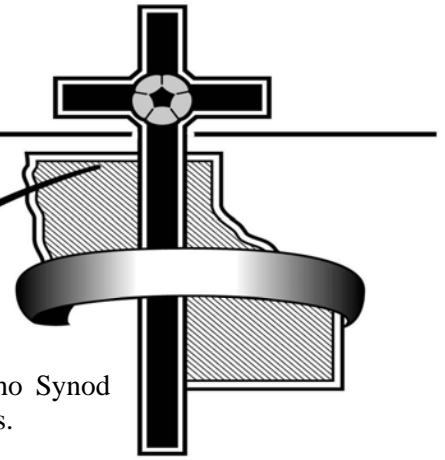


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The *Cross Connection* is a monthly publication of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod published for its clergy, associates in ministry, lay leadership and ecumenical friends.

FROM THE BISHOP

NOVEMBER 2009

God's beloved people,

I'm writing from Chicago at the end of the fall Conference of Bishops meeting. We've been together for five days, working in plenary session, in small groups, and in dozens of committee groupings.

We were all eager to know "How are we as the ELCA?" You may have the same question. On the third day of our meeting one of the newer bishops remarked that, "I wish the whole ELCA could see how we are handling the questions before us; patiently, thoroughly, thoughtfully, intentionally. We've all had a chance to speak, no one has been required to shave their opinion and no one is regarded as an opponent." I could have added, "It feels safe here," as it has for me over many years of debate on close questions, prayer, camaraderie, and focus on the mission of the church.

Bishop Hanson described these as "rocky" days for the church, but turned that image toward our being "living stones" and our path as one lined with cairns, stones stacked on stones, marking the path ahead. Our synod is much like the rest of the church: We're not of one mind about the changes we've made and many are wondering whether we are safe together. I have been remembering in my prayers the pastors who are leading, the church councils that are trying to make sense of many voices, and the congregational treasurers who feel pinched as members express their opinions through the offering plate.

Bishop Jon Anderson of SW Minnesota surfaced a quotation from Reinhold Neibuhr that is full of rich images: "A deep cause of confusion in the present crisis is the failure to grasp what peace means in a Christian sense. This failure is responsible for inhibitions among millions of people making it difficult for them to reach conclusions about the issues involved in the contemporary situation. It is no less responsible for their inertia and inability to make decisive actions once decisions are reached. Many who beg to be left in peace, identify peace with freedom from disturbing cares and from claims, which if accepted would shatter the settled routine of life.

Christian peace is something quite different from this. It is the state of the soul which is born when life is adjusted to the disturbing will of God. It is the peace of waters which have left the placid quiet of an upland lake and pour tumultuously through the perils and surprises of the river bed, but which have the security of their channel and certainty of their goal. It was this peace of commitment to the will of God which Christ possessed...

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The peace of the world which Christ contrasts with his own is a flight from unpleasantness, whether by adjustment to the world of convention, or by escape into fantasy. A peace from which all awareness of life's tragic sense is excluded is not a Christian's peace."

The quote was written to a different set of circumstances and I hope you won't read too much into our present challenges. What I hope you detect is the deep certainty that God is with us when we risk for the sake of Christ's call; that the tumultuous waters are also baptismal waters; that the tumbling rampage down the course is full of rocks—rocky places—but that the creek-bed is a course that flows with inevitability to the great "Come Lord Jesus" of Advent. This is our peace. Rest in this peace. Struggle in and with this peace. God's jarring and encompassing peace be with you.

Pr. Martin Wells

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OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

NOVEMBER 2009

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

18 Sharon Lone-Browder (Retired - E Wenatchee, WA) ~ 25th Anniversary of Commissioning

Please Remember in Prayer ...

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

...Ms. Marilyn Ulleland, wife of Pr. Duane Ulleland (Spokane Valley, WA) as she continues treatment for cancer.

