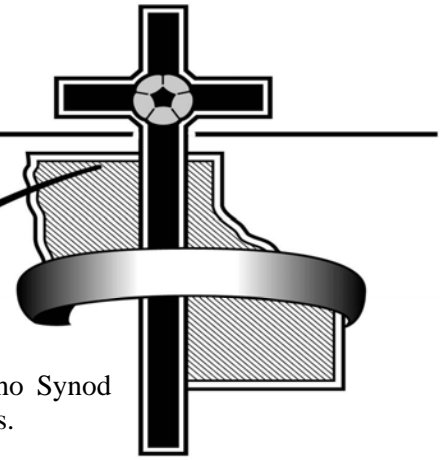


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The *Cross Connection* is a monthly publication of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod published for its clergy, associates in ministry, lay leadership and ecumenical friends.

FROM THE BISHOP

APRIL 2010

God's beloved people,

Welcome, Welcome! to all of you who will gather as the Synodical Church in Synod Assembly, in Boise April 23-25, 2010. We have good work to do together in planning for our mission! God has planted us in a beautiful and challenging land, among complicated and independent people, during difficult days in our economy and among us as a church. How shall we be the church of Jesus? How will we be Jesus' arms, locked open in welcome while our own anxiety mounts?

Our Guiding Principles say it all begins and ends in Jesus and the way the Holy Spirit continues to draw us to Him. We will gather as His body. We dare accept the promise of His Spirit. We cannot be afraid, for the task of ministry is the heart of our being.

At the Assembly we will have resolutions to consider, including resolutions that direct us to urge the 2011 Churchwide Assembly to rescind the social statement on human sexuality and the ministry policy resolutions from 2009. As important, we will elect six of the eight voting members who will go from our synod to that Churchwide Assembly in 2011. This is the place and the means by which we have voice in guiding Churchwide ministry and many of you have said you would like to have a chance to participate. This is it!

The spring Conference of Bishops meeting is just finished and our part of the consultation on ministry policy documents is completed. Vision and Expectations, the Candidacy Manual, and Guidelines for Discipline have been rewritten to conform to the Churchwide decisions. The ELCA Church Council will act on these revisions April 9-11. If you would like to see the current draft documents they are at www.elca.org/ministry/policies. I particularly urge you to read Vision and Expectations, the document that describes what we ask of our pastors. There's much here to chew on for mutual ministry committees!

My favorite part of the Conference of Bishops meeting had to do with anticipating the cultural environment for our ministry in the next decade. No one doubts that change is all around us and that planning for it is difficult. For instance, our synod has lost 15% of its income and we will need new models of ministry to account for this change. Without giving up our desire to be in relationship with each congregation and leader we need new ways to do the common work of support and networking that undergirds ministry in the mountain west.

I look forward to seeing you at the Assembly and applying ourselves to these questions!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Martin Wells,
Bishop

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ELCA BOARD OF PENSIONS NEWS

Calling all ELCA-primary health plan members -- 53 more needed for 2% health contribution discount!

As of the end of February 23.6% of the eligible ELCA-primary plan members and spouses in our synod completed the confidential Mayo Clinic Health Assessment. Thank you to those who have already done their part to help us reach the 65% participation necessary for all of us to earn the 2% discount on ELCA health contributions this year.

But we still need 53 more people to take it to reach 65% participation.

ELCA-primary plan members and spouses: Complete the assessment by April 30 to take stock of your health, put \$150 in your personal wellness account, and get us all that much closer to earning the discount. Doing so will help all of us save a collective \$19,196 on ELCA health contributions this year!

Take the assessment at www.elcaforwellness.org. Find instructions for how to register and take the assessment in *Understand my benefits* at www.elcabop.org

Be the one, the 65th percentile, our 2% discount hero!

TWO PEOPLE FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN (COEUR D'ALENE) MEET IN AFGHANISTAN!

