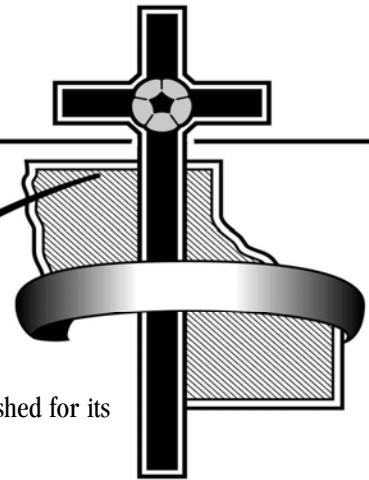


CROSS

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,

I've just had the pleasure of attending the annual First Call Theological Education Event where pastors, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, and associates in ministry in their first three years of call attend to share wisdom, listen to experienced leaders with new ears, seek consolation, and soak in the camaraderie of other rostered leaders. It's one of my favorite events of the year, a chance to catch up one-on-one with our newest leaders, and offer encouragement for the work.

This year's class is squirrely and idealistic and hopeful and we are blessed to have these leaders among us! I call them squirrely because there's a certain agitation to remake the church into the church they have hoped for. It makes them impatient and a little self-possessed. They are idealistic not in the world's sense, but because they take seriously the announcement of the Kingdom of God and yearn for its manifestation, even among a people caught between sainthood and sins. And they are hopeful; hopeful they won't repeat their first mistakes in a second call, hopeful about the joys of their work, and hopeful in God, who is remaking the church and the world.

I think it's time for the whole church to remember these same passions even as we face the daunting questions of real life and faithfulness. We can face the future with fear or we can lean into the Guiding Principle that says we will NOT FEAR, even as we are being TRANSFORMED from one degree of righteousness to another. In fact, I hope we'll get a little squirrely ourselves, agitated by the hope that God's hand is leading us and his love supporting us. The younger generations of our church don't want us to forget to be eager and a little idealistic about the hope that has been planted in us. They yearn for a bigger church and a church that is more deeply aligned with the big-hearted inclusivity (only sinners welcome!) that Jesus showed us. The young want us to be the sign of the in-breaking Kingdom, an alternative community in a world that is paralyzed by ancient passions.

The question before us is whether we will try to continue to be the Christendom church of a young, self-centered, and impatient culture or whether we will become a sign of God's new commonwealth even now seeding places of fertile soil. We have a profligate God constantly broadcasting the seed of new creation! Young leaders have only a few years to offer the gift of their vision of a new church. Will we authorize them to help us address our deepest challenges?

Let the wheat growing green in our fields remind us of this profligate God and the mystery of seeds breaking open not to die, but to live.

Pr. Martin Wells

Bishop

July-August 2009

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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	TM	Transition Minister
TC	Term Call	SP	Supply Pastor		(available for the open-ended call)

POS	LOCATION/CONGREGATION	STATUS	PASTORAL CARE	
P	Boise, ID—King of Glory	NV		
P	Cheney, WA - Emmanuel	A	Paul D. Anderson	I
P	Chewelah, WA—St. Paul	NV.....		
P	Clark Fork, ID—Clark Ford	NV.....		
P	Colfax-Endicott, WA - Peace/Trinity	A.....	Phylis Stromme	I
P	Davenport, WA - Zion	A.....	Roger Bruggink	I
P	Jackson, WY - Shepherd of the Mountains	A.....	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	NV.....		
P	Orofino, ID - Ascension	NV.....		
P	Quincy, WA—St. Paul	NV.....		
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	A.....	Stan Hoobing	I
AP	Yakima, WA - Central	C.....	Mike Scheid	LP

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Rev. Robert Nale has retired as part-time pastor at Clark Fork, ID, Clark For Lutheran. His last Sunday was May 31.

Rev. Virginia Johnson will resign as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Quincy, WA, effective July 3. Her last Sunday will be June 28.

Rev. Beth Jarrett will resign as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran in Spokane, WA effective July 31.

