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La Crosse Area Synod, ELCA

Leaders Mailing

July / August 2011

LEADERS MAILING

This newsletter is sent out 7 times per year (Jan., Feb., Apr., May, July/Aug., Oct. and Nov.) to synod leaders, pastors and congregational leaders, and any others who request it. **PLEASE share this document with others who would benefit.** If you prefer receiving a paper copy, simply reply to this e-mail and make that request. If you prefer receiving a copy via e-mail, call Melanie at 608-788-5000. THANK YOU!

NEWS

ASSEMBLY OFFERING

We are thankful for your generosity in giving at the worship services during Synod Assembly!
 + Saturday morning worship - choices made among ELCA World Hunger and 6 synod ministries - Bridge of Life, Companion Synod in Ethiopia, Companion Synod in Peru, Synod Seminarian Scholarship, Lutheran Campus Ministry and Raising Up Leaders: Total given = \$2263
 + Saturday evening worship - "designated for the general work of the synod:" \$4006
 + Sunday sending worship - divided between ELCA Disaster Response and Sembrando (project in our Companion Synod in Peru [see [Sembrando Resolution](#) passed at synod assembly]): Total given = \$3616

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER VIGILS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Thu, July 21 & Aug. 18, English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St, La Crosse, 5:30 pm (3rd Thur. eachmonth)
 Coordinated by Marla Engbloom, 608-784-9783
Sponsor: Middle East Subcommittee

2011 WOMEN of the ELCA TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

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MEETINGS

Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, Wed, July 20, 7:30 am, Lutheran Campus Ministry office

Mission Support Committee, Mon, Aug. 8, 6 pm, synod office

Candidacy Committee, Thu, Aug. 11, 2 pm, synod office

Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, Thu, Aug. 18, 7:30 am, Lutheran Campus Ministry office

Global Mission Committee, Tue, Aug 23, 6:30 pm, synod office

Professional Service and Care Committee, Thu, Aug. 25, 1 pm, synod office

Church in Society Committee, Thu, Aug. 25, 6:30 pm, synod office

West Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Sept. 6, 9 am, Trinity, La Crosse

South Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Sept. 13, 9 am, Middle Coon Valley

Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, Thu, Sept. 15, 7:30 am, Lutheran Campus Ministry

July 14-17, Spokane, Washington
Pray for safe travel and a faith-filled event for all our synod women heading to Spokane this week!

CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

Aug 15-19, Orlando, Florida
Pray for safe travel for all attending, specifically voting members from our synod: Bishop Jim Arends, synod Vice President Cheryl Mader, Pr. Nick Barootian, Leah, Bemis, John Hanson, Pr. Barb Kopperud, Steve McDougal, Mercy Moua and Jena Sherry. May all enjoy a spirit and grace filled event!

LA CROSSE AREA WOMEN of the ELCA -- "FALL RENEWAL"

(previously called the "Fall Workshop")

Sat, Oct. 15, 8:30 am - 1 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran, La Crosse

Come share ideas and plans, and get the next year off to a great start! Local unit officers are especially urged to attend and bring a list of projects your group has done for Lutheran World Relief. \$10 registration includes lunch! To register contact Carol Leopold at 608-547-7071 or susieq44@mchsi.com.

FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Sun-Tue, Oct. 16-18

Heartwood Conference Center, Trego, Wis.

Presenter: Heidi Storl, Ph.D., prof of Philosophy and Ethicist, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

Watch for on-line registration the beginning of September and be sure to block off these dates on your calendar!

Sponsor: Conference Deans

YOUTH

SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

Next meetings: July 18 & Aug. 15, noon, synod office

Convener: Dick Pirwitz at 608-847-5982 or

pirw@frontier.com

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CONFEST 2011 - in a new way!

**A synod-wide, overnight event
focusing on service projects!**

Date: Fri, Nov. 11 - Sat, Nov. 12

Theme: Because we have been "WON by ONE" who serves us, we will serve others side-by-side, one-by-one! Christians working and walking together, empowered by the Spirit.

Place: Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska

Who's Invited?: Middle School confirmation youth and mentors/advisors

office

Deans, Thu, Sept., 15, 1:30 pm, synod office

Executive Committee, Fri, Sept. 16, Sugar Creek Bible Camp, overnight, time TBA

Synod Council, Sat, Sept. 17, Sugar Creek Bible Camp, time TBA

East Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Sept. 20, 9 am, location TBD

Endowment Fund Board, Thu, Sept., 22, 4 pm, synod office

North Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Sept. 27, 9 am, French Creek

DEADLINES

Aug. 1- Coulee Courier

Aug. 15 - Deadline for corrections to synod directory

CALL PROCESS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SELF-STUDY

- Christ the King - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Steve A. Meyer, part-time)
- Bethel & Bethany, Viroqua - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Kris Fahey, part-time)
- Fountain & Trinity, Hustler - Pastor
- French Creek - Pastor
- Immanuel & Wilmington, Caledonia - Assoc. Pastor (Interim: Rev. Jim Scaife, part-time)
- Kickapoo United & Peace - Pastor
- Luther Memorial & Our Savior's, Gays Mills - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Kent Johnson, part-time)
- Our Savior's, Westby - Senior Pastor (Interim: Rev. Steve Minnema)

Schedule: Friday evening pizza and pool party - Saturday morning service projects in the community, followed by a re-cap, lunch and worship with Bishop Arends before leaving.