This picture was taken the Sunday before Christmas in the Chapel -- a Lutheran Service -- at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. During the sharing of the peace, Erik turned around and saw a somewhat familiar face in the back of the chapel. After services he went back and asked this young woman -- Sarah Thilo Brehm - - if she had relatives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She said "yes", "you must be Erik Nelson!" Both families attend church at Trinity Lutheran in Coeur d'Alene. Sarah is a 2004 graduate of the Air Force Academy and Erik is a 1992 graduate of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Sarah is a Captain and a pilot for the Air Force and Erik is a Colonel and an anesthesiologist for the Air Force. Both families have been friends for many years.



What a small world in which we live!

EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNOD MISSION SUPPORT

Fiscal Year ~ February 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011

2010	February	65,271.84	Year to Date	65,271.84
2009	February	74,805.84	Year to Date	74,805.84
Difference		(9,534.00)	Difference	(9,534.00)

Fiscal Year Ending ~ January 31, 2010

Budget	1,020,000.00
Benevolence Received	897,792.91
Difference	(122,207.09)

*Many ministries and agencies
depend on your faithful
giving each month.*

CALL PROCESS STATUS

- | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A Process beginning/congregational study | I Interim | AP Associate/Assistant Pastor |
| B Names received or on-site visits in process | P Pastor | VP Visitation Pastor |
| C Call in process/issued | CP Co-Pastor | AIM Associate in Ministry |
| NV New Vacancy | LP Lead Pastor | L Lay Position |
| TC Term Call | SP Supply Pastor | TM Transition Minister |
- (available for the open-ended call)

POS	LOCATION/CONGREGATION	STATUS	PASTORAL CARE
P	Boise, ID - King of Glory	A	Keith Hammer I
		Kari Sansgaard AP
P	Chelan, WA - Village Pastor	A	Nancy Winder I
P	Chewelah, WA - St. Paul	A	Jeryl Phillips-Kelley TM
P	Colfax-Endicott, WA - Peace/Trinity	A.....	Phylis Stromme I
P	Gifford, ID - Good Hope	A	Valerie Beesley TEEM
P	Kamiah, ID - Faith	A.....	Art Finney I
P	Mountain Home, ID - Grace	A.....	Tom Christensen I
P	Nampa, ID - Trinity	A.....	Dick Sansgaard I
P	Orofino, ID - Ascension	A.....	Gail Hart SP
P	Quincy, WA - St. Paul	A.....	Bill Voris I
P	Spokane, WA - Prince of Peace	B.....	Darrel Lundby I
P	Sunnyside, WA - Our Saviour's	A.....	Ron Shipman I
P	Troy, ID - Troy	A.....	Teresa Calene-Hasseries I
P	Yakima, WA - Christ	A.....	Jillian Ross I

CALLS ACCEPTED

Janeen Smith, AIM has accepted a call from our Synod to be Business Manager at Holden Village, Chelan, WA. She is already serving in that call.

INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Scott Berner will be installed as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran in Twin Falls, ID, Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Rev. Al Schoonover will be installed as pastor of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran in Jackson, WY, Sunday, May 23, 2010, time to be announced.

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Rev. Steve Dornfeld will resign as pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Bonners Ferry, ID. His last Sunday will be April 4, 2010.

Rev. Tom Inch will resign as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Ephrata, WA, effective May 31, 2010. His last Sunday was March 14, 2010.

Because this is a unique, ecumenical context, the staff at Holden Village has asked us to publish the following position vacancy. Note that all ELCA applicants that are screened to a shorter list will need to work within the call process of the Eastern Washington – Idaho Synod so that the selected candidate may be called to this position.

Holden Village -- a Lutheran center for retreat and renewal -- seeks a pastor to proclaim the gospel, facilitate daily worship and weekly Eucharist, and serve as a spiritual/theological leader for the village. The pastor should be ordained on the roster of the ELCA, LCMS, or denominations with which the ELCA is in full communion. An understanding of and commitment to Lutheran theology and traditions in worship is required. The pastor should be an outstanding preacher, and be flexibly creative in worship expression. Competence in pastoral care is also desired. Start: August-September 2010 for a two-year term. Interested applicants should contact the Holden Village Directors at director@holdenvillage.org

A more detailed job description is given in reply to potential applicants' emails, and more about Holden Village can be found at <http://www.holdenvillage.org/>.

