

The Tidings

July 2011

A newsletter of Central Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity

Conference on the Spiritual Formation of the Congregation

As a reminder to me and to you, one of the primary areas you as a congregation asked me to focus on (through your ministry site profile) this first year was to “assist us in guiding and developing the spiritual foundation and direction of our members.” That is why I attended the above conference at PLU.

We discussed many models of congregational development at this conference. I would like to share with you some of what I learned and discussed with other congregational leaders.

First, a definition of congregational development:

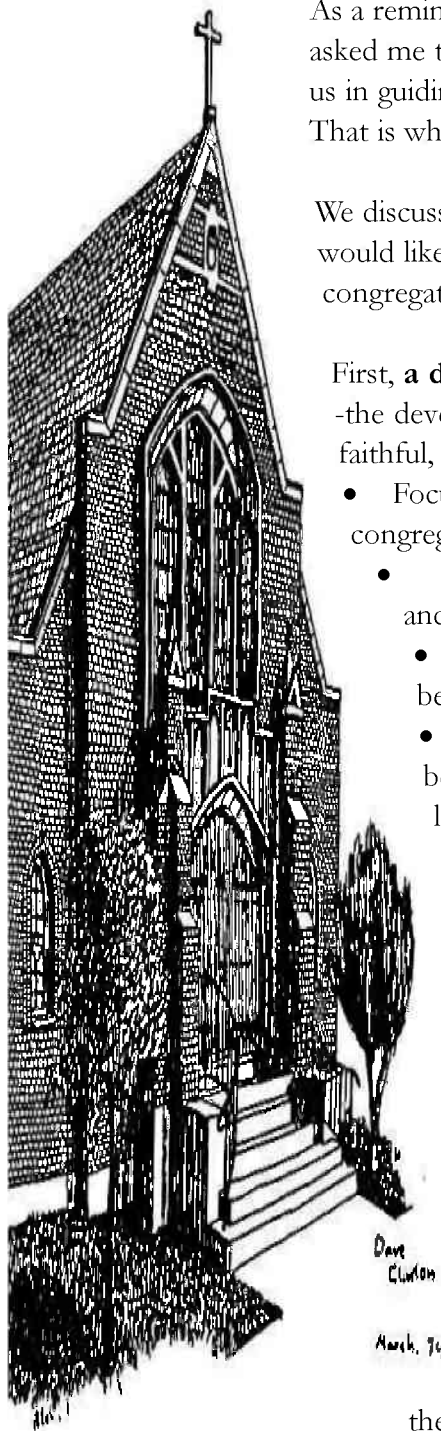
-the development of congregations of all sizes, locations and conditions into more faithful, healthy and effective communities of faith that are:

- Focused on and faithful to their unique reason for being/primary task as congregations which are local expressions of the Body of Christ
- Connected to and expressive of their unique ecclesial tradition, ethos and character
- Self-renewing and responsive to the challenges and opportunities before them
- Sustainable or working toward greater sustainability in terms of a fit between the elements of their organizational life: vision for ministry, leadership, culture, size, property, finances, etc.

I think this is exactly the work that your congregational co-presidents and the council have been focused on this first five months of my time at Central. I have urged our leaders to focus on those things that Central does well and also those areas which make Central Lutheran unique in its focus. I also found it interesting to attend this conference the day after conducting my first new member class here. Sponsors of new members each had a turn to talk about why they were members of Central and new members were given an opportunity to share why they were attracted to Central Lutheran. Indeed our long-time focus on justice, peace, global awareness, inclusiveness, service and diversity are strengths of our congregation.

As a person schooled in organizational systems, I am always focusing on the functioning of the system versus only paying attention to its individual parts. That's also why I was so interested with the idea that **organizational development deals with what's “under the tip of the iceberg.”** Above the tip are issues like job descriptions, functional areas,

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For children ages five and under

**We are an open and affirming
congregation, which in Lutheran
churches is called Reconciling in
Christ. We seek to share God's love
with all people regardless of race,
age, gender or sexual orientation.
All are welcome.**



Thank you!

