



**La Crosse Area Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## UPDATES FROM OUR SYNOD AND MINISTRY PARTNERS

10/19/11

### PRAYERS

- For Bethel, Bethany and Zion Lutheran congregations (Viroqua) as they begin to function together in a new way Nov. 1, when they officially become the newest three-point parish in our synod, and to Pr. Pete Beckstrand who they have called to be their full-time pastor
- For Pr. Kris Fahey, who has been serving as interim pastor at Bethel and Bethany parish of Viroqua, as they say "thank you" to her at a celebration on Oct. 30
- For our brothers and sisters of the Lutheran Church in Peru (ILEP) as Gregg Attleson (Companion Synod in Peru Subcommittee chair) and Bishop Arends attend a round table discussion in Lima next week regarding the future direction of their church; also safe travel for Gregg and Bishop
- Ongoing for Evan Henning, grandson of Angie & Herb Henning (Angie is chair of Partners in Worship Subcommittee) as he awaits a heart transplant (son of Brian/Dana Henning, Dallas, Texas)

### SECRETARY OF THE SYNOD begins this week

Michael Schnitzius, member of English Lutheran, La Crosse, will begin his duties as secretary of the synod at an Executive Committee meeting this week. We thank Mike for accepting this position and welcome him as he begins to perform the duties of that office.

### PREACHING & TEACHING THE TEXTS OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Mon, Tue or Wed, Nov. 14, 15 or 16 - choose from 3 locations

For more info and registration options see [flyer](#). Dr. Diane Jacobson, prof of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, will explore the lectionary texts for these upcoming seasons of the church year, focusing on preaching these texts and teaching them - "encountering the texts within various groups in the congregation, and looking for opportunities and challenges."

### ELCA BOARD OF PENSIONS offers recording of recent Webinar

A recording of the Oct. 4 Contribution Rates Webinar is now posted on the Bd. of Pensions website. The URL for the Contribution Rates Webinar page is as follows: [www.elcabop.org/rates-webinar](http://www.elcabop.org/rates-webinar). You will have the option to watch the webinar online or download a .wmv file.

### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER FROM PERU

Read Pr. Dana Nelson's [October newsletter](#) from our companion synod in Peru, Iglesia Luterana Evangelica Peruana.

## UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS AND MEALS

<http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org/church-announcements/>

- Sat, Oct. 22, 11am - 3pm, **Lewis Valley Community Harvest Festival** - check out all the details on synod website above
- Sun, Oct. 23, 11am - 1 pm, **Vang Lutheran Church Mission Dinner** - check out all the details on synod website above
- Thu, Oct. 27, 10:30 am - Mattes Center at **Good Shepherd Lutheran, La Crosse** - come here Larry White speak about fall prevention and the 2012 Medicare changes; with questions or to sign up call Bev Sorenson, 608-788-4029
- Thu, Oct. 27 - 4-7 pm, **Our Redeemer Lutheran Meatball & Lefse Supper** - check [flyer](#) for all the details

## BETHEL HOME & SERVICES/ Parkside Fall Barbecue

Thu, Oct. 27, 4:30 - 6:30pm, serving at La Farge Community Temple

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED TO LUTHERAN AFRICAN PEACE ACTIVIST

Leymah Roberta Gbowee, a Lutheran Liberian peace activist, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Read this story and more at [www.elca.org/news](http://www.elca.org/news) (click on News Releases in the left-hand column).

## APPLY NOW TO BE AN ELCA YOUNG ADULT IN GLOBAL MISSION

Young adults (ages 19-29) are invited to apply to serve for a year in an international program in Argentina and Uruguay, Jerusalem / West Bank, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Central / Eastern Europe, Southern Africa and the United Kingdom. See more here [www.elca.org/yagm](http://www.elca.org/yagm).

## BULLETIN INSERT FOR NEW HORIZONS

If your congregation has not already been contacted, you may call Arianna from New Horizons for a bulletin insert to be used during the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This insert increases awareness of the issues and also how to prevent domestic violence. Call Arianna at 608-791-2610, X204.

Check this link <http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org/resources/publications/synod-update-weekly-e-letter/> for documents shared in all recent Synod Updates.

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