Cost: TBA

Needs: Service project locations in the Onalaska/La Crosse area AND Authentic/Affirming/Available adults to walk with the youth in service!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and WATCH for more information to follow!! Early registration will be imperative for scheduling rooms at a minimal cost through the hotel and for organizing service projects. To help in any way or ask questions, contact Rocky Danielson, Dir. for Raising Up Leaders at rul@lacrosseareasynod.org or call 507-450-8702.
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LET THE CHILDREN COME

Sat, Nov. 19, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

First Lutheran, Onalaska

Come hear two dynamic speakers talk about faith formation at all ages, from birth to 99. And, what makes "birth to 3" an essential ministry for your congregation?

Speakers: Marilyn Sharpe & Dawn Rundman

Cost: 3 from your congregation for free or

1 per congregation = \$50, 2 per congregation = \$25 total

Watch for future announcements regarding schedule.

Contact Rocky Danielson with questions and to register at rul@lacrosseareasynod.org or 507-450-8702.

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GLOBAL MISSION

ELCA "GLOCAL" MISSION GATHERING - the Global Church in our Backyard

Fri, July 29, 2 - 8:30 pm

Sat, July 30, 8 am - 5:30 pm

St. Paul Lutheran, La Crosse

God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities and their "glocal" intersections. See our website [post](http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org/synod-announcements) (<http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org/synod-announcements>) for more info and how to register, or call 1-800-638-3522 and ask about the Glocal Mission Gathering in La Crosse.

Keynote Speakers:

1. Gaylord Thomas, "Accompaniment: The Why and How of Mission," and
2. Pr. David Vasquez (campus pastor at Luther College,

- Our Savior's, West Salem - Senior Pastor (Interim: Rev. Roger Grow)
- St. Paul's, Wilton - Pastor

INTERVIEWING

- Blair - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Christine Hallemeier)
- First, Onalaska - Administrative Pastor (Interim: Rev. John Carrier)

PRAYERS SYMPATHY

- For Lynn Henderson (wife of Pr Dan Henderson, Holmen Luth.) on the death of her sister, Belva, July 6
- For Deb Wold (synod Office Assistant) and her family, on the death of her mother, Beverly Brown, June 28; funeral held July 1
- For the family of Elna Borgen (widow of Pr. Luther Borgen) who died Sun, June 26; funeral held July 2
- For the family of Pr. Luverne "Red" Nelson (retired, Minneapolis Area Synod), who served from 1975 to 1986 as senior pastor at Westby Coon Prairie; funeral June 30

SUPPORT

For Congregations & Pastors:

- For Pr. Cassie Sauter, installed in her first call as Assoc. Pastor, Trinity Lutheran, Sparta, Sun., June 19
- Kickapoo United & Peace (Readstown) as Pr Paul and Lauren Carlson move to Virginia (last Sun. July

author of *Out of the Waters: Resisting the Power of Fear*, a Bible study on the book of Exodus, published by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services), "Domestic Mission: Mission in a Migrating and Immigrating World.

Other Speakers:

1. Pr. Houa Moua, former pastor of local Agape Asian Ministry, telling his story of escape from Thailand and becoming a Christian (including Hmong food), and
2. Kes (Pastor) Hirut, one of the few women pastors in the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Jesus (including Ethiopian fare).

Local Coordinator: JoAnn Salava, Chair, and Global Mission Committee

STEWARDSHIP

Give First, a stewardship piece ([click here for link](#) or see insert) written by Pr. Chick Lane, Dir. of the Center for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary

GREEN IDEA

Easy ways to "care for creation" for both individuals and congregations:

- Walk, bike or ride a bus whenever possible
- Shop farmer's markets in the summer; buy local produce when possible
- Always recycle oil and other chemical waste
- Start a compost pile

INSERTS INCLUDED with this MAILING

- ~ [Give First](#), Stewardship article by Rev. Chick Lane
- ~ [LSS \(Lutheran Social Services\) Adoption Meeting](#)
- ~ [LSS Adoption Webinar](#)
- ~ [Parish Paper, July 2011](#) - "How to Select Quality Staff"
- ~ [Parish Paper, August 2011](#) - "How to Prevent Bad Behavior During Times of Change"

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- Blair Lutheran & interim Pr Christine Hallemeier as they say good-bye to Vicar Chris Naig (last Sun. July 31)

MISSION SUPPORT

Synod / ELCA Mission Support:

Received \$281,765 from Feb - June 2011

Received \$292,484 from Feb - June 2010

Ethiopia Clinics:

Received in 2011 -- \$2,644

Pacific Storms:

Received to date -- \$3,289

Synod Staff Listing

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