ALTAR GUILD: Bob Hartl, Carl Kaiser, and Sue Anderson

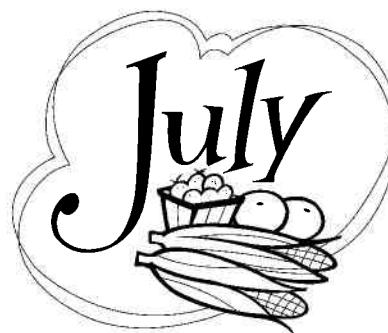
ASSISTING MINISTERS: Katie Streit, Anna Copley, John Mostrom, and Jeff Roberts

COFFEE: Eunice Stricker, Brian Schoof, Eric and Jamie Pedersen, Julia Maywald, and Tom Donlea

COMMUNION BREAD: Carl Kaiser and Theresa Wagner

TELLERS: Carla, Chris Kealy, Pam, Jeff Roberts, Lois Austin, Adam Rauch, and Cathy Woods

USHERS: Lois Austin, Steve Gibson, and Kevin Urdahl



Receive the readings via e-mail: Many people find it helpful to read the Sunday readings ahead of time. If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail with the upcoming Sunday's readings, please let Sandy know at office@loveiscentral.org.



Note from Pastor Cindy Salo

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hierarchical levels, mission, goals, objectives, stated values, operating policies and practices, and personnel policies and practices. We are working diligently to pay attention to these as your congregation's leaders, but also to those issues "underneath", such as power and influence, patterns of individual and group interaction, group sentiment and norms, trust issues (when trust is high, we can work together quickly), emotions, affective relationships (who cares about whom?), covert hopes and dreams, assumptions, dynamics (i.e., conflict dealing with change, instability), and culture. I am a leader who will focus on the issues under the iceberg as well as those above, so fair warning☺.

Sources of Transformation in congregations are study and learning, life in community (including conversation, food, and silence), action (includes stewardship, evangelism and service) and prayer and worship. A useful (perhaps less scary) definition of evangelism was "being in touch with the Gospel reality of our own lives. Creating relationships with others and organically sharing the Good News of God in Christ with them through our presence, our deeds, and our words."

The Purpose and Work of a Congregation was stated to be that of **Gathering, Transforming, and Sending**. When you think about it, that is the structure of our liturgy. We gather together as Church, we are transformed, hopefully by music and the Word and Sacraments, and inspired in our hearts to action, and then we are sent to be God's loving and transforming presence in the world.

Gathering was outlined in four stages: inviting (motivating people to attend); greeting (hospitality to our guests); orienting (follow up with visitors); and incorporation (being knit into the community of Central Lutheran Church). I am focused on doing this in my first years here at Central. There are places of great strength (warm welcome to visitors, functional coffee hour), and there are places where we could grow (welcome and nurture committee to be re-formulated, no visitors standing alone at coffee hour while "regulars" visit, follow-up contact by laypeople which is statistically 80% more effective than follow-up by the pastor). I am excited to do this work with you to grow our church!

I hope to bring some questions for discussion to our council soon regarding some of these issues. Perhaps you would like to ponder some of the questions we discussed in small groups at the conference:

1. Where is there real "glue" in the life of your congregation?
2. Where, if any place in the congregation, do you have ways to listen to each other as a way of deepening understanding or informing action?
3. How is service practiced in the congregation in a way that renews/transforms people for their life in the world?
4. What does your worship attempt to nurture within participants?

Thanks for reading this article to the end! I look forward to much spiritual work together through our partnership in this unique, transforming, service-oriented and inviting ministry we call Central Lutheran Church!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Cindy



News from Church Council

Dear Centralites,

We offer our thanks to council members who endured more than 3 hours of meeting time at our June Council gathering. It is a dedicated group!

We covered a wide range of issues including:

