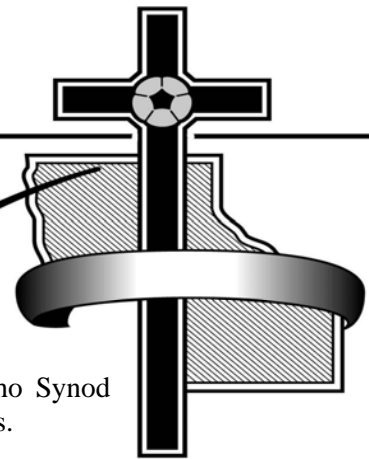


CROSS Connection



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

JUNE 2010

God's beloved people,

Do you know the Public Radio series "This I Believe?" If not I encourage you to check out the website, www.thisibelieve.com. Here's what is said about the series:

This I Believe is an international project engaging people in writing and sharing essays describing the core values that guide their daily lives. More than 70,000 of these essays, written by people from all walks of life, are archived here on our website, heard on public radio, chronicled through our books, and featured in weekly podcasts. The project is based on the popular 1950s radio series of the same name hosted by Edward R. Murrow.

I mention it this month because I just had the extraordinary experience of listening to about 20 of these essays thanks to the CD set that was a Christmas gift from my brother-in-law, John Briehl. These essays make for wonderful late night companionship when the radio reception is bad or you feel sleepy! They make for inspiring listening when you're confused or lost in life.

I'm thinking of this today for several reasons. In my devotion tonight with the Council at Trinity, Bonners Ferry, I spoke of God's first promise to Abram (Genesis 12:1-3) and the reality that we can't live without such promises. Nor can our commonweal, or Church, survive without similar promises we make to one another on a daily basis. (This by the way is the heart of former Secretary of State Warren Christopher's essay in the This I Believe series). To say "this I believe" is to define oneself in community and to offer one another partnership and stability in life. We need this from one another more than ever these days!

I'm also remembering that this is the season of Confirmations around our Church and some of you will have the pleasure of listening to our young people summarize their beliefs in essays read before the congregation. Listen carefully to what our young have heard from the Holy Spirit and faithful teachers! I hope your hearts resound in hope!

Further, this is the season of Pentecost and the celebration of the third great festival of the Church Year. Having heard the stories and absorbed the sermons of the Christ-Cycle (Advent through Pentecost Sunday), I wonder what you would say you believe about the God who always makes the first move with a promise and a call?

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We now enter the season of the Church (Trinity Sunday to Christ the King Sunday) and in some ways make our response (This I Believe!) to all that we have heard. I pray that the days ahead are a rich feast of reflection and promise. This I believe: God is ushering us into a rich, rich day when the best of the church will be called forth on behalf of Life and all that God loves!

Pastor Martin Wells,
Bishop

PS: Thanks to all who arranged such a wonderful Synod Assembly for us! It was an excellent event in every way and a sign of the life into which God is calling us!

ELCA BOARD OF PENSIONS NEWS

April 30th was the deadline to save 2% and \$19,196 (collectively) --

Thank you to all who took the Mayo Clinic Health Assessment especially those who took it at the Synod Assembly! We received news last week that we missed our 65% participation goal by 4 individuals! Although this is disappointing it is also very encouraging ... we were 65 people short of our goal in 2009.

The Health Assessment is open until September 30th. Although the deadline for earning the 2% discount (collectively) has passed, individuals can still take the health assessment and earn \$150 in personal wellness credits. Also, after taking the health assessment you can choose from several follow-up activities and start earning an additional \$300 credit to your personal wellness account.

Taking the health assessment helps create healthy church leaders who are equipped to enhance the lives of others. This will ultimately create a healthier ELCA community. Healthier leaders with new energy for ministry may potentially result in fewer health claims, smaller increases in health contributions and more resources for ELCA ministry.

(www.elcabop.org)

If you are an ELCA health plan member, take the health assessment as soon as possible. Demonstrate your own commitment to wellness. Take the assessment at www.elcaforwellness.org.

We are creating a healthier Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod and we will reach our 65% participation goal in 2011.



