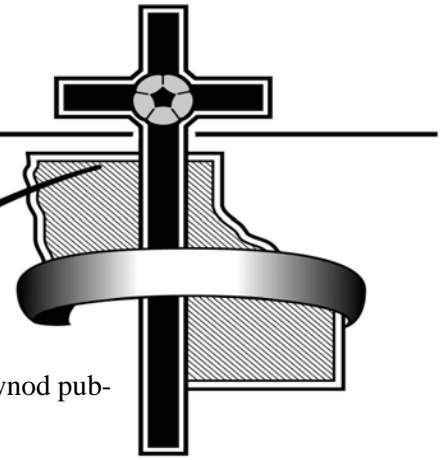


CROSS Connection



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

God's beloved people,

Blessing and God's peace to you in this season of hard conversation and the constant search for faithfulness.

For those of you wondering whether it's safe to read this column, it isn't about sex. Why? I think that when you press and press on a particular button it has a way of becoming a complete reality. Human Sexuality is NOT our complete reality! There is so much more, SO much more for us to be concerned about! It pales in comparison to God's constant call to care for the weak, the lonely, the lost, and the confused. There are more important things to talk about his month.

God's Left Hand, the way we know God to be involved in the civil realm, is active, alive, alert and constant. I call for us to trust that God is active in our life as a people and to work for fundamental fairness for all God's creation. God is pressing forward where it counts, addressing those with no voice and calling us as a people to care for one another.

The Dream of God? That every human being would have a fair way to address the physical needs of life, including the way the body wears down and loses the integrity that we think of as human life. This has to do with hunger. It has to do with fresh water. It has to do with physical safety. It has to do with health care.

What are we to do when the body-politic seizes up and threatens to crash around health-care reform? Here's my idea: We—as the church and as citizens--address it ourselves and pray for the buy-in of the body-politic. We need to find a way to cover 47 million people who do not have access to health care and health insurance.

What can we do?

Here's what I can do.

I read an article six weeks ago that pegged the majority of health care costs on several conditions: Smoking; high cholesterol; high blood pressure; and obesity.

I am moderately obese (50 pounds above the ideal).

I take drugs to control high blood pressure (related to obesity).

I take drugs to control high cholesterol (related to obesity).

I don't smoke though I used to. I remember the fine smell of cigar and it makes me crazy. I'm responsible to get over this.

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The Wells Health Care Reform?

What if I, along with you, were to shed the pounds that precipitate the high blood pressure/high cholesterol situation? Could the system save enough off our reform to cover those with no insurance, no access to affordable health care? It's worth a shot.

We have good examples of this reform in our synod. Pastors Jim Grunow, Dave Haven, and John Hergert have shed considerable weight and given us the model. Is it too much to see in their self-care a way to transfer a robust life to those who hunger, those who yearn for medical insurance? I can lose 750 calories a day in my diet by paying attention to health instead of food anxiety. Reform myself; reform healthcare.

YELS UPDATE

This is overdue, but I would like to report on the YELS event that took place at Shoshone Base Camp from June 28th to July 1.

Twenty seven youth and ten adults came together for four days of service, leadership, meditation, worship, Bible study and fellowship. Everyone had a great time and most of the youth attending would like to return again next year. The youth and adults represented 11 churches from the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod.

Speakers for the event included Hailey Rile (will be attending PLU in this Fall), Jeff Ladderud (will be attending WSU in the Fall), Bishop Martin Wells and Assistant to the Bishop Mark Nelson. Kenzie Sherman shared with the group about her trip to Central America and visiting with those in need. Music was provided by Kenzie Sherman with some help from Clint Kunze (Shoshone). Meditation was led by Pastor Peg Harvey Marose.

The four days included "Get to Know Each Other Activities", Leadership Opportunities, 5 hours of service to improve areas of Shoshone, campfire, sessions on leadership, service, Bible study, meditation, a cold dip in Lost Creek and much more. Wednesday night activities included the "Miss YELS" contest (you have to be there to enjoy -- let's say that several of the guys would like to return to participate) and closing worship on Wednesday morning.

YELS is an event that is planned and led by youth of our Synod. Board officers for this coming year include: Dustin Wendt (President), Samantha Dawson (President Elect), Hope Harvey Marose (Out Reach), Juniper Harvey Marose (Secretary/Treasurer), and Peter Swanson (Synod Council Youth Representative).