- Approving the building use agreement for the Seattle Progressive Preschool (with the needed addition of a more clear transition plan from SPP to the Sunday School)
- Got a final recommendation on the tithing we will conduct as a result of the Haberman bequest. A final list of organizations to receive financial support from this bequest will be voted on at a congregational meeting in early fall.
- Council acknowledged the plan that outstanding capital campaign pledges that are received will be directed to the Operating Fund.
- We discussed the dates for Pastor Cindy's vacation and professional development during July and August. We also discussed the plan for coverage for her ministerial duties.
- New hire task force has continued to meet and gather information from the congregation. We are getting very close to a draft job description. That will also need to be voted on by the congregation before hiring may be conducted. Ideally the new staff person will be hired before the new program year begins in September, but timing may not make that possible.
- We also reviewed priorities for the coming program year. Some of the key things that were discussed included:
 - Create and implement leadership development plan for all volunteer positions.
 - Form "Welcome and Nurture Committee": Narrow and clear charter and recruitment of a chair are next steps.
 - Create detailed list of all non-committee tasks and recruit volunteers, including a plan for annual recruitment/retention of these volunteers.
 - Building comprehensive list of maintenance/repair backlog and determine who and when repairs will be completed and complete them.
 - Develop and deliver robust, consistent, predictable education.
 - Review and revise building use agreements with the Community Lunch and LPF.
 - Create staff support plan.
 - Create volunteer training and support program.
 - Create a reception hosting structure and process for funerals or other events that are not in our regular annual calendar.
 - Conduct a stewardship/tithing/giving campaign: First steps have been taken and we will expect update.

Overall the council looks forward to having a month off (we will not convene in July) and getting ready in August for another program year!

Sincerely, Tom Donlea and Cori Myka Council Co-Presidents



Please extend a warm welcome to the following new members of Central:

Chang Choi & Kari Oversvee-Choi sponsored by Julia Maywald
Fievel Gordon & Erica Hieggelke sponsored by John Mostrom & Cathy Woods
Lindsay Gossack sponsored by Liz Langeland
Dena Hedegaard sponsored by Eunice Stricker
Shannon McMullen sponsored by Julia Maywald
Suzy Oversvee sponsored by Anne Bush
Michael Reed sponsored by Allen Jones
Pastor Cindy Salo

Chang and Kari's twin boys keep them busy!! They love to travel, hike, snowboard, listen and play music.

Erica is from Chicago and is working on a Masters of Library Science. **Fievel** is from Baltimore, loves music, and horror films, and works in legal services. Both Erica and Fievel love reading, cooking, biking, and running.

Lindsay is from Great Falls, Montana. She came to Seattle to study at Seattle University where she earned a degree in Biology with minors in Spanish and Chemistry. She plays the flute, piano, and saxophone, is a long distance runner, and an advocate for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Dena is a pastor's kid from Montana. She is currently living in Rainier Beach and is looking to buy a house in Renton or Kent. She works at Virginia Mason as a scheduler for a surgeon.

Suzy is a Sunday School teacher, member of two task forces, and coffee hour server- she is now looking forward to being a member of Central! Suzy is also a tap instructor.

Michael is an amateur artist (oil painting). He very kindly donated one of his paintings to Central Lutheran. It is hanging in the auxiliary office.

The council recently discussed the policy regarding posting the Tidings on Central's website. The following guiding principles and policy were approved and adopted for the website version of the Tidings.

Central Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
Policy Regarding Posting the Tidings on the Internet

June 2011

Background

Over a year ago, Central began posting each monthly Tidings on the Central website. This is a great way to reach the public and let them see information about the life of Central and become better acquainted with who we are. It also is a great way to keep the Tidings handy for members.

However, it also creates some privacy issues, as the information in the Tidings is now available to the world on the Internet. If a member of the public were to use a standard search engine such as Google and search on, for example, the name of a Central member to find out professional-related information on that person, the search results could also include any mentions of that member that appeared in the Tidings. If the Tidings included a member's contact information such as phone and email, that could appear in search results too.

NOTE: This ONLY concerns the Tidings posted on the Central website. Emailing the Tidings directly to members does not make it available to the public.

Guiding Principles

1. Personal contact information (phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, birth years) should be kept private and not made available to the public over the Internet.
2. Passwords for online activities and building access information also should be kept private and not made available to the public over the Internet.
3. Members amongst us may feel differently about sharing the fact of a member's affiliation with Central and the personal details of the member's Central activities (or any personal life activities as "Our Gang" described in years past). Some members will be comfortable sharing this information publicly and/or may consider doing so appropriate evangelism. Some members will be uncomfortable sharing this information publicly due to privacy, professional, safety, or other concerns. We do not want any member to ever limit or constrain his or her participation in the life of Central solely to avoid the member's Central affiliation or other information appearing in the Tidings on the Internet.
4. It is particularly important than we protect the privacy of children and those with safety needs.