Board of Pensions
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNOD MISSION SUPPORT

Fiscal Year ~ February 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011

2010	April	83,946.74	Year to Date	202,143.99
2009	April	99,862.99	Year to Date	238,259.84
	Difference	(15,916.25)	Difference	(36,115.85)

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

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	A	Keith Hammer I
		Kari Sansgaard AP
P	Chewelah, WA - St. Paul	B	Jeryl Phillips-Kelley TM
P	Colfax-Endicott, WA - Peace/Trinity	A	Phylis Stromme I
P	Coeur d'Alene, ID - Church of the Master	NV	
P	Ephrata, WA - Holy Trinity	NV	
P	Gifford, ID - Good Hope	A	Valerie Beesley TEEM
P	Kamiah, ID - Faith	A	Art Finney I
P	Mountain Home, ID - Grace	A	Tom Christensen I
P	Nampa, ID - Trinity	B	Dick Sansgaard I
P	Orofino, ID - Ascension	A	Gail Hart SP
P	Post Falls, ID - Calvary	NV	
P	Pullman, WA - Trinity	NV	
P	Quincy, WA - St. Paul	A	Bill Voris I
P	Spokane, WA - Central	NV	
P	Spokane, WA - Prince of Peace	C	Darrel Lundby I
P	Sunnyside, WA - Our Saviour's	C	Ron Shipman I
P	Troy, ID - Troy	A	Teresa Calene-Hasseries I
P	Yakima, WA - Christ	A	Jillian Ross I

CALLS ACCEPTED

Rev. Tor Berg of Trinity Lutheran in Pullman, WA has accepted the call to be pastor of First Lutheran Church in Bothell, WA. His last Sunday was May 9, 2010.

Rev. Kathryn LePard of Post Falls, ID has accepted the 1/2-time call to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. She began there in the first week of May.

INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Al Schoonover will be installed as pastor of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran in Jackson, WY, Sunday, May 23, 2010, 6:30 pm.

Rev. Kathryn LePard will be installed as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran in Spokane, WA, Sunday, May 30th, 2010, at the 10:45 am Eucharist. There will be a reception at 9:30 am between services.

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Rev. Kurt Wandrey has resigned as pastor of Church of the Master in Coeur d'Alene, ID, effective March 1, 2010.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

JUNE 2010

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

- 2 Ladd Bjorneby (Zion - Spokane, WA) ~ 25th anniversary of ordination
- 6 Thomas Christensen (Retired - Meridian, ID) ~ 45th anniversary of ordination
- 13 Dean Stewart (Emmanuel - Moscow, ID) ~ 35th anniversary of ordination
- 15 Randall Foos (Disability) ~ 35th anniversary of ordination
- 15 Daniel Rieke (Lord of Life - Kennewick, WA) ~ 35th anniversary of ordination
- 19 O.B. Fjelstad (Retired - Kingston, ID) ~ 40th anniversary of ordination
- 20 James Wiberg (Retired - Silverthorne, CO) ~ 45th anniversary of ordination
- 27 Gerald Hickman (Retired - Pasco, WA) ~ 40th anniversary of ordination
- 29 Steve Dornfeld (Trinity - Bonners Ferry, ID) ~ 30th anniversary of ordination
- 29 David Ophus (Emmanuel - Cheney, WA) ~ 35th anniversary of ordination
- 30 Steve Eglund (Leave from Call - Spokane, WA) ~ 25th anniversary of ordination

Please Remember in Prayer ...

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

...Pr. Palmer Gedde (Retired - Yuma, AZ) and family. Palmer was diagnosed with a fast spreading cancer.

...Pr. Roger Pettenger (Retired - Pullman, WA) and family as he continues his treatment for multiple myeloma.

...Pr. Glenn & Carol Peterson (Anchorage, AK) and family as they mourn the death of their son, Hans, who died April 7th. (A tribute to Hans is available at http://www.plts.edu/news_hans.html)

...*Congratulations* to Pr. Liv and Casey Larson Andrews (Salem/All Saints - Spokane, WA) as they celebrate the birth of their son, Arlo John, born April 15th.

...Dale & Lynne Forrey (Olympia, WA) and family as they mourn the death of Dale's father who died April 15th.

