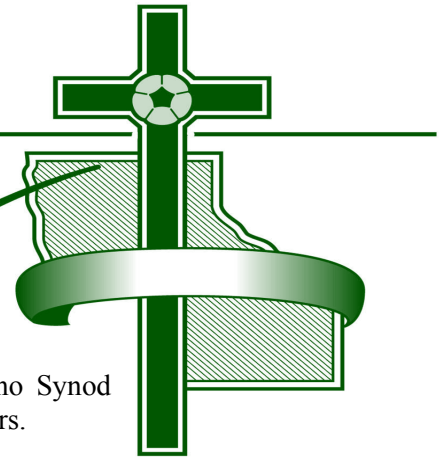


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FROM THE BISHOP

FEBRUARY 2012

God's Beloved People,

“At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.” (Mark 1:28).

Our teachers during this month of Epiphany (revealings or manifestations) are a man with an unclean spirit, Simon's mother-in-law, a leper, and a paralyzed man. Together with the fascinated crowds who gather at each encounter the question is the “authority” of Jesus. Who is this man who can drive out demons, lift a fever, bring cleansing, and restore the ability to walk? Where does he get his power and is such power a blessing or a threat? How is it related to sin: does it open or close our hearts?

I hope you will take these questions seriously because they are still with us, though in different forms perhaps. We're well into the political season and candidates are both looking for “authority” and exercising it in legislatures. Our war veterans are coming home full of dark memories and some must find a way to give up their demons or be destroyed by them. I don't pass hospitals the same way since my brother hung within hours of death, tended by nurses and doctors called to be healers. Do groups of friends still intervene when another brother or sister lay paralyzed by life?

Power; Jesus has Power! Power to forgive sin; Power to lift fear; Power to motivate friends; Power to help us distinguish between helpful and unclean spirits. Power is as suspect as it has ever been and those who work to cultivate power are threatened by the freedom-power Jesus brings.

Such power is ours now and Jesus asks that we bear it into the world. As late-winter light begins to rouse you from the dormancy of winter, I pray you will use your power for good. All around us the paralyzed, the fearful, the sick, and the hobbled depend on us. And don't forget the power to forgive sin, both in yourself and in those who have wounded you. By the authority of Jesus, this power is yours.

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Jesus, First, Last, Always
God's Grace, Our Gratitude
The Spirit Powers Us
No Fear! Transformation
Connections Multiply Miracles
Go, Tell & Serve



ELCA Malaria Campaign
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The ELCA, through the **ELCA Malaria Campaign**, is joining hands with eleven Lutheran church bodies in Africa and becoming part of an historic global movement. No child, no person, should die of a disease that is both preventable and treatable. Therefore the ELCA Malaria Campaign has committed to raise \$15 million to help prevent, treat and educate communities in Africa about malaria and eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

At the **Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Council** meeting last fall the Synod Council voted to support the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Soon each congregation will receive a mosquito net and asked to set up a display. The hope of the Synod Council is that each congregation will support the effort to raise funds to help in the effort in saving lives. A display with a mosquito net in the narthex or fellowship hall will help raise awareness of the disease and the fund raising effort.

Malaria worldwide

- 3.3 billion people (half the world's population) in 109 countries and territories live in areas where malaria is prevalent.
- In 2008, an estimated 190-311 million cases of malaria occurred worldwide; 708,000-1,003,000 people died.
- 89 percent of the malaria deaths worldwide occur in Africa, especially among young children and pregnant women.
- Malaria is the second-leading cause of tuberculosis

Malaria prevention

- Long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets, which can retain their insecticidal properties for up to five years or 20 washes, are an effective malaria-prevention tool. Nets treated with insecticide both repel and kill malaria-carrying mosquitoes.
 - Indoor residual spraying is a highly effective method of malaria prevention that involves the spraying of an approved pesticide on the indoor surfaces of a home. This repels or kills a significant portion of the mosquitoes attempting to enter the home.
 - If high community coverage is achieved with bed nets and residual spraying, the numbers and life spans of mosquitoes will be reduced. When this happens, all members of the community are protected, regardless of whether they are personally using a bed net.
 - Some anti-malarial drugs are available as malaria prophylaxis. However, in sub-Saharan countries, cost and availability can be limiting factors.
 - To be most effective, each of these prevention tools must be coupled with comprehensive education about malaria transmission, prevention, symptoms and treatment.
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CALL PROCESS STATUS