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Policy

1. The Tidings will continue to list only birth months and days, not years, in the list of monthly birthdays. The Tidings will not include any codes or other access information for church buildings. In all other respects, the content of the Tidings that is emailed to the congregation is not affected by this policy.
2. Before the Tidings is posted on the church website, the office administrator or other individual designated by the pastor will redact (delete or black out):
 - a. Members' phone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses (official church email addresses and church phone numbers for staff can be listed without redaction);
 - b. "Our Gang" or any similar section if it should be included in the Tidings again in future;
 - c. Any passwords or other access information for virtual photo albums of church events; and
 - d. The full name (or, if requested, last name except for first initial) of any member who has informed the church office that he or she does not want his or her full name to appear ("opted out"). Information regarding how to opt out will be included in each monthly email transmission of the Tidings.
3. It is the responsibility of the person who posts the Tidings on the church website to ensure that these steps are followed prior to posting.

If you would like to "opt out" of having your full name or your last name listed in the version of the Tidings that is posted on Central's website, please let Sandy in the office know. She will be happy to honor your request. You can let Sandy know your preference at 206-322-7500 or at office@loveiscentral.org.



This 'n' That

Dear friends of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, thank you for your support over the years. We now have one very specific request: We are hoping to find a new place to house our volunteers. For those of you who aren't familiar with LVC, we are a year-long volunteer service program that places volunteers in full-time positions with social justice organizations across the country. Our volunteers live together in "communities" of 4-6 people, often utilizing church parsonages, or properties of our supporters.

We are now looking to rent a house, apartment or duplex in the Central District or Capitol Hill neighborhoods. The home would ideally have 4+ bedrooms, be available to rent by August 1st with a yearly lease with option to renew for at least 2 years, be in close walking distance of bus lines, and be owned by someone sympathetic or supportive of our program. Other perks would be a large living room and kitchen, and access to a yard or garden. All that said, we are flexible!

Do you know of any potential homes or landowners we could pursue? Please direct any leads to Monica Fisk, Puget Sound Regional Director (mfisk@lutheranvolunteercorps.org or (206)709-8690). Thank you!

Dear Members of Central,

Greetings from Columbia City Church of Hope! We are so grateful to the Central choir for coming out to Church of Hope on May 22 to worship with us and sing for us. It was so beautiful to hear their voices and to see so many beloved familiar faces.

It's been an exciting adventure starting up this new little church. We are now meeting every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and gathering a great little community of local folks. We have new families almost every week (lots of babies!), and tons of goodwill in the neighborhood. Our gatherings are still fairly small (20-30 folks at a service now that we're in the summer), but the interest in the community is widespread and growing. We hope that you will think of us as a little sister congregation down here in the Rainier Valley: Call us, visit us, set us up with your friends! You could even send us money now and then as we try to get up on our own feet. Check out our website (ColumbiaCityHope.org) and join our mailing list if you want to stay posted. But most of all, please pray for us and for the work that God is doing in our city.

Marinko and I miss the community at Central and are so grateful for your prayers and support. It is fantastic to have partners such as all of you on this journey of faith, and I am hopeful that our communities will continue to cross-pollinate and to find joy together in finding God in our midst!

Peace,
Darla DeFrance



For Prayer

Central does have a Prayer Chain. If you are interested in joining it or have a concern you would like to have the Prayer Chain pray for, please contact Pastor Cindy (206-322-7500; pastor@loveiscentral.org).

Praying for this month- names stay on the list monthly. Please let us know if you would like a prayer request returned to the list.

Homebound:

Doris Schlecht

Ill and recovering:

Kathy Twohig

Yada Hartmann

Julie Mattson

Blanche Sylvester

Brian Anderson's Aunt Margaret

Andrew Rapp and Jennifer Evans' nephew Ronan Louis

Bill Quarterman, Suzy Oversvee's father-in-law

Phyliss Nelson, Roger Nyhus' mother

Prayers of Thanks:

SGT Brian Mostrom now reunited with wife Megan Medsker in Germany



May Attendance

May 1	48
May 8	91
May 15	70
May 22	110
May 29	77



Mark your calendars

Please be advised that **Pastor Cindy will be on vacation** beginning Monday July 18. She will return to the office on Tuesday August 9.