...Joann Lundby (Spokane, WA) as she recovers from a broken ankle. Joann was a volunteer at the Synod Assembly and was injured at the hotel.

...Pr. Mark & Sharon Egertson (Mt. Vernon, WA) and family as they mourn the death of Mark's father, Rev. K.G. Egertson, who died May 3rd.

...*Congratulations* to Pr. Kelly & Thomas Loy (Chaplain - St. Luke's Regional Medical Center - Boise, ID) as they celebrate the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Rose, born April 25th.

...*Prayers of thanksgiving* for the upcoming marriage of Adrienne Cryer, daughter of Heidi & Dan Cryer, (Lord of Life - Kennewick, WA) and Ian Jamieson. Adrienne and Ian will be married June 19th and Heidi's father, Pr. Richard Knutzen (SW WA Synod) will officiate.



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.

NEWS FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE

DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS

The application process for the ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants opened May 1 and the applications are due to the ELCA by **June 30**. ELCA congregations and partnering community organizations can access applications at www.elca.org/domestichungergrants. Domestic Hunger Grants provide relief and development assistance for those who suffer hunger and injustices related to hunger; and foster education and advocacy about hunger. Most grants are between \$1,000 and \$3,000. The applications are reviewed by the Synod Social Ministry Task Group before review by the ELCA Hunger Program.

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE CROSS CONNECTION VIA E-MAIL?

As the costs of postage and paper continue to increase, we are looking at ways to be better stewards of our resources and to be more environmentally friendly but still sharing the news of our Synod efficiently and effectively! This month an e-mail notice will be sent out when the June edition of the *Cross Connection* is posted on the synod's Web site (www.ewaidssynod.org). If you prefer reading the newsletter online and do not want to receive a printed copy, send us your name and e-mail address (office@ewaidssynod.org) and we will make that change for you. If you we don't hear from you we'll assume you like the printed copy and will leave you on the mailing list.

We are more than willing to mail out printed copies but for those of you who would rather receive an e-mail notification we are happy to provide this option!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laurel at the Synod Office (509-838-9871). *Thank You!*

NEWS FROM THE BOOK PARLOR



First: a big **THANK YOU** to all who supported this ministry by shopping at The Book Parlor at our recent Synod Assembly in Boise. Your encouragement and purchases are very much appreciated. For those of you who aren't able to get into Spokane to come see us, we are planning on being at next year's Assembly as well.

Second: "*Sundays and Seasons, Year A, 2011*" is now available. Call the store (509-328-6527), email us (lutheranbooks@msn.com), or order yours from the website (www.TheBookParlor.com).

And last but not least, just a "heads-up": Because The Book Parlor has been invited to be present at the Oregon Synod Assembly (May 28-30) and the Montana Synod Assembly (June 4-6), in-store shopping choices may be a bit lean for the last week of May and the first week of June. The Book Parlor will remain open for our neighbors and drop-by shoppers, but much of our inventory will be off-site during that time. If you live in the Spokane area and will be needing a wedding gift or something for your favorite graduate, you may want to think ahead and come see us before we pack things to head out "on the road again."

Thanks for all you do to support this ministry!

The Book Parlor Staff,

Connie, Lolita, Cheri and Casey

509-328-6527 ~ info@TheBookParlor.com

www.TheBookParlor.com

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LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT EWU

First Annual Golf Tournament



Thursday, June 24
The Fairways Golf Course

9810 W. Melville Rd
Cheney, Washington 99004
509-747-8418

\$65 / Person
\$125 / Hole Sponsor

Four-Person Scramble

Registration 1:00 PM
Shotgun Start 2:00 PM

Compete for Prizes

- Longest Drive
- Closest to Pin
- Putting Green
- Many others

Mulligan tickets available

Burger Dinner Included

Questions:

Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee
509-951-5701
lcmewu@yahoo.com

To sign up for golf or to sponsor a hole contact:

Pastor Holly Gunby
P.O. Box 122
Wilbur, WA 99185
hgunby@centurytel.net
509-647-5862

Registration form at:

emmanuelcheney.org/lcm.html

Registrations due by Friday, June 18

GLOBAL MISSION NEWS

Greetings from Bethlehem in the occupied Palestinian Territory! I have been in the country and area since March 15th with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). I am part of an international, ecumenical group which has come to the area at the request of the indigenous church leaders to stand in solidarity with Palestinians as they live under military occupation and to hear and witness the stories and daily life of Palestinians. We also work in partnership with Israelis who are working to end the occupation.