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| 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 - Redeemer	C.....	Dick Sansgaard I
P	Connell, WA—Gideon Lutheran	NV	
P	Ephrata, WA - Holy Trinity	A.....	Phylis Stromme I
P	Gifford, ID - Good Hope	A.....	Valerie Beesley TEEM
P	Goldendale, WA - Christ the King	A.....	Ron Shipman I
P	Kamiah, ID - Faith	A.....	Art Finney I
P	Mattawa, WA—Grace	B.....	Dale Larson SP
P	Moscow, ID - Emmanuel	A.....	Robert Chenault I
P	Mountain Home, ID - Grace	B.....	Tom Christensen I
P	Post Falls, ID - Calvary	A.....	Steven Wee I
P	Quincy, WA - St. Paul	A.....	Bill Voris I
P	Spokane, WA—Bethlehem	NV.....	Roger Bruggink SP
P	Spokane, WA - Central	C.....	David Kappus TM
P	Spokane, WA - Messiah	A.....	Kimberly Meinecke I
P	Wilbur, WA - Wilbur	A.....	Tom Inch I

Calls Accepted

Rev. Matthew Larson has accepted the call to be pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley, WA. He is already serving at Advent.

Rev. Randall (Nick) Nicolai has accepted the ½-time call to be pastor at Troy Lutheran Church in Troy, ID. He plans to begin February 1, 2012.

Installations

Rev. Matthew Larson will be installed as pastor of the two forming congregations becoming Advent Lutheran, Sunday, February 12, 2012, 4:00 pm.

Roster Changes

Rev Ronald C. Starenko, a retired pastor from the Florida Bahamas Synod was received onto our clergy roster September 19, 2011. He and Catherine are living in the Boise, ID area and attending King of Glory Lutheran.

Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Assembly

Go – Tell - Serve!

April 27-29, 2012

at

Wenatchee Convention Center

Wenatchee, WA

with

Rev. Stephen Bouman

ELCA Executive Director of Congregational and Synodical Mission



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

“Moralistic Therapeutic Deism. We have been talking about this in our trainings. For the most part, our world believes in a God that is distant, in the background of our lives...a cosmic genie that pops out of the bottle only when needed, then is set back on the shelf as we go on with our lives.” *(from Tammy Jo West and Jo Mueller)*

Yet here we are, in the season of Epiphany, the season where we celebrate Emmanuel - God with us. As Christians, we believe in a God that is intensely personal. A God who was willing to take on human flesh in order to be with us. That is the God we want to make sure our youth know all about. That is the God we will shout about, sing about and serve when we are in New Orleans in July!

If this “Moralist Therapeutic Deism” piques your interest – you should come and hear more. It is all very interesting! It is also the world that our young people navigate. As the “Gathering Coach” for our synod – a new position and a new component of the National Youth Gathering – I will be doing a third and final round of trainings for our synod this spring. The schedule is:

Saturday, March 10 at Lord of Life in Kennewick and

Friday, April 27 in Wenatchee (the weekend of the Synod Assembly) and then some time for the Boise area too.

If you haven't yet registered for the Gathering, there is still space for you. But these workshops are open and beneficial for everyone, regardless of whether you intend to be in New Orleans or not. They are a resource to help adult leaders be more equipped to lead our youth in faith formation.

Please pass this information along to all those who work with youth. Bring a team. There is no cost beyond your precious time and the information you will receive makes it well worth that cost. Please drop me an email or give me a call and let me know which event you will be attending so I can provide enough goodies and all the rest of the wonderful things we will be passing out.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you and working with you as we prepare to help our youth grow in their discipleship. What an incredible journey!

Shalom!

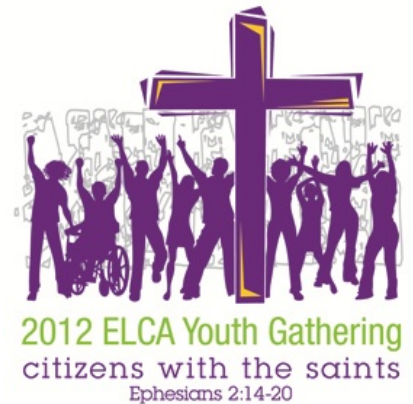
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Lord of Life Lutheran Church ~ Kennewick WA