News from Seattle's Progressive Preschool

Today we packed away the preschool materials for the summer, having graduated our first class at Seattle's Progressive Preschool last week. What a year! All of our current students are registered to return in the fall, except for three students.

One of those students is continuing on to kindergarten at TOPS, a local public school that also has a social justice mission. Starting the year as a painfully shy 4 year old, he is now one of the most likely to energetically answer Teacher Sarah's questions. His intellectual curiosity has flowered, and we have every expectation that he will excel in school in the years to come.

Two other graduates, who are brothers, entered SPP under a unique set of circumstances. Both children had significant fetal cocaine exposure, resulting in additional emotional, occupational, and developmental needs. SPP played a supportive role in addressing some of these needs, and the boys' growth over the course of the year was remarkable. They will continue to require and receive outside services, however, there is a plan for them to continue to make great strides. One area in which they are excelling is cognition – their powerful minds are evident to everyone they encounter. In the fall, the older of the two boys will be attending a unique special education Seattle Public Schools kindergarten that specifically serves children of high cognitive ability who need additional support in other areas.



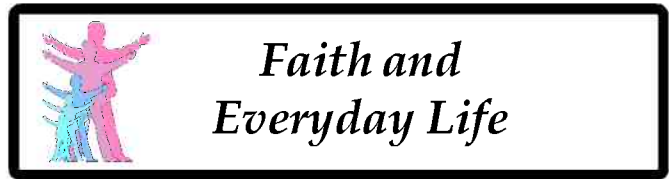
His younger brother started this year observing most interactions from safely behind his mom's leg, but has developed a strong sense of self and independence over the course of the year. This is so promising for the breakthrough year he will have next year. His birth conditions require a specific medical/dietary focus that we are happy to say will also be served by Seattle Schools in the fall.

Many would agree that this family represents the heart and soul of the first year at Seattle's Progressive Preschool! Knowing her sons' needs were significant, their mom attended every class with them. She scoured thrift shops and craigslist for toys and classroom materials. And the boys' original foster mom served as our Treasurer. They represent diversity and dedication on so many levels and enriched the SPP experience for all of us.

We at SPP wish all of our graduates the best in their educational journey and thank Central Lutheran for all of the faith they have placed in our nascent program!

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Derek Stanley
SPP Board Chair



Below, you'll find the names of Centralites celebrating their birthday this month. Share a birthday wish with them and help make it a special day!

Bruce Myka	7/01
Daniel Kaiser	7/03
Joshua Griffin	7/07
Greg Mostrom	7/07
Ethan Cornell Burger	7/09
Shannon McMullen	7/11
Anders Pedersen	7/12
Erik Pedersen	7/12
Leif Pedersen	7/12
Steven Chapman	7/13
Bob Hartl	7/17
John Kealy	7/18
Brian Mostrom	7/19
Austin Mullins Mjolsnes	7/20
Dana Swenson	7/20
Karen Sy	7/20
Anna Kiem	7/23
Ruth Fjellman	7/24
Cliff Kempner	7/24
Adam Billen	7/25
Brita Decker	7/28
Pam	7/28



Eccl 3:4

A Time to Weep

This “Time” calls for the emotional flexibility to risk, to share our deepest feelings.

Wife to Husband (W to H); Husband to Wife (H to W); Therapist (T) to H or W

W to H: “This problem with my brother really pains me. I’m afraid to set any kind of limit with him because he’s the only brother I have. He’s mean to me but I love him. I feel so foolish...”

H to W: (gruffly) I don’t have any use for him because of the way he treats you.