Next year YELS is planned to take place from June 27th to June 28th at Shoshone Base Camp. If you have questions, be sure to contact me and I can put you in contact with someone on the Board that will be planning next years event.



OKTOBERFEST SAUSAGE FEED ~ OCTOBER 25 GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN ~ LIND, WA

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Lind, Washington is serving on October 25th a great German Sausage meal consisting of: German Sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce and homemade desserts. This great meal is being served from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Lind Senior Center on "I" (Main) Street. So ... get out for a nice Sunday drive, invite a friend or two and come let the folks at Good Hope serve you a fine meal. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Just in case you don't know where Lind is, we are on Highway 395 about 17 miles south of Ritzville. When you get into town, just take a left on the main street. There is lots of

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 CARE	LOCATION/CONGREGATION	STATUS	P A S T O R A L
P	Boise, ID - King of Glory	NV	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	
P	Colfax-Endicott, WA - Peace/Trinity	A.....	Phylis Stromme I
P	Davenport, WA - Zion	B.....	Roger Bruggink 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.....	Keith Hammer I
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	A.....	David Ophus I
P	Sunnyside, WA - Our Saviour's	A.....	Ron Shipman I
P	Twin Falls, ID - Our Savior's	B.....	Stan Hoobing I
P	Yakima, WA - Christ	NV	Jillian Ross I

ORDINATIONS, CONSECRATIONS, AND COMMISSIONINGS

Seminarian James Engel will be ordained into the Office of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Hosanna Lutheran in Pataskala, Ohio. Time to be announced.

INSTALLATIONS

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

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

OCTOBER 2009

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

- 22 Peg Harvey-Marose (Grace - Lewiston, ID) ~ 10th Anniversary of Ordination
- 25 Doug Kempe (Hearts for Hospice - Boise, ID) ~ 25th Anniversary of Ordination



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.
- ...**Congratulations** to grandparents Pr. Paul & Gwen Anderson (Fairfield, WA) and family as they celebrate the birth of their grandson, Raymond Paul Lasz, born September 1, 2009.
- ...Pr. Gail Duba (Dir. of Pastoral Care @ Rockwood Retirement - Spokane, WA) and family as they mourn the death of her mother, Joanne Young. Joanne died August 13th.
- ...The family of Maureen Greene (Boise, ID) as they mourn her death. Maureen died on August 28th.
- ...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. Roland Wittrock (Retired - Spokane, WA) as he recovers from a recent stroke.
- ...Ms. Cathy Chenault, wife of Pr. Bob Chenault (Messiah - Spokane, WA) as she recovers from recent 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@ewaidsynod.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.

EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNOD MISSION SUP-			
Fiscal Year ~ February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2010			
2009	August	73,739.34	Year to Date 524,061.00
2008	August	70,613.77	Year to Date 534,539.10
	Difference	3,125.57	Difference (10,478.10)

SYNOD DATABASE & DIRECTORY UPDATES

Soon a new Synod Directory will go to print (on CD!) and we need your help! Please take a look at your current Synod Directory and if any information about you has changed, please complete this form and mail it back to the synod office or drop me an e-mail with the updated information **before October 1st**. The new directory will be available at the Bishop's Convocation ~ October 26-28, 2009.

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If you are currently receiving the Cross Connection and wish to be removed from the mailing list, please cut your mailing label from the back of the newsletter and mail it to the Synod Office at the above address. *Thank you!*

We appreciate your help!!!

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

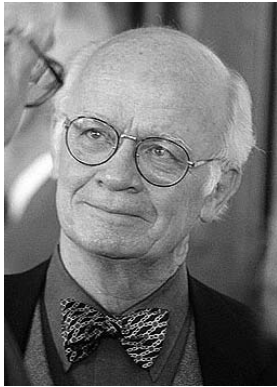
September is National Preparedness Month, a helpful reminder that all of us could be better prepared for the unknown and the unthinkable. This year, Lutheran Disaster Response encourages you to be the **ReadyChurch**, and it takes all of us working together. Take time this month to prepare your family, your friends and neighbors, and your congregation by following the three simple steps -- **1) Be Informed, 2) Make a Plan, and 3) Get a Kit**. Get started today by visiting www.ldr.org/ready.