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pr. Virginia Johnson has accepted the call to be pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Othello, WA. She plans to begin there August 16.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

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

July 2009

- 3 Gary and Ruth Larson (Global Mission - Bangladesh) ~ 15th Anniversaries of Ordination
- 8 Larry Cudmore (First - Idaho Falls, ID) ~ 30th Anniversary of Ordination
- 11 David Deckerd (Genesee Valley/St. John—Genesee, ID) ~ 10th Anniversary of Ordination
- 12 Earl Barnard (Retired - Boise, ID) ~ 45th Anniversary of Ordination
- 28 Paul D. Anderson (Emmanuel - Cheney, WA) ~ 35th Anniversary of Ordination

August 2009

- 19 Kate LePard (Calvary - Post Falls, ID) ~ 20th Anniversary of Ordination
- 20 Tor Berg (Trinity—Pullman, WA) ~ 15th Anniversary of Ordination
- 20 Dennis Hickman (First—Ellensburg, WA) ~ 20th Anniversary of Ordination
- 20 Janice Kelly (Good Hope—Lenore, ID) ~ 20th Anniversary of Ordination
- 28 Mike Sager (Hope—Eagle, ID) ~ 15th 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.

...Pr. Bob Anderson (Seattle, WA) as he continues to face health challenges.

...Pr. Steve Myers (Spokane, WA) as he and the family mourn the death of his wife Connie who died June 9.

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

...VBS participants, those attending Lutherhaven, Lutherheights and Holden Village and all those who teach, preach and provide leadership in these special ministry settings in the great outdoors!

...Rev. Tammy Heimgartner (Connell) and her family as they mourn the death of her mother Erma who died May 27.

...Participants at the ELCA Youth event in New Orleans in July and those participants at the Churchwide Assembly in August

THE BOOK PARLOR

MOVING IS FUN and EASY...if you are The Book Parlor!! Save some muscle and time in July for the moving party!



Thanks to ALL of YOU for your continued support of the ministry that happens on West Broadway next to Salem Lutheran. Now in our 8th year of serving you and our neighbors, we are making a big move across the street into The Commons at Walnut Corners with our partners from All Saints Lutheran Church.

We don't have an exact date yet so stayed tuned and watch your church bulletins for the date and time. **In the meantime, we remain ready to serve you with any book or gift needs that you have. Come and see us or give us a call...we appreciate your partnership!**

See you at The Book Parlor!

Connie, Casey, Cheri and Lolita

1414 W. Broadway Ave., Spokane, WA 99201

(509)328-6527 ~ lutheranbooks@msn.com ~

www.TheBookParlor.com (coming soon)

SYNOD ASSEMBLY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2009 Synod Assembly in Yakima a great success!

\$ 4,480 was received from our offering designated for the Coyote Ridge Religious Activity Center in Connell, WA

God's Abundance Overflows!

Work has begun on the next assembly. Hold the dates—April 23-25, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel Boise Riverside. If you live the Boise area and would like to help with next year's assembly, please contact

Pr. Marilyn DeVeer: rmdeveer@frontiernet.net

or Karla Olson: assembly@nctv.com

For your 2011 calendars, the Assembly will be June 3-5 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park in Spokane

From the Evaluation Forms:

There was a suggestion to have a chapel available during the Synod Assembly. We did have one available ~ next year we'll do better at making sure everyone knows.

Thanks for your input!

CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS



17th Biennial Holden Theological Symposium "Turning the Church Inside Out" September 21 - 24, 2009

Sponsored by LENS (Lutheran Educational Network & Support), the symposium is a chance for clergy and lay leaders to come together to engage in lively, challenging, and life changing dialogue: "Turning the Church Inside Out".

Presenters:

Frederick Niedner teaches biblical studies and Hebrew language in Valparaiso University's Theology Department.

Daniel Ruen Serving his first parish in Evanston, IL. He served as Staff Coordinator at Holden from 2005-2006.

Ron Vignec serves at Salishan Eastside Lutheran Mission in Tacoma, Washington

Vicki Tobin is a life-long Lutheran and has been a musician in the church since 1973. Her BA is in Piano from Carthage College, a Lutheran liberal arts college in Kenosha, WI and her MM is in choral conducting from University of Colorado, Boulder.

Registration Information:

Cost: \$210/person

This covers meals and lodging.

Boat tickets will need to be purchased separately

(Registration: You may use Holden's online registration system to register for this conference.

When registering, Please mention LENS in the comment field. We will mail you a confirmation letter with more information about travel and Holden.

The Trinity Folk College, modeled after the folk school tradition of Scandinavia, is a one year program focusing on environmental justice. The Folk College utilizes experiential learning, offering a range of regional field learning sites and a Christian perspective on the care and

TRINITY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

stewardship of the earth. This program is a great option for students wanting to take a year to transition or international students.