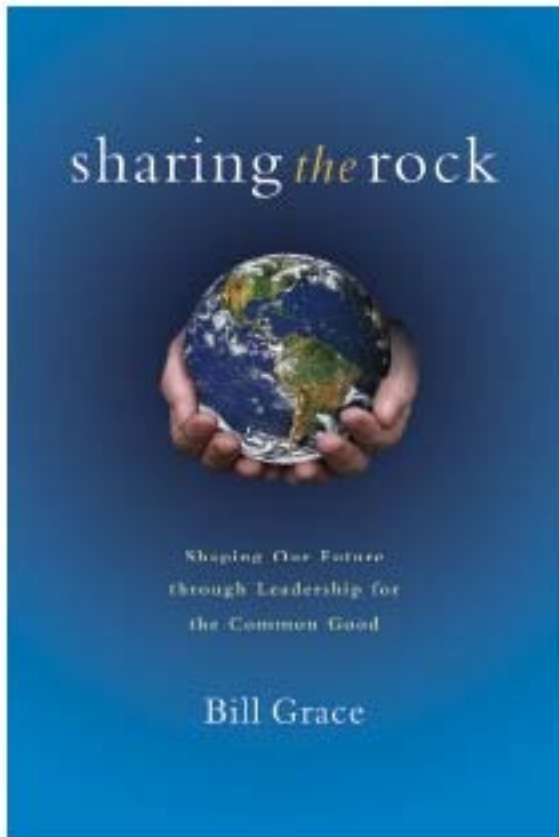
T to H: You really hate to see her hurt, don’t you? You care about her very much. When you think about her being in pain, what happens for you?

H to T: (weeping) I just get filled with this overwhelming sadness and I feel so helpless. (At the therapist’s direction, he then tells her that directly.)

H to W: I love you so much. It breaks my heart to see you like this. I feel filled with such sadness for you. I want to help but don’t know what to do.

W to H: (weeping also) I can’t tell you how loved I feel in this moment. You have told me you loved me before, but it means so much to see your tears. I’ve never seen it come so much from your heart.

God gave us these moments and these feelings to live in fully, whether they be moments of sorrow or joy. God is with us in them. We can embrace them and be flexible enough to experience and display the gift of deep emotions.



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through Leadership for
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ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL THINGS we can do to change the world is change our minds about the world, regarding it as a safe place for a child to be born, for environment, communities, and businesses to flourish side by side, and for strangers to be greeted as friends. Leadership is the key to achieving this future. However, first leadership itself must be transformed.

Sharing the Rock recasts leadership to meet this task by introducing seven practices focused on advancing the common good through business, politics, government, education, health care, and community service organizations. Always the goal is to create a just society in which all voices are heard and all life prospers.

Whether you are engaged in leadership education or are simply an aspiring leader, you will learn, hands-on, how to:

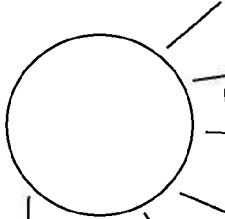
- Choose your personal values
- Embrace the wisdom of the margins
- Craft a vision
- Create gracious space
- Claim your voice
- Receive hope
- Act with courage



BILL GRACE, leadership educator and social justice activist, founded the Center for Ethical Leadership in Seattle in 1991. During his fourteen-year tenure as its executive director, the Center earned a national reputation for innovative leadership development programs. Bill currently directs Common Good Works and speaks and leads seminars around the world.



Central Kids' Page

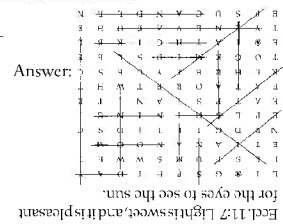


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| Candle | Heavenly | Spark |
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| Dim | Light | Sun |
| Electricity | Lightbulb | Window |
| Fire | Moon | |



Color the Sun

- P – purple
- B – blue
- G – green
- R – red
- O – orange
- Y – yellow





The Spirit

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News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July 2011

Thank You For Your Gifts by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



As the tornados have devastated the South and Joplin, Missouri, and as the flood waters of the Mississippi threaten much of the Midwest, I am again very thankful for the response of this church. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has been on the scene quickly

and with the promise of long term support. That is what we do as the church.

In Cullman, Alabama, the ELCA congregation's building was destroyed by the tornado. The congregation's processional cross was found in the yard of an Episcopal family who returned it to the congregation. It was bent, but still usable as a symbol of presence of God in this disaster and the reality of grassroots ecumenism. Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin was totally destroyed with only the front two pillars of the building remaining.

The members of these and other congregations lost property. There was loss of life that impacted the ministry of these congregations and the communities. The congregation in Alabama is served by two pastors who are now working to be the presence of Christ in this community. The congregation in Joplin was in the call process and is served by an interim pastor. This was seen by the synod as a possible site for a seminary graduate. This will now be a most unique venue for someone starting in ministry.