...Pr. Palmer Gedde (Retired - Yuma, AZ) and family. Palmer was diagnosed with a fast spreading malignant cancer. He covets your prayers for he, his family and especially his wife, Beverly, who just lost a younger sister to cancer.

...Pr. Bob & Mary Anderson (Seattle, WA) and family as they continue with Hospice care for Bob.

...Pr. Barbara Harrison-Condon (Idaho Falls, ID) and family as they mourn the death of her father, William Condon, who died September 26th.

...Pr. Ginny Johnson (Pilgrim - Othello, WA) and family as they mourn the death of her father, The Rev. Robert Johnson, who died October 7th.

...Pr. Bob & Carma Kenyon (Emanuel - Ritzville, WA) and family as they mourn the death of their 3-month old granddaughter.



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.

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	NV	Keith Hammer I
		Kari Sansgaard AP
L or P	Chelan, WA - Holden Village Director(s)	NV	
P	Cheney, WA - Emmanuel	B	Paul D. Anderson I
P	Chewelah, WA - St. Paul	NV	Jeryl Phillips-Kelley TM
P	Colfax-Endicott, WA - Peace/Trinity	A	Phylis Stromme I
P	Gifford, ID - Good Hope	NV	
P	Jackson, WY - Shepherd of the Mountains	B	Barbara Harrison Condon I
P	Kamiah, ID - Faith	A	Art Finney I
P	Kennewick, WA - First	B	Matthew & Kristen Kuempel SP
P	Mountain Home, ID - Grace	A	Scott Berner I
P	Nampa, ID - Trinity	A	Dick Sansgaard I
P	Orofino, ID - Ascension	NV	Barrett Lindsey I
P	Quincy, WA - St. Paul	A	Bill Voris I
AP	Richland, WA - Richland	NV	Bill Martens LP
P	Spokane, WA - Prince of Peace	B	David Ophus I
P	Sunnyside, WA - Our Saviour's	A	Ron Shipman I
P	Troy, ID - Troy	NV	
P	Twin Falls, ID - Our Savior's	C	Stan Hoobing I
P	Yakima, WA - Christ	NV	Jillian Ross I

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Rev. Elizabeth Larsen of Troy Lutheran in Troy, ID has resigned as Pastor to accept a call to St. Mark's Lutheran in Portland, OR. Her last Sunday in Troy was October 18th.

CALLS/APPOINTMENTS ACCEPTED

Rev. Adrianne Heskin, former Director for Campus Ministry in Regions 1,2, and 4, has accepted the call to be Senior Pastor of Shepherds of the Valley Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. She will begin there November 18th.

Rev. Ron Jetter has accepted the call from the Synod Council to serve as Executive Director of Lower Valley Hospice in the Yakima Valley. He is currently serving in that position.

Rev. Jeryl Phillips-Kelley, on leave from call and rostered in the Grand Canyon Synod, has accepted the call from the Synod Council to serve as Transition Minister at St. Paul Lutheran in Chewelah, WA.

Rev. Elizabeth Larsen of Troy Lutheran in Troy, ID has accepted the call to be Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran in Portland, OR. Her last Sunday in Troy was October 18th.

Rev. Jillian Ross, on leave from call and rostered in the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod has accepted the call from the Synod Council to serve as Interim Pastor at Christ Lutheran in Yakima, WA. She is currently serving in that position.

Rev. Jim Stern, on leave from call and rostered in the Southwestern Washington Synod, has accepted the part-time call to be Pastor at Zion Lutheran in Davenport, WA. He began serving there October 11th.

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CALL PROCESS STATUS CONTINUED . . .

INSTALLATIONS

Rev. James Engel was installed as Associate Pastor at Central Lutheran in Yakima, WA, on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Rev. Virginia Johnson will be installed as Pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran in Othello, WA on Sunday, November 8th during the morning worship.