For more information contact the Registrar's Office registrar@tlc.edu or 1.800.843.5659.

- « The Trinity Folk College is unique in the following ways:
- « It's eco-justice theme addresses one of the major issues facing the planet.
- « Learning will take place "hands-on" in a variety of off campus settings taught by experts in many fields.
- « The Pacific Northwest of the United States and the Seattle area provide a dynamic learning laboratory with mountains, waterways, and rural areas.
- « The philosophical framework for the college is the Christian ethic of care and stewardship of creation.
- « You will earn college credits that can be transferred.
- « There are scholarships available.
- « International students are not required to take the TOEFL test for this program.

For specific questions contact Dr. David Ellingson at david.ellingson@tlc.edu



CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

SYNODICAL WOMEN’S GATHERING

**Wallowa Workshop for Preachers 2009
July 12-14
Wallowa Lake, Oregon**

Presenter: Dr. Hans Wiersma, Assistant Professor of Religion at Augsburg College— Minneapolis, MN

Sponsored by the Blue Mountain Cluster of the Oregon Synod.
Contact info: pastor@stpaulontario.org



**Kaleidoscope Institute
August 10-13
Camp Berachah in Auburn, WA**

Anti-racism and cultural competency training
Learn more about R-E-S-P-E-C-T Guidelines & Kaleidoscope Bible Study. Participants will learn how to apply in their ministry context, skills from this seminar.
For registration information email: kscopeinstitute@aol.com



**Northern Rockies Institute of Theology
October 1-2, 2009**

Luther Lectures – Luther on Vocation
Dr. James Vigen
Chico Hot Springs, Pray MT
www.nrit.org



**2009 BISHOP’S CONVOCATION
OCTOBER 26-28
Coeur d’Alene, ID**

“Faith As A Way Of Life.”

Key note speaker: Rev. Dr. Chris Scharen
Assistant Professor of Worship at Luther Seminary
author of “Faith As A Way of Life”

Rev. Phil Streufert our new Consultation to Clergy director will provide a presentation.
Look for registration information soon!

**“God’s Love Through Our Hearts”
October 9-11, 2009**

Shilo Inn - Idaho Falls, ID

**Pastor Kristine Blaess - Bible Study & Worship
Margie Fiedler - Guest Speaker**

Congregations, mark your calendars, as ALL women are invited to come. Our annual gathering is exciting, educational, inspiring, encouraging, empowering and lots of fun. Please inform women about their synod conference opportunity to come together in worship, fellowship, activities, Bible study, prayer, and music.

In May, each congregation received an information packet. For any questions, contact: Jolene Pooley 208-687-8371 or jdpooly@aol.com.



Café is an award-winning Web-based magazine for young women who want to build Community, participate in Advocacy, strengthen Faith, and strive toward Enlightenment (CAFE!). It incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or simply for any woman who is interested in how faith can relate to the issues that women face today.

Our readers include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or within their congregations. Many also use it to learn more about what the Lutheran church has to say about certain issues and to start discussions with friends or classmates.

Visit *Café* and sign up to receive e-mail alerts when new issues are posted. The monthly *Café* podcast is available www.boldcafe.org.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ELCA

God's work. Our hands."

Video Contest starts June 15.

- Tell your story
- Win a \$5,000 grant or \$2,500 cash.

Contest Dates and Prizes

Contest start date: June 15, 2009

Contest end date: July 15, 2009

Public Viewing and Rating: June 15 – July 22, 2009

Winners will be announced at the

[2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#), held in August in Minneapolis, Minn.

Beginning June 15, 2009, you may enter as often as you like in one of two categories:

ELCA Congregation:

Grand Prize: \$5,000 ELCA ministry grant

Second prize: HD flip video camera

Individual:

Grand Prize: \$2,500 cash

Second prize: HD flip video camera

Winners will be selected by a combination of popularity (determined by ratings) and the opinion of a panel of judges. The judges will evaluate each video on creativity, ability to inspire, interpretation of theme and popularity.



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For the [50 days](#) leading up to Aug. 17, this church is invited to pray for wisdom in

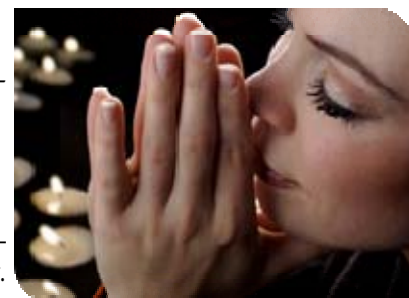
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discernment for the ELCA and voting members of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

Visit [50 Days of Prayer](#).