The fact is that the interdependent and

interconnected structure of the ELCA gives us the ability to respond to such disasters with people and with money. The structure of the Southeastern Synod and the Central States Synod means that there are people who are already present in these areas affect by these storms. The money given to LDR goes to those who have been affected by the disaster. The infrastructure costs often come from the synod and churchwide staff already called to serve in these areas. When the earthquake or storm hits this synod, the synod staff will be LDR staff as we respond with the resources of the whole church.

Thank you for your response to these disasters and to those that have preceded these. This is important work that you are doing. It is in your regular mission support that the staff is paid to be on site when a disaster strikes or doing the work of evangelism, call process, conflict management and new mission planning. It is your disaster response gifts that go to provide the needed supplies and care that are the way in which this church responds to disasters.

Thank you for the way in which you support those who find themselves in need.

(Editor's Note: Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for "U.S. Severe Storms," will be used entirely (100 percent) in response to these disasters. There are three ways to give. By mail: Lutheran Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300 (write US Severe Storms in memo line). By telephone: 800-638-3522. Online: <https://community.elca.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=638>.)

The Storyteller

By Rebecca MacVaugh, LWR

In West Africa, a *griot* is a storyteller, a singer, a history keeper and an agent of cultural change. It is a role honored throughout the region.

Dianne Johnson, Associate in Ministry, at Lord of Life Lutheran in Renton, may not look like your typical griot, but she has joined the West African tradition — and she's telling the story of malaria at churches, synod assemblies and house parties.

It all started when Dianne was asked to post a sign-up sheet for a mission trip to Tanzania. Before she knew it, she joined the trip herself. It would be just the first of three trips to the country to offer her aid in schools and in health clinics through the Lutheran Church in Morogoro, Tanzania.

Dianne was excited to learn about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI), a partnership between LWR, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), and United Nations Foundation to end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. Her congregation...was already active with the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt & Kit Ministry, and the LMI gave her another way to mobilize her friends to help people suffering from malaria. For the full story, visit www.lutheransnw.org and click on Dianne Johnson, griot, under Spotlight.



Dianne Johnson, Associate in Ministry, speaking to members of the Assembly.

(Editor's Note: At this year's Synod Assembly Dianne shared information about malaria and two, low cost, high-impact strategies being used to prevent malaria: bed nets and indoor spraying. She asks that we learn about malaria, share the story and give generously.)

Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

At the 2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly voting members elected eight people to attend this year's Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida. The Churchwide Assembly is from August 15 to August 19.

Voting members are: Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop, Christ the King Lutheran in Snohomish (ex-officio); Georganne Robertson, Synod Vice President, Queen Anne Lutheran in Seattle (ex-officio); Tony Rhodes, Advent Lutheran in Mill Creek; Mark Kremen, University Lutheran in Seattle; Kevin Bates, Advent Lutheran in Mill Creek; Kirby Unti, St. Matthew Lutheran in Renton; Lydia Wittman Grebe, Zion Lutheran in Custer; Elaine Harrison, Faith Lutheran in Seattle; Kim Unti, St Matthew Lutheran in Renton; and John Grebe, Zion Lutheran in Custer.

The theme at this year's assembly is *Freed in Christ to Serve*. Legislative highlights include: elections; memorials; consideration of the ELCA Malaria Campaign; consideration of the document *Genetics, Faith and Responsibility*; consideration of the recommendations from the Living into the Future Together (LIFT) Task Force; and amendments to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions of the ELCA. Details are available at www.elca.org.

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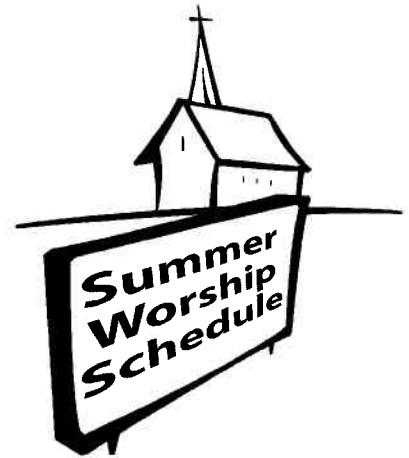


Mark your calendars

Summer Schedule

10:00 am Worship

Please note that Singing School, Choir, Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Café Central will take a break over the summer—please join us in the fall!



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Following Christ;

sharing God's love for all people.

Mission Statement