ROSTER CHANGES

Rev. Lon Bechtel, formerly of King of Glory Lutheran in Boise, ID, retired as of July 1, 2009.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY @ EWU

Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU is *your* ministry at Eastern Washington University. Our funding comes from Region 1, churches, individuals, a grant from the ELCA and *an auction*. *Without monies raised from this auction, Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU could not continue.*

The annual **Lutheran Campus Ministry at EWU auction - "Fall Ball"** (usually "Spring Fling") will be on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Doors open at 5:00 pm and silent bidding begins shortly thereafter. **The "Fall Ball" will be held at All Saints Lutheran Church (formerly Emmanuel Lutheran) at 314 S. Spruce Street, Spokane, WA.**

We are asking churches and individuals to help in **donations or services for the auction** (lake homes, quilts, baskets, Christmas items, once-a-month cookies, boat rides, time shares, lawn care, etc.) *Please only new or like-new items.*

We are also asking churches and individuals to **purchase tickets and come to the auction**. Individual tickets are \$12.00 or you can reserve an entire table of 8 for \$80.00. We will have catered hors d'oeuvres and delicious wine and beer as well as an opportunity to bid on dessert. There will also be a chance to win a raffle just for buying a ticket!

If you have any questions or are able to help with the auction by either providing an item or buying tickets (or both!), please contact **Pastor Shelley at 509/951-5701 or 509/235-508** or email at **lcmewu@yahoo.com**.

We thank you for your support throughout the years and look forward to hearing from you soon!

God's Abundant Blessings,
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EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNOD MISSION SUPPORT

Fiscal Year ~ February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2010

2009	September	73,988.61	Year to Date	598,049.61
2008	September	71,803.52	Year to Date	606,342.62
	Difference	2,185.09	Difference	(8,293.01)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Join The Fig Tree for their first
 Harvest Soirée Auction**
Friday, November 6th ~ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Cathedral of St. John Great Hall ~ 127 E. 12th Ave., Spokane, WA

*Words of wisdom by The Rev. Happy Watkins ~ Fabulous food catered by the New Leaf Bakery
 Beverages & fair-trade coffee tasting ~ Live and silent auction, plus some surprises*

Please RSVP - \$25 per person
Send check to The Fig Tree (note for Soirée)
1323 S. Perry St., Spokane, WA 99202

Proceeds support growth of The Fig Tree's outreach through stories that inform, inspire and involve.

For information, call 509/599-1177
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<p>509-328-6527</p> <h1>The Commons</h1> <p>In West Central 1425 W. Broadway Grand Opening Nov. 9th</p>	
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UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED . . .

GLOBAL FORMATION EVENT

November 13-14, 2009

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd ~ Olympia, Washington

Why attend the Formation event?

The ELCA Global Formation Event brings together experts and resources on global and domestic ministry under one roof, for one weekend, in one convenient location so congregational leaders can build skills you need to be an effective part of God's mission no matter where you serve. Your input into this event will also help ELCA Global Mission serve more effectively.

Mission takes place everywhere in the world — including North America, where it influences our ministry every day. By understanding how God's activity is changing the world around us, we can build and develop skills that help us engage, serve, support, learn, and travel more effectively, globally and domestically. These skills can help you be an effective part of God's mission.

Register as a Team

Register for an upcoming event. For only \$35 per person and in only 1-1/2 days, your team can:

- Enhance your connections with the worldwide Lutheran family
- Gain practical skills for mission
- Give, receive, and serve more effectively
- Discover how changes in the world are transforming the way churches like the ELCA proclaim and serve
- Lead inviting worship that includes global voices
- Travel internationally in a way that is effective, sustainable, respectful, and cross-culturally sensitive

Register for the event at www.elca.org/globalevents

For more information contact Marj Nishek at 208/267-7191 or e-mail her at nishek@meadowcrk.com.

