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La Crosse Area Synod, ELCA

Leaders Mailing

November 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

JOURNEY LUTHERAN CHURCH - a new beginning for 2 congregations!

With the closing of Bridge of Life and Christ the King congregations we now have a new congregation in the synod under development, Journey Lutheran Church. The development phase will not be long though. The charter will open on Oct. 16 and the constituting meeting of the new congregation will be Nov. 13. Thank you for all the support and prayers during the transitional time.

Pastor Steve A. Meyer

ELCA AWARDS - Fund for Leaders Full Scholarship Awarded to a son of the synod

Shawn Brooks, a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran, La Crosse and a first year seminarian attending Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, was awarded a full scholarship for his seminary education through the ELCA Fund for Leaders Program. Our synod Mission Endowment Fund Board has a Seminarian Scholarship that is a part of Fund for Leaders, so dollars given can be earmarked for seminarians from our synod. Please see attached (and as inserts) a [BULLETIN INSERT](#) and [FLYER](#) that share Shawn's response to this gift AND how you

Quick Links

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MEETINGS

Mission Support Comm.,
Thu, Oct. 13, 6:30 pm, synod office

East Conference Pastors' Meeting, Oct, 17-18, sometime during Fall Theological Conf

Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, Thu, Oct. 20, 7:30 am, Morris Hall, UW-L

Assembly Planning Comm. Meeting, Thu, Oct. 20, 9:30 am, synod office

Deans, Thu, Oct. 20, 1:30 pm, synod office

Executive Comm., Thu, Oct. 20, 5:15 pm supper, 6 pm meeting, synod office

West Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Nov. 1, 9 am, Prince of Peace

Retired Pastors Meeting,
Wed, Nov. 2, 9:30 am-noon lunch, Bells Coulee Lutheran

Evangelism and Outreach Comm., Thu, Nov. 3, 5:30 pm, synod office

Church in Society Comm.,
Thu, Nov. 3, 6:30 pm, synod

or your congregation can contribute to this fund for future pastors from our synod.

COMING EVENTS

GATHER, NOURISH, SEND - Fall Worship Fair

Sat, Oct. 15, 9 am-3:30 pm (registration and coffee at 8:30 am), Trinity Lutheran, Sparta
See [FLYER](#) for all the details, workshops, presenters, etc., for pastors and lay members -- share with all who are interested in worship! Then [REGISTER HERE](#) or on [website](#) / Events / Synod Events (group discounts offered)!

Sponsor: Partners in Worship Subcommittee

LWR BOXCAR DATE

Sat, Oct. 15, 7-11 am near George St viaduct, at the end of Clinton St., by the Boys & Girls Club on La Crosse's north side. This is the day they will load up quilts and kits for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

LA CROSSE AREA W-ELCA - FALL RENEWAL

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 CLLeopold44@gmail.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
Register [NOW](#) here or on synod website!

Sponsor: Conference Deans

PRAYER VIGILS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Thu, Oct. 20 & Nov. 17, English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St, La Crosse, 5:30 pm (3rd Thur. each month)
Coordinated by Marla Engbloom, 608-784-9783

Sponsor: Middle East Subcommittee

RETIRED PASTORS MEETING

Wed, Nov. 2, 9:30 am - with worship, presentation and a homemade lunch at Bells Coulee Lutheran Church. Program TBA. Watch for further info in upcoming mailings. If you would appreciate a ride to Bells Coulee simply contact Dale or Vern below. Please RSVP to Pr. Dale Ruosch at 608-534-5127 or dkonriv@centurytel.net,

office

Professional Service and Care Comm., Thu, Nov. 10, 1 pm, synod office

Middle East Subcommittee, Mon, Nov. 14, 1 pm, synod office

Peru Companion Synod Subcommittee, Mon, Nov. 14, 6:30 pm, synod office

South Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Nov. 15, 9 am, DeSoto/Freeman

East Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Nov. 15, 9 am, Woodland

Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, Thu, Nov. 17, 7:30 am, Morris Hall, UW-L

Assembly Planning Comm. Meeting, Thu, Nov. 17, 9:30 am, synod office

Deans, Thu, Nov. 17, 1:30 pm, synod office

Executive Comm., Thu, Nov. 17, 4 pm meeting, synod office

Synod Council, Thu, Nov. 17, 5:15 pm supper, 6 pm meeting, synod office

North Conference Pastors' Meeting, Tue, Nov. 29, 9 am, Fagernes

DEADLINES

Nov. 1 - Coulee Courier

Nov. 5 - Crosswinds

Dec. 1 - Leaders Mailing

CALL PROCESS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SELF-STUDY

- Bethel & Bethany, Viroqua - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Kris Fahey, part-time)
- First, Onalaska -

or to Pr. Vern Skarstad at 608-779-1877 or
skarstadve@gmail.com.