Since I am living in Bethlehem, I have the opportunity to talk with Palestinian Christians who have particular concerns. All Palestinians, Muslim or Christian, live with the realities of military occupation such as restriction of movement (even within the occupied Palestinian territories, not to mention the Palestinian lands that are on the other side of the separation barrier), limits in educational opportunity (particularly higher education), limits on economic growth, unemployment, separation of extended family networks and a constant assertive military presence. Palestinian Christians also deal with issues around immigration, nuclear family separation and restriction of movement for worship.

But, Palestinian Christians have also offered prophetic and powerful words about the occupation, about the barriers that exist, and about faithful responses to the realities faced. I encourage you to read the Kairos Palestine document (or one of the summaries that are available). It's available for download (in English) at www.kairopalestine.ps. You can also go to the Peace Not Walls page of the ELCA website for more information, links and responses (www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls.aspx)

I am grateful to your support and the support of the synod as a whole. Upon my return to the Pacific Northwest in July, I am available to come to your churches and communities to provide information, photos, stories, maps and a perspective on the situation. If you would like to read more, please go to my blog at www.peacesalaamshalom.blogspot.com

Salaam!

Rev. Kimberly Meinecke

formerly of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Goldendale, WA



HAITI AID CONCERT UPDATE

When the earthquake hit Haiti earlier this year, the people of Bethlehem Lutheran in Spokane knew we needed to do something to respond. The Sunday following the earthquake a group gathered after worship to talk about what we might do. We took stock of what we have—those gifts of time, talent, energy, connections, and money that God has given us. And we decided to use those gifts to do something that mattered for the people of Haiti.

Very quickly we realized that among the 12 people gathered that morning were enough gifts (and enough connections) to hold a benefit concert—and we decided that we ought to strike while the iron was hot and do it as quickly as we could. The previous fall we had used our talents in a similar way to host a concert to raise money for clean water, and we used that experience to build on—and planned a concert even bigger in scale. We knew that to step things up (and quickly) that we needed more people involved, and decided to invite Salem Lutheran and All Saints Lutheran to partner with us. The concert we were planning was too big to be held in our sanctuary, and All Saints was happy to host it. We quickly mobilized our gifts—food was planned, musicians contacted, tickets designed, posters printed, radio interview scheduled, publicity emails sent. And in just over a month a call to help the people of Haiti turned into an amazing two hour, nearly sold out concert featuring some of the best musicians from Spokane and Seattle singing opera, show tunes, choral music, and more. We raised over **\$3000** that we split between the Red Cross and Lutheran World Relief, and had a great time doing it.

It's easy sometimes as small congregations to think that there's not much we can do, or that we're too small to make a difference. But we've found through this concert and other similar things we do, that when we really claim who we are (and who God has called us to be), see what we have (which is often much more than we think), and do what matters to God and our neighbor, that we can really participate in what God is up to in the world. God has gifted our community with musicians, and with connections to musicians throughout Spokane. When we take these gifts seriously enough to turn them over to God, we find that God uses us to bless others. And the surprising thing is just how blessed we feel as we do it. And even before this concert was cleaned up, our volunteers were asking "When are we going to do this again?"

Pr. Erik Samuelson

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Spokane, WA

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2010



Wondering how to help members of your congregation better understand the importance of their financial generosity? *Stories of Faith in Action 2010* is a free publication for congregations and members filled with stories about how God is changing lives through the mission and ministry of the ELCA. You'll also find helpful budget information, inspiring statistics and a great FAQ on mission support.

To order, call Augsburg Fortress at 1-800-328-4648 and request ITEM001403. (You'll be charged for shipping only.)