2010 EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

LIVE CHRIST!

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

1 John 4: 9

Friday, April 23—Sunday, April 25
Doubletree Hotel—Boise Riverside

Featuring:

- ◆ **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** - Mark Allan Powell, Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
- ◆ **ELCA Churchwide Representative** - Kenneth Inskeep, Executive for Research and Evaluation
- ◆ **GLOBAL MISSION CENTER** with Bishop Renard and Rosemary Mtenji, Ulanga Kilombero Synod, Tanzania
- ◆ **WORKSHOPS** - 4 opportunities (Friday at 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM; Saturday at 11:00 AM and 4:30 PM) to attend a wide variety of interesting and informative sessions.
- ◆ **LIVE CHRIST!** The song, by Celia Whitler, will be used at the assembly and a link is available at www.ewaidsynod.org under Synod Assembly to hear it and also download the music for use in your congregation
- ◆ **INSTALLATION** of Pastor Helga Jansons as the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Director for Evangelical Mission

**More information will be emailed to all registrants
and will be available at the synod Web site
on March 23rd.**

COMPANION SYNOD NEWS

Companion Synod Trip to Tanzania August 1 - 14, 2010 Global Mission Team is looking for a Few Good Men

Bwana Yesu Asifiwe! Which is Swahili for Praise the Lord! Plans are in process for the next synod trip to Tanzania! Our companions in the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese are eager to welcome us. We will be going August 1 through 14, 2010.

There are already about a dozen people preparing for this trip, but there is space for a few more. What is especially needed now are a few good men! Almost everyone currently signed up is female and we all know that balance is a good thing! So a few males would make for a much better trip! If you were thinking about this trip and you are a couple or a male – please consider seriously! Maybe NOW is the time to go! Maybe God is really calling you to represent the Eastern Washington Idaho Synod to our brothers and sisters in Tanzania? Or maybe a man in your congregation has expressed an interest in mission work in Africa or has been especially excited about our Companion Synod. Please help this information get to the right people – especially the male people!

As part of our trip, we will visit the Diocese Headquarters in Ifakara and visit with Bishop Mtenji and his staff. We will spend time with the students at Tumaini Secondary School and help with their chores and work on the farm a bit. We also hope to officially dedicate the new Dining and Assembly Hall! We will tour Lugala hospital and see the amazing work they do. We hope to do a small project either at the hospital or at the school as well. This trip will be a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the hospitality of our companions in Christ. Each person will be responsible for their own travel expenses (between \$3500 and \$4000).

Heidi Cryer is excited to be organizing this trip and share some of what she discovered during her 3-month sabbatical at Tumaini School. If you are interested in learning more, please email Heidi at hcryer@lordoflifelutheran.net or call her at 509-539-0449. God be with you as you pray and ponder and discern what your involvement might be.

Do you love to sing?? Would you like to visit our Companion Synod in Tanzania??

“**Tuimbe**”, a choir centered in Bonners Ferry, ID, is seeking participants from our Synod. Tuimbe (Swahili for “let’s sing together”) hopes to perform at several venues throughout our synod this spring to raise funds for the Tumaini Dining/Assembly Hall Project. In October choir participants who are willing and able will travel to Tanzania giving informal exchange concerts in Dar es Salaam, at the Lutheran Junior Seminary in Morogoro, at Tumaini School and Lugala Hospital, culminating the visit at our Companion’s Headquarters in Ifakara. A one day stay in Mikumi Park and another in Bagamoyo are included in this trip. The choir leaves from Spokane on Sept. 30th and returns Oct. 14th. Choir members are responsible for paying their own costs which will be just under \$4000/individual – some describe this as “an opportunity not to be missed”. Non-singers are also invited to travel with the group if space permits.

