —- especially Alaska, where she served her internship at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Nome.

"It has taken quite a bit of convincing to assure them that my friends in Nome don't live in igloos," she says. "My dream is to do an indigenous youth exchange, where kids from Alaska could come to the rainforest and worship in Spanish and kids from Costa Rica could see snow and worship in Inupiaq. Very neat!"

You can pray for Pastor Quick and her ministry on September 23, when she is cited in *Prayer Ventures*, the guide to daily prayer for the ELCA's global and outreach ministries.

Prayer Ventures is online at *www.elca.org/prayerventures* A print version may be requested by calling 800/638-3522, ext. 2642.

Two Winter Global Mission Festivals Scheduled in Sunny South

When it's cold and snowy this winter, soak up some rays while participating in Global Mission Festivals in Florida and Arizona!

From January 26-28, 2007, in Winter Park, Fla. you can enjoy a Global Mission Festival, an event that is shorter and more regional than a Global Mission Event (GME), but includes all its elements — global music, engaging plenary speakers and plenty of learning opportunities. This event will offer programming for youth aged 14 and older.

February 5-6, 2007, consider visiting Scottsdale, Ariz., for the 12th annual "Rally in the Valley." ELCA Global Mission is collaborating with "Rally in the Valley" to bring a global emphasis to this annual event for seniors. There will be no programming for children or youth at this event.

A full-scale Global Mission Event will take place July 19-22, 2007, at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Visit *www.elca.org/gme* for information on the Global Mission Events. See you this winter!

Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

If we watch daily news reports from what is known as the Holy Land, we might think there is only violence and suffering there. There is plenty of both. But we know from our Lutheran partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land that there are also people going to school and work, living in peace, and praying for peace.

We can support both Israelis and Palestinians by taking part in a churchside effort that began in Advent 2000. The ELCA "Peace Not Walls" Web site reads, "The Ecumenical Prayer Vigil is an opportunity for ELCA members to join Christians all over the USA in regular prayer for peace and healing. Participants focus their prayers on one day each month for the Christian communities in Jerusalem, for all those who are suffering in the Holy Land, for Palestinians and Israelis, and for peace in the Middle East and the world."

Many synods and congregations around the ELCA have maintained this Prayer Vigil, such as English Lutheran Church in La Crosse, Wis. There, 15 to 25 students, working adults, and retired couples gather on the 20th of each month, regardless of the day of the week. Because the prayer vigil is publicized in local papers, at least a third of the worshippers come from outside the congregation.

How has this long-term commitment to prayer affected the folks at English? Regular participant Marla Engbloom says, "The prayer vigils are one small way I feel I can contribute to the hope for peace in the Holy Land. Since the beginning of our prayer vigils, a 'Peace with Justice in the Middle East' group has been formed here and they have brought in several guest speakers on different sides of the issue, and this has been very helpful in learning the background to what is going on and to learn what is happening at the present time. I am VERY concerned about the present conflict and feel our vigil coming this Thursday evening is very important to me spiritually."

In the Chicago suburb of Barrington, the Lutheran Church of the Atonement holds an evening service on the 15th of each month. Director of Worship and Music, Helen Ailabouni, creates liturgies with Taize-style prayer and music, scripture, and poetry. After each service, the 20 to 30 people adjourn for presentations by such guest speakers as Brian Avery and Gerry and Sis Levin, who have all personally worked in the Holy Land.

The Barrington vigil is promoted in local media, and many attend from St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church.

ELCA colleges also take part in this ecumenical vigil. At Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, for example, the campus ministry team conducts services on the 14th of each month when classes are in session.

For more information visit *www.pepm.org*

Ensuring a Safe and Nurturing Environment

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.' —Luke 9:46-48 (NRSV)

Our Christian mandate in proclaiming the dignity and sacredness of each child of God prompts us to enable all people to live full and abundant lives in Christ. The congregation has a responsibility to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for children, youth, and other vulnerable individuals, including those with disabilities, while attending church activities. It also has a responsibility to clearly articulate policies and procedures designed to safeguard congregation members and to foster consistent and loving application of these principles.

Where to Begin

1. Put together a committee that represents all aspects of congregational life including parents, the property care team, church staff, council members, youth and, if possible, members from law enforcement and the legal, health care or social service professions.

2. Each state has specific and unique laws associated with child protection. Your local police can provide state contact information and sources regarding procedures in requesting criminal history and background checks.

3. Expand your research by contacting:
- the congregation's insurance provider
- your synod office
- Lutheran Social Services
- the director of an early childhood center or Lutheran school

What to Include

Congregations are advised to develop policies and procedures regarding:
- selection and screening of paid and volunteer staff who work with children, youth, and those with specific vulnerabilities
- implementing healthy and safe practices for all those engaged in ministry activities involving children and youth
- articulating ways parents, leaders, and the congregation share responsibility in upholding the principles of safety, dignity and well-being for all
- reporting and responding to suspected incidences of child abuse
- designing, sharing, and implementing medical or other emergency procedures
- developing loving and respectful discipline procedures

Communication and Review

1. Prepare a policy document that is widely communicated and easily accessible. Distribute this document to:
- teachers, parents, mentors, youth group advisors, leaders of youth choirs and other creative arts programming, mid-week ministry volunteers, VBS staff
- congregation staff, council members, members of committees and organizations such as Women of the ELCA or men's ministry
- new members and prospective members
- outside organizations and groups that use the church's facilities

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2. Post the policy on the congregation's Web site.
3. Mandate the committee to annually review the document for clarity and accuracy.

Suggested resources:

www.elca.org/legal/congregations/safeguarding.html

www.synodresourcecenter.org/admin/personnel/volunteers/

Safeguarding God's Children, a video training kit in English and Spanish from the Episcopal Church Pension Group (800/242.1918 or *www.churchpublishing.org/safeguarding* (Ask for the ELCA clergy and institution 50 percent discount.)

Better Safe Than Sued, Jack Crabtree, Group Publishing. (ISBN# 0-7644-2053-4 800-447-1070 or *www.group.com*)

www.upperroom.org/bookstore

Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church, Joy Thornton (ISBN# 0-88177-220-8)

Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in Youth Ministries, Joy Thornton, (ISBN# 0-88177-409-9)

Safe Sanctuaries for Children and Youth (DVD) ISBN# 0-88177-415-4

Santuarios Seguros: Prevención del abuso infantil y junvenil en la iglesia. (ISBN# 0-88177-402-2)

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