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FIRST CALL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (FCTE)

2011 Fall Event

Sun-Wed, Nov. 6-9, St. Anthony Spirituality Center,
 Marathon, Wis.

For pastors in their first 3 years of their first call - FCTE gives attention to the transition to rostered leadership (or public ministry) in the church. This is part of a 3-year structured program of theological education and involvement in colleague groups. We are a pilot for a new model of FCTE - focusing on leadership formation and coaching! See FCTE brochure [HERE](#) .

LIVING WELL DAY

(back by popular demand!)

Thu, Jan. 12, 9 am -3 pm, Trinity Lutheran, Sparta
 Sponsored by Bd. of Pensions as a free gift to pastors, this day is set up to remind you that wellness is connected to faithfulness and your spirituality. Come be refreshed! Mark your calendars now and watch for forthcoming information.

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2012 BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP

Thu, Jan. 26, 9:30am - 4pm, synod office
 2301 South Ave, La Crosse

Presenter: Barbara Keller

Watch for further details in the coming months. (Rostered leaders are expected to attend a boundaries workshop every 3 years.)

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2012 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Mark Your Calendars!

Fri-Sun, June 8-10

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

YOUTH

SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

Next meetings: Oct. 17 & Nov. 21, noon, synod office

Convener: Dick Pirwitz at 608-847-5982 or

pirw@frontier.com

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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. A great event for ALL those involved with children and youth in their

Associate Pastor

- Fountain & Trinity, Hustler - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Jim Steinbrecher, part-time)
- French Creek - Pastor
- Wilmington, Caledonia - 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, West Salem - Senior Pastor (Interim: Rev. Roger Grow)
- St. Paul's, Wilton - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Jim Steinbrecher, part-time)
- Trinity, Immanuel, Bethany, Cashton - Pastor

INTERVIEWING

- Blair - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Chris Hallemeier)
- Our Savior's & Skogdalen, Westby - Pastor (Interim: Rev. Steve Minnema)

PRAYERS

- For Cheryl Mader (synod Vice President) and family on the death of her sister Anna Ewanowski, Oct. 2. A celebration of Anna's life will take place Sun., Oct. 9, 1-3 pm at Monona Terrace in Madison
- For Cynthia Burnside (wife of Bishop Bruce Burnside, South Central Synod of Wis.) who is now in hospice care due to cancer
- Ongoing for Evan Henning, grandson of Angie & Herb Henning (Angie is chair of Partners in Worship)

congregations. See full-page event [FLYER](#) to share with your congregation and also print [insert](#) with background info and bio's on the speakers.

Register [HERE](#).

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STEWARDSHIP

WHY WE GIVE . . . no explanation needed, read [HERE](#) (or see insert) and share! By Pastor Tim Krick, Christ the King Lutheran, Combined Locks, Wis.

GLOBAL MISSION

ELCJHL LIBRARIES PROJECT

Schools in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) have few, if any, libraries. Can you imagine it? That's why our own Pr. Elly McHan, who serves as communication assistant to the ELCJHL, is promoting the "libraries project" in our synod and others. For more detailed info, [READ HERE](#) from the ELCJHL website on the Libraries Project. What a wonderful project for Sunday Schools, women/men's groups, and a social ministry outreach group in your congregation! Our synod promoted this project during the month of Sept per the [Accompaniment Resolution](#) at synod assembly, but it continues to be a vital, ongoing ministry! Find out how your church can help.

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GREEN IDEA

What's the scoop on bottled water? Most bottled water contains city tap water. Some 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills each year, 20 million barrels of oil are used to make the bottles and it is 7,000 times more expensive than using your own tap water.

INSERTS INCLUDED with this MAILING

- ~ [Let the Children Come](#), Sat, Nov. 19
- ~ [Why We Give](#), Stewardship article
- ~ [ELCA Awards, Fund for Leaders Full Scholarship](#), bulletin insert
- ~ [ELCA Awards, Fund for Leaders Full Scholarship](#), flyer
- ~ [Parish Paper Nov. 2011](#) - Should We Unleash the Power of Congregational Planning?

Subcommittee) as he awaits a heart transplant

For Congregations & Pastors

- For Bridge of Life Lutheran as they celebrated 10 years of ministry with "completion of ministry" events Sun, Sept. 25
- For Christ the King Lutheran as they celebrated 24 years of ministry with "completion of ministry" events Sun, Oct. 2

MISSION SUPPORT

Synod / ELCA Mission Support

Received \$466,980 from Feb - Sept 2011

Received \$449,356 from Feb - June 2010

Ethiopia Clinics:

Received Feb-Sept 2011 -- \$3382

Horn of Africa Drought:

Received to date -- \$2333

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