Selections will include “Do You Feel the Rhythm?”, “Prayer for Africa”, “I’m Gonna Sing’Til The Spirit Moves in My Heart”, “Dry Your Tears, Africa”, “Loves Me Like a River”, “Can You Hear” and nine more. Participation is by audition. For those who live far from Bonners Ferry, CD’s for each part are available for individual rehearsal. Music is to be memorized so there’s lots of work involved but great fun also. If interested, contact Vicki Blake, Choir Director, at vickiblake1@mac.com or Marj Nishek, Tour Organizer, at nishek@meadowcrk.com.

For congregations interested in inviting “**Tuimbe**” to sing for you and help raise funds for the Tumaini Dining Hall, please contact Marj Nishek.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

APRIL 2010

We ask that you keep the ministry of the synod as well as those listed below in your prayers

- 6 Kurt Wandrey (Coeur d'Alene, ID) ~ 35th Anniversary of Ordination
 9 Ingebjorg Vik Laugeland (Missionary to Norway ~ 15th Anniversary of Ordination)

Please Remember in Prayer ...

...Pr. Rick Evenson (Medical Lake, WA) and family as he continues his treatment for multiple myeloma.

...Ms. Marilyn Ulleland, wife of Pr. Duane Ulleland (Spokane Valley, WA) as she continues her recovery from cancer.

...Pr. Palmer Gedde (Retired - Yuma, AZ) and family. Palmer was diagnosed with a fast spreading malignant cancer.

...Pr. Roger Pettenger (Retired - Pullman, WA) and family as he continues his treatment for multiple myeloma.

...Pr. Gail Duba (Dir. of Pastoral Care-Rockwood Retirement - Spokane, WA) as she recovers from surgery to remove a brain tumor.

...Pr. Karen Bates-Olson (Church of the Master - Pasco, WA) as she recovers from recent medical concerns and surgery.



PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

If you or someone in your family wants to be included in the Synod Prayer Requests, please email your request for inclusion in the *Cross Connection* (please list specifics if you want them included) to the synod office by e-mail office@ewaldsynod.org or call 509/838-9871. We want to protect the privacy of members of our synod and will not publish a request without the permission of the individual to be included on the prayer list.

NEWS FROM THE BOOK PARLOR



The Book Parlor Wants Your Wish List!!

Yippee, Synod Assembly is just around the corner and The Book Parlor will be in Boise with you!! **We would really appreciate your help in sharing with us what would be helpful to you and your congregations.**

We will be bringing as much of the store as we can **but any suggestions you have for us would be great.** (Sorry, we can't bring the new coffee shop and deli with us!)

Would it help if we bring lots of Vacation Bible School materials? Do you need to compare commentaries side by side? Would you like to stock up on Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate for your fellowship gatherings? How is your supply of Pascal candles? Communion cups? Bibles? Novels?

So ... please call us, write us, send an email, Face book us or whatever method works for you. Thanks so much for your on-going support of this ministry in West Central Spokane -- it makes such a difference for so many!

Lenten Blessings,
Casey, Cheri, Connie and Lolita
 lutheranbooks@msn.com
 509-328-6527
 www.TheBookParlor.com

“TAKING NOTICE” BY JOHN M. BRETT

Greetings Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. I hope this reflection encounters our churches well, preparing to come together at the upcoming synod convention to share our common table. You may have read my previous letter in Cross Connections about my Mexico mission; please accept this note as a follow-up. Your prayers are appreciated. If you wish to support the mission financially, please direct inquiries to elcamexicomission@yahoo.com

I almost stepped on the baby. I was walking along the street talking with visiting seminarians, and there it was. I almost didn't see it at all. Small. Pale. Silent. Completely white, its length ran from above my knuckle to the end of my pinkie finger. Its arms and hands hugged its small belly as if to say, “I'm hungry, feed me.” But what was this plastic babe? Who had left it here, partially hidden under a fallen leaf? I quickly pocketed my new treasure. Impatiently, I waited to find out more.