The Faith & Environment Network & St. Mark's Care of Creation Committee

co-sponsoring

“Food & Faith Forum”

Saturday, November 14th ~ 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church ~ 316 E. 24th Ave., Spokane, WA

You are invited to attend the “Food & Faith Forum” co-sponsored by The Faith & Environment Network and St. Mark's Lutheran Care of Creation Committee in Spokane, WA. At issue is why it matters how we grow our food in regards to the health of our bodies, our environment, our economy and our mandate to take care of creation. Peter Illyn, from Restoring Eden will be the keynote speaker. Pr. Craig Goodwin from Millwood Presbyterian will speak about his family's “year of plenty.” A documentary entitled “Broken Limbs” which chronicles Wenatchee orchardists will be shown, followed by a panel of local growers/farmers who are producing food using sustainable methods and often selling directly to consumers. Hopefully Riverfront Farms will be doing a short presentation, as well.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact St. Mark's Lutheran at 509/747-6677 or e-mail Wanda Daehlin at wmdaehlin@aol.com.

LUTHERAN PUBLIC POLICY OFFICE OF WASHINGTON

LPPO UPDATE

Greetings! This is Matt Keadle, the new LPPO seminary intern for 2009-2010. It is with joy and anticipation that I begin this year among you in the state of Washington. As with past interns, my time will be shared between LPPO and St. John United Lutheran Church in Seattle.

A few words about my own story: I grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, graduated from Valparaiso University, and then accompanied my wife, Chris, as she did her first years of graduate work at Indiana University toward a PhD in Latin American History. In 2006, I entered seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and my early pastoral identity was shaped by my experiences in the city, working at a homeless shelter and in culturally and racially diverse urban congregations. Most recently, my wife and I spent a year in Mexico, where I took seminary classes in the first-ever Mexico Semester Program at the ELCA's Lutheran Center in Mexico City.

In addition to contextual ministry, one of the primary emphases of the Mexico Semester Program was global economic policy and local economic practices as they relate to our life in Christ. As you might imagine, then, I was thrilled to be placed this year in an internship where I am learning how theory about the relationship between Christian life and public policy gets put into practice in the State of Washington.

While I have only been on the job for a few weeks, one thing has already become very clear: Relationships are critical to the work that we do at LPPO. This may seem obvious, but it can easily become lost in a sea of policy details and theological principles. Our relationships, in fact, make up the bridge that gets us from faith to effective action. It is partly for this reason, then, that my work this year at LPPO will center on building closer relationships between LPPO and the ELCA congregations of Washington State.

One way we hope to build these relationships is through our Advocating Congregations Program. Advocating Congregations become congregational partners with LPPO, working closely together with us on educational efforts, public witness on legislative issues, and financial support. They send representatives of their congregation to Faith Advocacy Day (this year on February 16, 2009), join with us in our fall campaign to defeat Initiative 1033 and approve Referendum 71, and attend our annual fundraiser in the spring. In doing so, these congregations add their collective voice to the voices of individual advocates speaking up on behalf of neighbors in need. We hope to see as many congregations as possible become a part of this program, so that through it we might work more closely together in striving for justice and peace in the state of Washington and beyond.

As you consider whether your own congregation might consider this program, we want to hear from you. What are the policy issues most affecting your congregation? How can we better be an advocacy resource for you? Please don't hesitate to call or email us, and do consider inviting an LPPO staff person for a Sunday or weeknight visit. We'll look forward to hearing from you, speaking with you, and seeing you soon!

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SYNOD CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 23 Synod Staff Meeting
- 24 LPPO Event @ Lord of Life-Kennewick
- 24 Palouse Cluster Gathering@Trinity-Pullman
- 25-26 Dean's Retreat
- 26-28 Bishop's Convocation-Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 28 Nominating Committee Meeting @
Trinity Lutheran - Coeur d'Alene, ID

NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 2 Synod Staff Meeting
- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 5 Mt. Spokane Cluster Mtg - Colville, WA
- 12-13 Global Mission Event - Olympia, WA
- 13-15 ELCA Church Council Meeting
- 14 EWU Auction @ All Saints - Spokane, WA
- 19 Synod Staff Meeting
- 20-21 Synod Candidacy Committee Meeting
- 21 LPPO Event @ St. Mark-Spokane, WA
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Weekend -
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