<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Secretary/ELCA-Governance/Churchwide-Assembly/Schedule/Prayer.aspx>

ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies—[relief](#), [development](#), [education](#), and [advocacy](#)—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.



DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS

2010 applications and criteria can be obtained at www.elca.org/domestichungergrants

Application deadline is June 30, 2009

If you have questions, please contact Pr. Eric Dull at edull@stmarks-spokane.org or Pr. Mark Nelson at nelsonrevmark@msn.com for further information.

ELCA BOARD OF PENSIONS NEWS

Help us all save \$\$\$ in 2009

The opportunity for us to each earn a 2% discount on ELCA health contributions is available from the ELCA Board of Pensions again in 2009. Receiving the discount works the same as in 2008 — [each congregation and organization in our synod] will receive a 2% discount on health contributions once 75% of our eligible ELCA-primary plan members and spouses complete the confidential Mayo Clinic Health Assessment.

The 2009 health assessment opened on the Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth web portal Jan. 1. When we achieve it we'll each earn the discount starting the month after reaching 75%. Our collective estimated 2009 savings potential is \$11,667. As of June 1, 2009, 47% of plan members have taken the health assessment. We need only **36** more complete it!

Do your part

Helping us earn the discount is simple: Take the assessment on the EmbodyHealth web portal at www.elcaforwellness.org (and earn yourself 100 personal wellness dollars in the process). Let your spouse, co-workers and peers with ELCA-primary health coverage know you've done it and encourage them to take it too.

Instructions for how to register on EmbodyHealth and take the assessment are available at www.elcabop.org. Follow the *2009 ELCA-primary* link.

Now is the time to prepare. Try to have your medical numbers on hand so you can enter them when you take the health assessment: height, weight, HDL, LDL, total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar (glucose) and blood pressure. While the numbers aren't required to complete the assessment, having them will give you a better idea of your health status.

Don't know your numbers? Schedule a checkup using your 100% medical preventive benefit. If you've had a checkup in the last year, contact your medical provider for the numbers.

Tour de Revs 2009

3 Guys, 1 Bike,

100 Days, 13,000 miles, 65 cities A Mission to Fight World Hunger

Our Mission & Goals

The goal of the Tour de Revs is to encourage contributions to support ELCA World Hunger activities. We are seeking funds from individuals, congregations, and Synods to support the ELCA in meeting the \$25 Million annual goal set in 1999. Along the way, the Team will also encourage folks to set personal health and wellness goals.

You can track the progress of the tour at:
www.tourderevs.org

The Tour de Revs will be in Spokane July 1 and July 2. We will host a picnic breakfast with the Tour at Coeur d'Alene Park in

Browne's Addition on the 2nd.

Would you like to be involved?

Would you like to contribute to ELCA World Hunger?

Call the Synod Office at 509-838-9871 or send a check made out to Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod and note "Tour de Revs" on the memo line to our Synod office and mail to 314 South Spruce Street, Suite A, Spokane, WA 99201-5823.

For more information contact Bishop's Assistant Rev. Mark Nelson also at the Synod Office.



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LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

11TH ANNUAL "8 LAKES LEG ACHES" BIKE RIDE

Join over 600 riders for one of the best cycling events in Eastern Washington, touring scenic landscapes between Spokane, Medical Lake and Cheney. Riders of all abilities have three routes to choose from - a leisurely 30-mile ride or challenging 45-mile or 75-mile treks!

Start/Finish Location:

The Group Health Corporate Office, at the top of Sunset Hill, is our start/finish location. Snacks and beverages will be provided at rest stops along the route. Enjoy food and entertainment at the end of the trail with David's Pizza serving up hot, fresh pizza from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

Raise Pledges & Earn Prizes

There are great prizes for individuals raising pledges, every rider who raises \$175 or more in pledges receives a limited edition 8-Lakes VOLER Jersey!

Entry Fee

Ride Only: \$30.00;

Ride & T-shirt: \$40.00

All proceeds from this event directly benefit ACT for Kids, a program of the Sexual Assault & Family Trauma (SAFeT) Response Center of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. The ACT for Kids program is committed to the prevention and healing of sexual abuse and family trauma through education and treatment.