The figurine was from a Kings' Cake, or “Rosca de Reyes”. In Mexico, a “Rosca de Reyes” is traditionally eaten on January 6 in celebration of the “Dia de Reyes” (Epiphany). A sweetened white bread, the wreath-like, oval cake is often decorated with dried and candied fruits like apricots, figs, and cherries. Inside, bakers place small figurines representing the Christ Child. How could someone leave a baby Jesus in the street like that? Part of me remained scandalized.

As the days before January 6 approached, our group encountered these Jesus figures over and over again: under our seats on the floor of the bus, in a flower bed, again on the street. Someone, somewhere, was eating a lot of cake and leaving behind the evidence. This Jesus was everywhere, waiting to be found, ready for us to celebrate and share him. This Christ Child wasn't staying in the manger for the wise men to find, but coming to us, subversively sneaking out into our very lives in ways we could not refuse.

Finally, the day arrived. I didn't know if I was playing the part of an angel or a shepherd, proclaiming the news of Christ's birth, or rushing down the hills to see it happen, though I felt expectant setting the cake down before our group, ready to cut into the wonder. We were about to experience a gift. Suspense. Who would find the Christ Child? We paused. Whoever finds a figurine brings tamales to a party on Candelmas, the religious holiday ending the Epiphany season. We knew that if we ate from this bread something would be demanded of us. Bringing tamales could be a lot of work. Buying enough tamales on a student or missionary budget could be costly. How would we manage?

Ultimately, we proceeded. We didn't find Jesus immediately. Or, better said, the person who had first cut a piece of cake with a Christ figure initially didn't notice as the plastic doll approached his toothy bites. Giggles arose, as people cautiously cut their pieces of cake. Suddenly, a surprise: there was another Jesus! Two people now held white plastic babies committing them to bring refreshment on February 2. Thinking I was safe, I cut another piece, as gluttony was reminding me of my taste for sugar. Yikes! I felt a hard object at the end of the knife. I ignored the sensation. I thought, that if I continued cutting, the person who ate the next piece of cake might think their baby Jesus without legs was a manufacturing error. Finally, I relented. I would accept the responsibility to bring tamales.

At the close of the evening, four of us ultimately carried Christ home in our pockets. Not long after that evening, our final communion, the seminarians returned to the states. I was left alone carrying many questions. What was I to do? What was being asked of me? I'm not sure what the J-termers did on February 2. Me, ultimately, I didn't find a party to attend. However, a couple of days later I did bring tamales to some Mexican seminarians who live in my building and who have become friends. They don't know why I did it, but I know. Once we are given a gift, we share it. The gift may even escape our grasp, showing up in the unlikeliest of places (on the bus, in flower beds, in the street), remaining loose in the world, living in it, subversively acting, calling together community.

NOTE: Check out the Global Mission page on the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod's Web site (www.ewidsynod.org) to download John's reflections on “His Life in Mission”.

RURAL MINISTRY RETREAT

Twenty one people from Washington and Idaho attended the Rural Ministry retreat held at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center on February 4th and 5th. The meeting began with devotions led by Pastor Mary Daniels on leadership qualities, how the group perceived them and how Jesus modeled leadership. Following devotions, Pastor Mark Nelson led the group in a fun “get acquainted” activity so we could get to know each other better. Pastor Mark then led a discussion using the “invitation” to speak method asking each community represented to tell of one thing that our congregations “always” do and “never” does to help learn the different contexts of our communities. This was a great way to get to know more about each other’s churches.

Pastor King Rockhill, retired Methodist pastor and Rural Ministry Resource board member presented a background on how small towns began and how we have changed over the years. The presentation centered on the words “centripetal” (what things brought people into town from the rural areas such as schools, banking, market, church, shopping, entertainment, etc. in the early years of our history) and “centrifugal” (how we now go outside of our communities for the same needs) and how this has changed the rural lifestyle. This led to a very interesting discussion including three other points of discussion 1) bridging the gap between long-term members and new residents in a church 2) how each congregation and its members does outreach and evangelism and 3) issues related to aging in a community.