Online resources, including new stories and bulletin inserts, are available at:
<https://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action.aspx>

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

8 LAKES BIKE RIDE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH ~ SPOKANE, WA

Ride Only ~ \$35.00 ---- Ride & T-shirt ~ \$45.00

Join us for one of the best cycling events in Eastern Washington, touring scenic landscapes between Spokane, Medical Lake and Cheney. Riders of all abilities have four routes to choose from - a leisurely 15 or 30-mile ride or challenging 45 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**, **Trezzi Farm** serving pasta, salad and bread, and **Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream**.

Raise Pledges & Earn Prizes

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

The proceeds from this ride play a crucial role in supporting the programs of Lutheran Community Services Northwest in the Inland Northwest. Your participation or sponsorship of this event will help us continue to provide vital human services to our community.

For more information go to www.lcsnw.org/events.html or contact Christie McKee at 509-343-5020 or email at cmckee@lcsnw.org.



BLACK SWEATER FOUND...

A black sweater was left in the Assembly Hall on Sunday, April 25th. If you left your sweater on the back of a chair during Synod Assembly, please call the Synod Office (509-838-9871) and we will be glad to mail it to you.

Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

In August a group from the synod will be visiting our companion synod in Tanzania and will be going to the Tumaini Secondary School which this synod supports. As an offering this year, I would like to take some sports equipment that the school has requested.

Students at Tumaini Secondary School are quite active in their free time, and play a variety of sports and games. Now, when I say play, I mean play, because these kids will play until they are unable to inflate their balls. They play with no nets on their soccer field, but they don't mind having to sprint after the balls a few hundred yards in each direction as long as they can play. Did I mention they don't even wear shoes? Even then they can probably kick harder than any high school youth in the synod. So, do you sort of get the idea? They are in great need of sports equipment, whether it be basketballs, or cleats, or even uniforms for the teams.

The idea is to raise enough money to bring along enough soccer balls and soccer nets for the teams, some basketballs, volleyballs, netballs, and perhaps some jerseys. This would be a great opportunity for the youth to get involved and find out more about the companion synod and Tumaini Secondary School.

So, do some fund raising with the youth. Gather change, do a car wash, have a brunch. Brainstorm some ideas and get informed about Tumaini Secondary School and the students there. You would be surprised how grateful the students at Tumaini Secondary school would be.

Please contact me if you or your youth group is interested for more details.

Asante Sana! (Thank you very much!)

Hope Harvey-Marose
LYO Outreach Coordinator
HopeDeGaia@yahoo.com

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

JANUARY 3-21, 2011

TRINITY LUTHERAN COLLEGE, EVERETT, WA

Trinity Lutheran College will offer a three-week Certificate Program in Children, Youth & Family Ministry, January 3-21, 2011. The program is designed to equip church staff, volunteers, and pastors for effective leadership in congregational children, youth, and family ministry. It is a terrific opportunity for professional development or those who want to become more involved in children's and youth ministry.

Students learn from a team of four faculty in a seminar format, including class discussions, presentations, conversations about readings, videos, role plays, and more. Topics include biblical and theological foundations for faith formation, Bible study methods, human lifespan development (birth through end-of-life), counseling and relational skills, and program administration, as well as creative programming for service projects, Confirmation, intergenerational ministry, managing volunteers, spiritual formation, and more.

For additional information about training content, costs, housing options, and registration, visit www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter or contact Rev. David Ellingson at 425.249.4722 or david.ellingson@tlc.edu.



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SYNOD CALENDAR

MAY 2010

- 18 Synod Staff Meeting
- 31 **Memorial Day -
SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED**

JUNE 2010

- 2 Synod Staff Meeting
- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 23 Synod Staff Meeting
- 24 Campus Ministry at EWU Golf
Tournament @ The Fairways in Cheney
- 25-27 Region 1 WELCA Event-Kalispell, MT
- 27-30 YELS @ Shoshone

JULY 2010

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 **SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED**
- 5 **No Newsletter this Month!**
- 21 Synod Staff Meeting

AUGUST 2010

- 5 **Newsletter Article Deadline**
- 9-11 Bishop's Admin Gathering - Chicago
- 25 Synod Staff Meeting

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