Ministry Update

As 2011 passes into the history books and 2012 opens a new page, there is time to reflect on the things we've accomplished over the last 12 months. In the case of **Feed Medical Lake**, however, it has only been seven months. We served the first free meal for the citizens of Medical Lake and Fairchild Air Force Base in June. Despite fluctuation in attendance we are growing. There were many new faces at our December meal. In seven months (seven meals) we have served 458 diners. There were 123 (27%) ages 0-18; 85 (18%) ages 19-55; and 250 (55%) ages 56 and up. There were 172 volunteers serving our patrons at those meals, and a total of 1,800 pounds of groceries were given away. We are looking forward to a bigger, better, and brighter 2012. As you consider the charitable contributions you and your family will make in 2012, keep in mind your local food bank. Employ PLUS ONE; that is, purchase one extra can of food each time you go to the grocery store and give that can of food to the food bank. Or, set up a container at your church and put just one extra dollar into that container and give that money to the food bank. And thank you! **God's work. Our hands.**

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

FEBRUARY 2012

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

Please Remember in Prayer ...

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

.... Mrs. Marilyn Ulleland, wife of Pr. Duane Ulleland (Retired - Spokane Valley, WA) as she continues treatment for the reoccurrence of cancer.

.... Mr. Angel Manuel, father of Pr. Dawna Svaren (Pullman, WA) as he continues treatment for cancer.

.... Pr. Shelley Bryan Wee (EWU Campus Ministry) as she continues treatment for cancer.

.... Roger deVeer and Pr. Marilyn deVeer (Horseshoe Bend, ID) as he continues with health issues.

.... Pr. Bill Voris (Leavenworth) as he continues recovering from surgery.

.... congregations and rostered leaders in call processes (see page 3)

.... Scott Wells, brother of Bishop Martin Wells as he continues treatment for cancer

.... Ruth Hergert, Pr. John Hergert's (Pasco, WA) as she receives comfort care at Riverview Care Center in Spokane.

.... We learned through a Christmas letter that Irma Cain died in February 2011. Irma was the wife of Rev. Marvin Cain who died in 2001. Please remember their family and friends in your prayers



Prayer Requests . . . to be included in the Synod Prayer Requests, please email your request for inclusion in the *Cross Connection* to the synod office by e-mail office@ewaidsynod.org or call 509/838-9871.

Take the 2012 Health Assessment Portico Benefits

Online tool helps you take stock of your health and lifestyle habits in less than 30 minutes Confidential; personal health information you enter is protected

Available on the Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth web portal January 1 - September 30 Through a series of questions it: asks for your medical numbers or estimates – height, weight, waist measurement, cholesterol (HDL, LDL, total), triglycerides, blood sugar (glucose) and blood pressure identifies your health strengths and risks recommends strategies to maintain or improve health delivers a personal action plan

Taking it:

earns you a \$150 personal wellness account credit (both plan member and eligible spouse can earn credit) is required before you can earn an additional \$350 personal wellness account credit helps your employer come closer to earning a 2% discount on health contributions if you take the health assessment **by April 30**



Annual Reports

PAROCHIAL REPORTS

Mailed from the Churchwide office ~ they can also be accessed on line at: <http://www.elca.org/ELCA/Forms.aspx>
Please call the Synod Office if you need your password.

REPORT TO THE BISHOP

for rostered leaders to report to Bishop Wells events of the past year. An electronic version can be found at: <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Secretary/Synod-Administration/Rostered-Leaders-Report-to-the-Synod-Bishop.aspx>

STATEMENTS OF INTENT

These were mailed to each congregation in November 2011. They are also available on the Synod website under the Resources tab.

CONGREGATION INFORMATION FORMS

These are available on the Synod website under the Resources tab and will also be mailed in early January.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest Summer Program

May 27, 2012 ~ June 1, 2012

Spanish Language and Hispanic Ministry Intensive Language Immersion

an extension of Wartburg Theological Seminary
and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Registration Before Feb. 28: \$700.00 with shared room
on campus. \$500 without lodging
After Feb. 28: \$750.00 and \$600.00 respectively.
(Cost of Spanish Bible extra.)

Location:

The Campus of the Seminary of the Southwest,
501 E. 32nd St. Austin, TX 78705.

See www.ssw.edu for map.

P.O. Box 4790,
Austin, TX 78765
(512) 477-2666

North American Association Catechumenate Training Institutes In 2012

“GO, BAPTIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES”

is a new training institute for pastors, worship leaders,
and educators (e.g. directors of spiritual formation

Cost: \$280

Phoenix ~ February 24-26

Baltimore ~ April 13-15

Minneapolis ~ May 18-20

Spokane ~ August 3-5

For more information, contact Pastor Rick Rouse,
Project Director at rwrouse@comcast.net (612-710-
7959) or Devra Betts, Registrar at evra@holyspiritlc.org
(702-232-8383).