Following a Prime Rib dinner, Ken Hart, extension agent from University of Idaho, gave an interesting talk on agriculture and rural life. Discussion followed concerning the different styles of farming, tension between generational farmers, and competition for the farming of the land.

After a social evening, a good nights rest and breakfast, Devanie Helsing gave us a presentation on a Global Perspective on “Food’s Resource Bank.” Devanie’s husband is at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and their home church is Emmanuel Lutheran in Cheney, WA. Food Resource Bank is a program to eliminate world hunger through a sustainable livelihood that is a grass roots organization. Devanie encouraged everyone to involve their churches and communities to develop ways to support the effort in working with our brothers and sisters in other countries to a sustainable livelihood.

Pastor Helga Jansons, our new Director for Evangelical Mission, provided a summary of her mission in the synod and how she is working at this task. She highlighted the purpose statement which is: “To engage leaders in the formation of *evangelizing congregations that make disciples for Jesus Christ and equip people who use their gifts for God’s reign in the church and in the world.*” Helga defined how she is working within the synod and the areas of training. She looks forward to working with the churches in this new and exciting position.

The retreat closed with worship and holy communion.

PLU SUMMER CONFERENCE ON PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Summer Theological Conference 2010

The Spiritual Formation of the Pastoral Leader
Monday, June 28 - Wednesday, June 30, 2010