This week, **Get a Kit** for your family to have in the event that something happens, and you need to support yourselves for a period of time. Putting together a kit means thinking about and assembly the items that you and your entire household (pets included!) would need for at least 72 hours. And as an added step, be Lutheran Disaster Response by putting together an extra kit for a family that might not be able to afford putting one together for themselves.

Together, let's become the **ReadyChurch!**
Lutheran Disaster Response



UPCOMING EVENTS



The Common Ministry at WSU presents the 32nd Annual
ROGER WILLIAMS SYMPOSIUM
 October 16-17, 2009

DR. MARTIN E. MARTY
Building Cultures of Trust

Come and hear one of the prominent interpreters of religion and culture today!

Dr. Martin Marty is Professor Emeritus from the University of Chicago, and author of more than 50 books.

Marty says, "I think the breakdown of trust is close to being 'the' story of our year(s): in government, commerce, religious organizations, universities -- you name it. I think most people whine or whimper or close their eyes or get angry or despair. I am working on ways that citizens including the religious among them can do some 'incremental' and 'meditational' and 'meliorist' work by building cultures of trust."

Friday, October 16, 6:00 pm Dinner & Lecture
 At the WSU CUB Senior Ballroom

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Presentations & Lunch
 At Trinity Lutheran Church, 1300 NE Lybecker Rd., Pullman

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 lcnewu@yahoo.com.

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

God's Abundant Blessings,

Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee

Lutheran Campus Ministry @ Eastern Washington University



UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED . . .

EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

God's Love Through Our Hearts: Bring Hope to your Community
October 9-11, 2009

Come with us to the Upper Snake River Valley Cluster for the Eastern Washington-Idaho Women of the ELCA 2009 Gathering. Our theme this year is *God's Love Through Our Hearts: Bring Hope to your Community.* Join us in Bible study, worship, learning opportunities and fellowship as we gain insights into how we spread *Hope* in our every day lives.

- ❖ Pastor Kristine Blaess who serves Community Presbyterian Church in Rigby, Idaho will be leading our Bible studies and worship. Romans 15 is our text.
- ❖ Margie Fiedler, Associate VP of Marketing, ELCA Mission Investment Fund, is our guest speaker. She will be speaking to our theme and sharing her experiences.
- ❖ Marie Tesch, our Churchwide Representative, is from Waseca, Minnesota. She will bring a message from Churchwide and share in our activities.
- ❖ "Bold Women on the Move" - we are offering water aerobics, a river walk tour, crafts, quilting and a silent auction with proceeds going to our Women in Ministry scholarship fund.
- ❖ We are very excited the **The Book Parlor** from Spokane will be joining us for the weekend.

We are offering a \$50 scholarship to the first 25 women to register that are first time attendees to an Eastern

Let Justice Roll 2009 October 3-5 (Saturday to Monday)

This year's theme is **Hearts4Justice** and will feature as speaker Rev. Dr. George Johnson. George is the former director of the hunger program in the Lutheran Church nationally and the author of *Beyond Guilt and Powerlessness*. He also founded the Hearts4Justice Conference held in Tijuana, Mexico with internationally known leaders, speakers, and writers.

The program includes presentations on the biblical call to justice, discussion of current justice issues, small group sessions, a service project, and lots of time to relax, hike, and enjoy the gracious hospitality of Holden Village. The goal of LJR is to equip young people to be peace-makers and justice-seekers in their homes, churches, schools, communities, and the world.

The cost of LJR is \$150 which includes round-trip boat trip on Lake Chelan, 3 days/2 nights and 7 meals and the program at Holden Village. Download the basic information, individual and group registration forms, complete and send in to the address listed on the forms.

Come be a part of the PLU Family Saturday, November 7, 2009

Bring your high school youth for a day of food, football, and fun! Join Pacific Lutheran University families in the morning for a Lute Brunch on campus and then cheer on the Lutes football team at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup as they take on Menlo from California. The brunch and football game are on us!