You may also go to the NAAC website at
www.catechumenate.org to download a brochure and/
or register online for the institute of your choice.
Scholarship applications are also available.



Check out:
www.soulcafe.org

2012 Institute of Liturgical Studies

April 16-18, 2012

Valparaiso University

Theology, Music, Practice

Plenary Presenters

Gordon Lathrop

Fred Niedner

Marty Stoltz

Chris Scharen

Institute Seminars

Sarah Bjernebo

Phil Horrigan

Susan Johnson

Scott Weidler

Early Registration fee of \$225 until January 1, 2012

www.valpo.edu/ils

MONEY LEADERSHIP FOR THRIVING CONGREGATIONS

For all EWAID Synod clergy and their spouses

May 11th-12th

5pm Friday - 3pm Saturday at
Clearwater Lodge ~ Davis Lake, WA
(45 minutes North of Spokane)

May 18th-19th ~ South Idaho

5pm Friday – 3pm Saturday
Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, ID

Lutheran Staff Association

March 4-7, 2012

Cannon Beach, OR

Cost: \$285

“Voices from the Margins”

Philippians 2:1-5, 6....

Lutheran Staff Associate (LSA) is a pan-Lutheran group
of non-clergy employees serving Lutheran congregations,
agencies and in specialized settings.

LSA promotes individual development for non-clergy
staff. We provide opportunities for education, inspira-
tion, training, and networking for mutual support to our
members.

Our membership is drawn from Lutheran congregations
and agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and
Washington. Many congregations provide continuing
education funds for their non-clergy staff so they can
attend the L.S.A. conference annually.

Questions: Contact Megan Brannon

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tlc@trinitypullman.org

HOLDEN YOUTH WEEKENDS

Sponsored by Trinity Lutheran College ~ guest artist Nate Houge

What are the Holden May Youth Weekends?

The Holden May Youth Weekends are retreat events for high school youth groups and their leaders, held at beautiful Holden Village, nestled in the beautiful Cascade Mountains. 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!



This year's theme: **Keep Church Weird**

The Church is weird. For starters, our faith doesn't begin with what we have done for ourselves, but instead recognizes what God has done for us. In this world, that's different. Even then, the Gospel of Jesus is (and, therefore the Church should be) counter-cultural, where the first are last, weakness can be strength, and death actually means living life to the fullest. Then we have our peculiar churchy traditions: sprinkling water on babies, eating bread, drinking wine, Confirmation, putting handprints on the youth room wall, and all those church potlucks. Weird stuff, isn't it?

Our large group sessions will tackle such weirdness by exploring our freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1), what it means to be a non-conformist in the ways of the world (Romans 12:2), how we live together as Christians (Acts 2:42-47), and how Christ calls us in our baptism (Galatians 2:20). Yes, the Church is wonderfully weird - so let's keep it that way!

Registration information and forms

Registration materials coming soon! Registration opens Feb. 1, 2012.

Cost is \$165 per person.

Choose from three dates:

- Sat., May 19 to Mon., May 21
- Fri., May 25 to Sun., May 27
- Sun., May 27 to Tues., May 29

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES CONT'D

Luther Academy of the Rockies

Wartburg Seminary Life long Learning Program

Meeker Park Lodge—Colorado

This Year's Faculty:

Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson

Professor of Homiletics ~ Emmanuel College, Toronto

Rev. Dr. Stan Olson

President, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque

Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel

Professor of Hebrew Bible and Director of the Center for Theology and Land, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque

Wartburg's LifeLong Learning educational program is for rostered leaders and their families. The daily rhythm of worship, mornings filled with insightful scholarly lectures and forums, afternoon free time to explore the incredible scenery, and evening fellowship opportunities will structure our time together. Home to the Academy for the past 43 years, Its natural setting lends itself well to outdoor recreation and relaxation, as well as spiritual and intellectual renewal.

Early bird registration February 6th on line at: www.wartburgseminary.edu



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SYNOD CALENDAR

February

- 15 Parochial Reports Due
- 24 LCS NW Chocolate & Champagne Gala
Spokane, WA

March

- 1 Deadline for Resolutions and nominations
for 2012 Synod Assembly
- 4-7 Lutheran Staff Association-Cannon Beach
- 15-16 Dean's Meeting—Spokane

April

- 26 Synod Council
- 27-29 Synod Assembly
- 30 Health Risk Assessment deadline



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