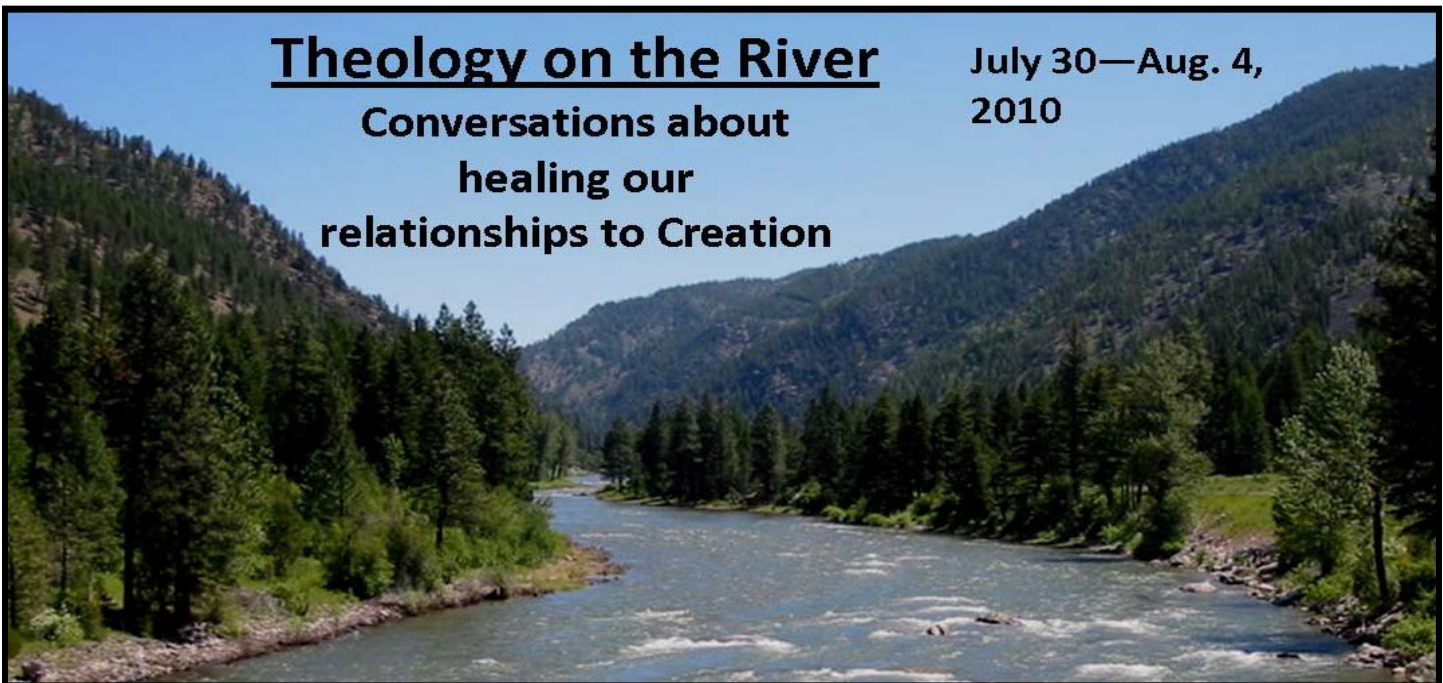


SPEAKERS: Dr. Timothy Wengert & Dr. Patricia Lull

At this conference, rostered and lay leaders are invited to join a robust conversation about the critical need for sustainable and life-giving formation in public ministry. Through presentations, small group work, personal reflection, conversation, and common prayer these three days hold forth the promise of delving deeply into that which is rarely discussed: *the spirituality of the pastoral leader.*

For more information and to sign-up for future direct mail and e-mail updates and registration material, call **The Rev. G. Lee Kluth**, Director of Congregation Relations at 253-535-7423 or email crel@plu.edu.

THEOLOGY ON THE RIVER



- A five day float trip on Montana's famed Blackfoot River
- For clergy, rostered leaders, and staff (spouses/partners welcome)
- Offered by Emmaus Campus Ministry, Missoula, MT (ELCA)
- All denominations welcomed. (20 CE hours through NRIT)
- Cost is \$550

Join us this summer for a guided five day float through the canyons, forests and rural landscapes of Montana's beautiful Blackfoot River. Sponsored by Emmaus Campus Ministry and the Northern Rockies Institute of Theology (NRIT), this continuing education course will explore theological perspectives and faith practices that help reconnect our relationships with the Spirit and Creation.

This course is designed as a conversation in context that draws both from our journey and a pre-assigned reader. Each day will also include morning devotions, evening worship and other guided experiential components that participants can draw on for later use back in their home congregations. We will camp in tents each night along the river, share in the cooking duties and soak in the serenity of this time of re-creation. No rafting experience is necessary. Most equipment is provided. Fishing will be optional at times during the week.

**To register or for more information, please call or contact:
Emmaus campus pastor, John Lund, at 406-396-4974 or john@montanalcmm.org**

Emmaus Campus Ministry is an ELCA campus ministry site and part of the Montana Synod. They also work in collaboration with the Episcopal and United Church of Christ churches, and are welcoming of all regardless of faith perspective.

YOUTH NEWS

YELS (YOUTH EMPOWERED FOR LEADERSHIP & SERVICE)

YELS will take place **June 27 - 30, 2010** at Shoshone Base Camp. The registration cost will be \$165.00 per person.

Speakers will be: Ashley Piehl, Central Valley HS student, Hope Harvey-Marose, Lewiston HS student, Pastor Shelley Wee, EWU Campus Ministry and Pastor Mark Nelson, Synod Office.

Activities include service/servant event for Shoshone, Leadership discussions, Bible Study preparations, meditation, worship, fellowship and highlights from New Orleans and upcoming 2010 Fall Synod HS Youth Gathering.

For more information, contact Mr. Tom Rounds (Chair of the Synod Youth Committee) at tomar_216@msn.com or Dustin Wendt (LYO President) at dustin.wendt@hotmail.com.

For registration information contact:

Juniper Harvey-Marose
Grace Lutheran Church
3434 6th Street ~ Lewiston, ID 83501-5132
208/743-8159

WHAT ARE THE HOLDEN YOUTH WEEKENDS?

The Holden Youth Weekends are retreat events for high school youth groups and their leaders, held at beautiful Holden Village, nestled in the mountains near Chelan, WA. The program includes sessions, small group conversations, a service project, and free time activities. There are opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, including an afternoon hike to see a high mountain lake, mountains, and wildlife. Holden also has a recreation center, ice cream parlor, and plenty of space to sit and enjoy the beauty of God's creation!