Schedule - Saturday, November 7, 2009

9 am - 11:30 am **Registration**
 University Center
 Pacific Lutheran University
 Tacoma, Washington



10 am **Campus Tours**
11 am **Lute Brunch**
1:30 pm **Football Game at Sparks Stadium**
4:30 pm **Depart for Home**



LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENTS

CLERGY WORKSHOP FOR RETURNING SERVICE PERSONNEL

- WHAT:** 5 hour workshop for clergy and pastoral staff to give basic understanding of Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) among servicepersons returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as effects on family members, including **signs and symptoms, family dynamics, appropriate referrals, case studies, and what faith communities can do to reach out.**
- WHO:** Offered by Catholic Charities Spokane and Lutheran Community Services, with presenters from the Veterans' Outreach Center. Pastors, clergy and staff from all congregations and faith communities are invited to attend.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, October 7, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch included
- WHERE:** St. Anne's Children & Family Center, lower level, 25 W. 5th Ave. (corner of 5th & Division), Spokane, WA
- WHY:** Clergy and Pastoral Staff are in a unique position to assist returning service men and women and their families as they struggle readjusting to life in the States and with



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Lutheran Community Services
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“Journeys to Joy” Sunday, October 11, 2009

Mukogawa Fort Wright Commons
4000 W. Randolph Road
12:30 to 1:30 Wine Social
1:30 to 3:30 - Luncheon, Entertainment, Program

Featuring:

Robyn Nance, KXLY TV, Emcee

Welcome By:

Roberta Nestaas, President & CEO
Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Program Spotlight:

“VRRT - Victim Rights Response Team”
Jenn Davis Nielson, Victim Advocate
Dena Strasser, Volunteer Victim Advocate

An opportunity will be given at this event for donations and pledges to help the life changing programs of Lutheran Community Services.

For information, call Stephanie, 509-343-5074

LUTHERAN PUBLIC POLICY OFFICE OF WASHINGTON

“ELECTION 2009” BRIEFING

October is often a time for us as citizens of this country and state to focus on what lies ahead of us on the November ballot. There are two major statewide issues that we as voters will face as the voter information pamphlets arrive by early October and ballots can be mailed as early as mid-October – Initiative 1033 and Referendum 71.

First of all you should know that an initiative is “from the people” and if approved establishes state law. A referendum is also “from the people” but puts a state law before the people for a vote of approval or disapproval.

Initiative 1033 concerns state, county, and city revenue. This measure would limit growth in state, county, and city revenues deposited and subject to a state expenditure limit. This limit would be adjusted based on annual growth in inflation and population. This limit would exclude voter-approved revenue increases. Revenues that come in above the limit would be used to help reduce property tax levies.

The statewide council of the Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO) has decided to oppose this measure. Our primary reason is that this measure, if enacted, would not only severely limit the amount of revenue local & state governments can raise but would have the indirect consequence of potentially decimating basic services normally funded by government such as public safety, transportation, environmental services, education, and health & human services – all things that we the people of this state rely on.

Referendum 71 concerns the extension of marital rights to same gender partnerships and heterosexual partners over 62. This bill (SB 5688) was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor only affects state registered domestic partnerships. General areas that this law addresses are health care related decisions, hospital visitation, powers of attorney, death and burial issues, and benefits accorded to a surviving partner upon the death of the other registered partnership. LPPO statewide council decided to endorse referendum 71. Our primary reason is that we believe on the basis of equality, fairness, and economic justice that state registered partnership should be entitled to the same basic rights that state registered marriages are privileged to have.

Remember that if you support R-71 that means you support the existing law; if you disagree with the current law then you disapprove of R-71.

For more information on these campaigns contact for reject R-71 Mr. Larry Stickney in Arlington, WA. At lstickney@valuesaction.org. For the approve R-71 contact Washington Standing for Families Together at www.wasft.org. There is also a faith leaders statement regarding this issue that you can find at the LPPO web site (www.lppowa.org).



FIRE SAFE WANTED ...

Ascension Lutheran (Orofino, ID) is looking for a fire safe file cabinet. If you have one you would like to donate or sell for a reasonable price, please contact the church office at



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SYNOD CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 21-24 Holden Theological Conference
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting @ Synod Office
- 25-26 Synod Council Meeting @ Emanuel - Ritzville, WA

OCTOBER

- 1-6 Conference of Bishops @ The Lutheran Center
- 3 LPPO Event - East Wenatchee, WA
- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 7-8 Boundary Training - Spokane, WA
- 9-11 Women's Fall Gathering - Idaho Falls, ID
- 11 LCS Banquet - Spokane, WA
- 16-17 Region I Governing Council
- 24 LPPO Event @ Lord of Life - Kennewick, WA
- 25-26 Dean's Retreat
- 26-28 Bishop's Convocation - Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 28 Nominating Committee Meeting - Coeur d'Alene, ID



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