For more information, please contact Christie McKee at 509/343-5020 or www.lcsnw.org/events.html

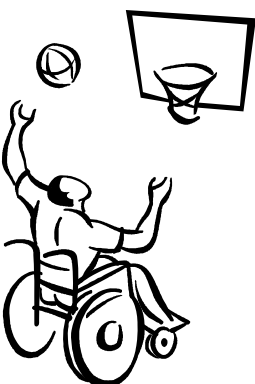


WHEEL CHAIR ATHLETIC EVENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

JULY 13-18, 2009

SPOKANE WA

A multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or certain neurological problems. Attracting more than 500 athletes each year, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.



Events will take place at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, Spokane Convention Center, and many other local sporting facilities

Competitive events at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games include swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, archery, air guns, basketball, nine-ball, softball, quad rugby, bowling, handcycling, trapshooting, wheelchair slalom, power soccer, a motorized wheelchair rally, track and field. Exhibition events are also being planned. Athletes compete in all events against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age. Free Admission

Carla Lippert, 2009 Games Coordinator (509) 434-7508; or Carla.Lippert@va.gov

LUTHERAN PUBLIC POLICY

Greetings from your Lutheran Public Policy Office,

We are proud to be celebrating our 25th year of Advocacy. We formally did so at our 6th annual Fundraiser & Dinner, held in the Campion Ballroom of Seattle University on April 26th. There, we honored the life of Rev. Charlie Mays, as well as the Children's Alliance, and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Vancouver through awarding them Evergreen Justice Awards. It was our pleasure to also premiere our 25th Anniversary video. In it, our Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson tells us,

“Anniversaries such as LPPO’s become an occasion to look back, look back with gratitude for all that you have done and that God has done through you for the people of the state of Washington, particularly for those who live in poverty, who are on the margins of society and for the very creation itself. But anniversaries are more importantly a time to lean into God’s future, to get up on our toes with expected hopefulness – recommitting ourselves, expressing courage and compassion and expected hopefulness for that future.”

Leaning into that future, we celebrate highlights of the past months - ecumenical Faith Advocacy Day in Olympia with 240 individuals; St. John United and University Lutheran, both of Seattle, becoming ‘Advocating Congregations’; formation of a new Congregational Relations committee; an update of our resources and database; and even our new presence on Facebook (under ‘Lutheran Advocacy Wa’).

With the difficult Legislative Session over, we invite you and your congregation to explore or ‘recommit’ what it means for you to live out your baptismal calling and be a Public Church. The summer months are a prime time to be in touch with your representatives, invite one of us from LPPO to offer a ‘Preach and Teach’ at your congregation, and become familiar with social issues of our communities and state through our Advocacy Alerts.

We look forward to serving and striving with you~

Kristi Kleinbeck, Seminary Intern
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P.S.
by Rev. Ron Moen, St. Paul’s in Quincy, WA

Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod representatives on the Lutheran Public Policy Office Advisory Council, John Hergert, Ron Moen, Phoebe Nelson and Shelley Wee, submitted a resolution to the Synod Assembly in Yakima that invited all in attendance to participate in an “OFFERING OF LETTERS”. The resolution was well received and all who participated in the writing of letters were happy to do so. With the assistance of Paul Benz, Executive Director of LPPO, we directed our letters and emails to our United States Congressional representatives, urging them to vote to reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act—part of the Department of Agriculture’s Farm Bill. This legislation will provide federal funding for important programs in our schools and communities that serve the needs of people living in poverty. An OFFERING OF LETTERS is one of the ways we engage in advocacy ministry; it’s one of the ways in which Christ, the Good Shepherd, makes his presence felt in the world, being the voice of those who have no voice in the halls of government.



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July—August 2009 Newsletter

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

SYNOD CALENDAR

JUNE

- 28-30 YELS @ Shoshone Base Camp
- 30 ELCA Hunger Grant deadline

JULY

- 1 YELS @ Shoshone Base Camp
- 3-4 SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
- 22-26 ELCA Youth Gathering - New Orleans

AUGUST

- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 9-15 Abriendo Caminos @ Holden Village
- 17-23 Churchwide Assembly @ Minneapolis

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Synod Assembly Committee Meeting
- 21-23 LENS Theological Symposium
Holden Village
- 24 Synod Executive Committee
- 25-26 Synod Council—Emanuel Ritzville, WA

OCTOBER

- 9-10 Synod Women's Gathering
Idaho Falls, ID
- 26-28 Bishop's Convocation-Coeur d'Alene ,ID



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