The theme for 2010 is "Thr33 - exploring the third day of Creation to the Trinity."

Choose from three weekends in May:

- Saturday, May 1 to Monday, May 3
- Saturday, May 15 to Monday, May 17
- Saturday, May 22 to Monday, May 24

Registration opened February 1, 2010. Get all registration information at www.tlc.edu/holden

For more information:

Kathleen Fisher, Holden May Youth Weekend Coordinator
425-351-2001 ~ holden@tlc.edu

2010 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

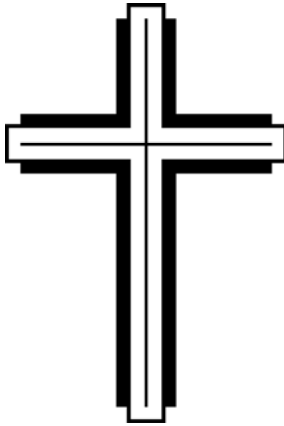
The 2010 High School Youth Gathering will be held Friday, September 17th to Sunday, September 19th at Lutherhaven. The theme this year is "The Road".

The gathering is designed for youth, and adults who work with youth. Eligible youth must be 14 or older, or attending High School. Adult leaders must be at least 21. We must have at least one adult per 8 youth of the same sex.

Cost for the event will be \$135 (before June 15th) and \$150 (before September 3rd). **Get registered early**, we are limiting the number of participants to 200.

For more information, please contact: Gordon Fitch or Pastor Matt Larson at 509/926-8611. Visit www.youthgathering.org for updates and more information.

SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



WOMEN OF THE ELCA REGION 1 GATHERING

June 25-27, 2010

**Hilton Garden Inn,
Kalispell, MT**

“Lift High the Cross”

The Montana Synodical Women's organization invites you to beautiful Montana for an exciting time at the gathering of Region 1 Women of the ELCA.

Join women from Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Northern Wyoming for an inspirational weekend of fellowship with an opportunity to grow, study, and learn together.

SPECIAL GUESTS will be the “Timely Trio”, Montana gals, who will not only share their beautiful inspiring music but will witness to the love of Jesus Christ and how He has impacted their lives. Their first CD in 1986 was a collection of songs performed over the years with their own original hometown “Havre Song.” They have since put out two more CDs. It promises to be a delightful program.

Bible Study and worship leader will be Pastor Mark Gravrock. Pastor Gravrock is new to the Montana Synod moving here from Washington. He serves a parish in the Flathead Valley part time and is the Book of Faith leader for the Montana Synod.

**A variety of workshops and displays will be available.
Fellowship, Food, and Fun!**

**Cost is \$85, including Saturday lunch and dinner
Rooms are \$129 for 1-4 people.**

Watch for more details

Questions: Call Louise Glimm, 406-278-3574 or email her at laglimm@hotmail.com

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synodical Women's Organization President, Phyllis Bradburn at 208-939-2753 or email her at pabradburn@aol.com.



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April 2010 Newsletter

Please reproduce any and all articles for publication in congregational newsletters or bulletins. The *Cross Connection* is also available on the synod Web site at www.ewadaysynod.org. **Deadline for articles is the 5th of each month.**

SYNOD CALENDAR

APRIL 2010

- 2 **Good Friday -
SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED**
- 4 **Resurrection of Our Lord**
- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 12-13 Mission Review Table - Chicago, IL
- 16 Synod Staff Meeting
- 16 Notebook Assembling
- 22-23 Synod Council Meeting - Boise, ID
- 23-25 **Synod Assembly - Boise, ID**
- 26 **SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED**
- 30 Synod Candidacy Committee Meeting

MAY 2010

- 1 Synod Candidacy Committee Meeting
- 3-5 Byberg @ Trinity - Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 5 Synod Staff Meeting
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