

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2017 – WORKSHOP & HEARING DESCRIPTIONS

### HEARINGS

#### **EWAID Synod Budget**

Tami McHugh, EWAID Synod Treasurer

Review and discuss the budget pending approval with the Synod Treasurer in this hearing.

### WORKSHOPS

#### **Assembly Orientation for New Voting Members**

Gary Gemar, Vice President, EWAID Synod Council

Join the Synod's Council Vice President for an orientation to Assembly processes and procedures, and helpful reminders about navigating the Assembly.

#### **Canoeing Across Mountains: Navigating Rural Ministry**

Pastor Bob Kenyon

This workshop likens the daily challenges for rural congregations to the trials and adaptation of the Lewis and Clark expedition. We will share ideas, concerns and some ways forward for small and rural congregations. Handouts will be provided.

#### **Coaching for Discipleship and Stewardship: the ELCA's Coaching Initiative**

Mike Krekling

Learn how a coaching relationship with a trained synod coach and yourself (or congregational team) can enhance and grow new ministries related to Faith Practices (Discipleship) and Year-Round Stewardship (Everything you do after you say, "I Believe") Why should you attend this workshop? Of at 10 reasons, here's one - "A coach keeps you focused on what's important. You're probably not going to write a five-year plan, but you will make progress toward your goals."

#### **Coming together – Congregational mergers, consolidations and unions**

Pastor Matt Larson, Pastor Paul Anderson

Wondering about how your church is going to make it in the next five to ten years, especially you have close neighbors - Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists - in the same situation? How do we even begin down the path of mergers, consolidations, unions? Come and see. This will be a conversational presentation.

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### **Conversation with ELCA Churchwide Representative, Rev. Chris Boerger**

Rev. Chris Boerger, ELCA Churchwide Secretary

Come hear more about Churchwide initiatives and campaigns in an open conversation with the ELCA Churchwide Secretary Reverend Chris Boerger.

### **Grow, Hold, Fold: Transforming Your Ministry for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Beth Lewis, President and CEO of 1517 Media (the ELCA's ministry of publishing)

In the face of rapid changes in the importance of religion in society, lifestyles and technology, how do faith based organizations - congregations, synods, seminaries and others - make the radical shifts necessary to continue to proclaim a grace-filled Gospel while renewing and revitalizing our ministries for the 21st century? In this workshop, Beth Lewis will share with you practical techniques from 1517 Media to apply to your ministry.

### **Effective Urban Ministry**

Pastor Alan Eschenbacher

In an arena overflowing with harvest potential, Urban Ministry is an effective place to do the work of the Kingdom! This workshop will provide engaging information on building or expanding urban ministry in your city.

### **Endowment—Joy for Members, Blessing to Ministries**

Beth Adams, ELCA Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation

Is your congregation lacking an endowment or needing to dust off a current endowment? Come learn more about options and opportunities for your congregation. Chocolates will be provided—bring your own coffee!

### **The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation**

Dr. Paul Wee

Which Luther are we commemorating after 500 years? Chances are that many congregations, while lauding the Reformer's return to the gospel proclamation of justification by grace through faith, will miss the radical implications of this teaching for the life of the world. How did it come to be that the reforms that Martin Luther initiated altered the economy in Wittenberg, then most of Germany and eventually the countries of Scandinavia? What might Luther's attack against the exploitation of the poor by the new class of profit driven entrepreneurs of his day have to say to the ministry of the church today?

### **Grace Sends Us Out into a Multi-Cultural World**

Pastor Betty Krafft

Learn more about the effects of discrimination and how to counteract them in this interactive workshop.

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### **IRS Filing Requirements and your Church**

Denice Davis

Join an accountant and former IRS collections officer to learn more about taxes, IRS forms, security, responsibilities and recommendations for church treasurers and council members. A question and answer period will be included.

### **Meet Some Famous Lutherans**

Pastor Duane Anderson

As the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation approaches, come hear about Lutherans that you may know little about or may not know their Lutheran side.

### **Latino Ministry: Building Bridges across Cultures**

Sergio Munguia, Mission Developer, Pasco Latino Lutheran Ministry

Pastor Misael Fajardo Perez, Mission Developer, Wenatchee Lutheran Latino Ministry

Ministry among Latino people is an opportunity for building cross-cultural relationships and challenges us in the way we do ministry. This work requires an understanding of cultural differences and the gifts that Latino people bring. The ELCA is committed to building bridges across cultures and denominations and has much to offer Latino people: building relationships, the way we care, our theology, commitment to justice and service.

### **Ministry to Veterans: A Basic Toolkit and Road Map**

Pastor Laura Olsen

Has your congregation considered ministry to military members, veterans, and their families? Do you know specific veterans or military members you'd like to assist? Unsure of how to begin? This presentation will help you to understand military culture and includes challenges associated with transitioning in and out of local communities, how congregations can help, and where to find a variety of resources.

### **Opening up the ELW (pre-Assembly workshop)**

Carolyn Payne, Music Director at Salem Lutheran Church (Spokane)

Join in this engaging pre-Assembly opportunity to sing favorite hymns and learn new ones with suggestions for how to enrich and enliven congregational song. Carolyn Payne was a member of the team that traveled the Synod ten years ago to introduce the ELW when it was new. This event is scheduled at Central Lutheran Church at 512 S. Bernard Street in Spokane. Coffee will be on at 9:30 am, singing will be from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Carolyn encourages all to "COME! SING! LEARN!"

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### **Pastoral Sabbaticals – Refresh, Refocus, Return**

Pastor Matt Larson and Pastor Paul Anderson

Has your congregation put together a sabbatical program? Have you even talked about it? Find out about resources, issues, and benefits of a sabbatical. Pastor Paul Anderson and Fairfield Community Church took a three month sabbatical last year and Pastor Matt Larson and Advent will be going on one starting in June 2017.

### **Prayer and Spirituality in Art**

Pastor Jillian Ross

Learn to practice a form of prayer that connects you to your creativity. We will practice quieting prayer and then have an opportunity to express ourselves through art/words.

### **Transformational Ministry – How it Works**

Pastor Helga Jansons, Synod Director for Evangelical Mission

To address the decline in our churches, we need to be able to connect with people who don't come to church. How do we do that? What works for Lutheran ministries that are growing across the ELCA? Transformation begins with increased awareness about our own faith and then being able to have a conversation with others about how a relationship with God makes a difference. Engaging people in the community takes even more courage and skill, and those will be taught as well. When congregations do "Outreach" and "In-reach" it will only have a lasting impact on people if they come to know your God.

### **What if We Did It Together?**

Pastor Ken Carrothers, Treasure Valley Cluster Dean

This simple question has been guiding a shared ministry experience. Come hear how one cluster has engaged this question to hold several collaborative events for the youth, confirmation and councils.