



God's Work. Our Hands.

Newsletter of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BURNSIDE

People of faith keep faith and they give faith in the context of community. It is so for us just as it has been for our ancestors.

Keep these words ... Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.....

~ Deuteronomy 6

In the Great Shema, the confession our faith-ancestors made, they began: "Hear O Israel..." And then a remembering of God's mighty and gracious presence was retold ...

It helped them.

It helped them reform, rekindle, regain, resign, retrieve, recover.

Every so often I go back to Dietrich Bonhoeffer's little book Life Together . It helps me.

It helps me refocus, rethink, remember, return, renew, receive.

Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this...We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ.

~ Bonhoeffer

How do you speak the words of the creed – Nicene or Apostles – on Sunday morning in your assembled worship? What is your posture? Where do your words go? Your eyes, where do they look (if they are open)? What volume do you choose to apply to your voice? Does your head perchance bobble up from the typeset on the page of print to peruse others also speaking? To whom do you say the "I believe" words?

I believe in God...

I believe in Jesus Christ...

I believe in the Holy Spirit ...



I think we should look around, look at each other, confess to Jennifer in front of us and Bernie behind us, Ellie on our left and Scott on our right, announce (whether with buoyant or feeble voice) to each other, because:

Sometimes you need the creed and sometimes they need the creed. It helps us.

It helps us reclaim, relent, research, reveal, rearrange, retake.

The communion of saints. More than a club, a guild, a society, a union, and an alliance.

*Gather in your scattered flock;
Give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share in our shepherd's loving care.
Have mercy, Lord*

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For Christ's Sake,

+ *Bruce*

Your Bishop

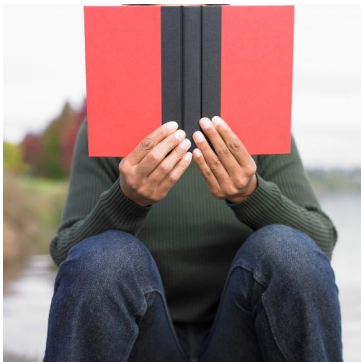
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What's On Your Summer Reading List?

Bishop Burnside thought he would like to share some of what's he's been reading lately and maybe even make a recommendation or two.

Ethics in the Community of Promise by James Childs, Jr.

Jim Childs was my advisor, professor, and in more ways than he will ever know, my encourager when I was a seminary student at Trinity. This second edition of his remarkable and accessible work on Christian ethics comes from the mind of a scholar and the heart of a pastor with a passion for the ministry of Jesus in and through congregations. I cherish the book and the man who wrote it and give thanks for the gift that both are to the Church. This is a great resource for personal reading and its discussion questions make it perfect for use in study groups.



Love Wins by Rob Bell

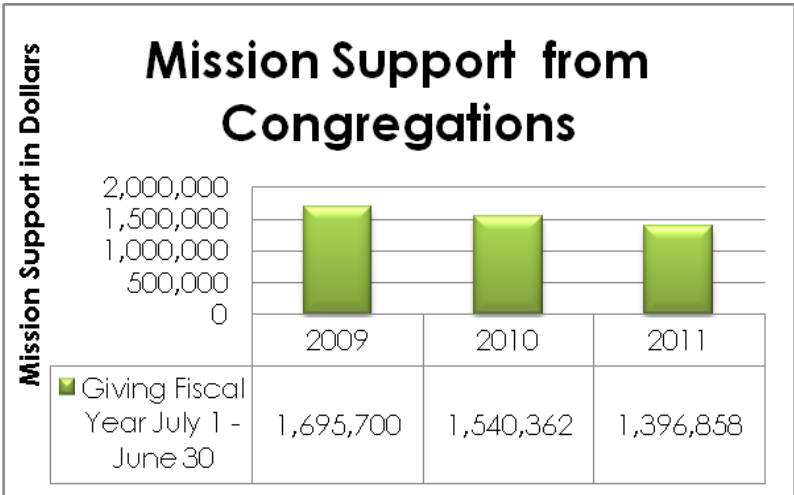
After reading this little book that has garnered such attention on the NY Times Bestseller list I found myself wondering "Why - there is nothing here that we have not said or preached or taught all along in the Church." Then it occurred to me why this is an important little book - Rob Bell has found a way to talk about God's grace and unconditional love that makes sense to a culture that far too many of us are not communicating with. From the beginning Bell spits it out: "There is no question that Jesus can not handle," and he goes from there. It's an easy read that matters to mainline and evangelical Christians alike.

We are So Blessed! Thank you to our Volunteers This Month!

A world of thanks goes out to Jo Anderson for helping us to answer our phones with a warm and helpful voice! And thanks also to our new volunteer, Rita Olin! Rita has recently retired and graciously offered to help us with our Farmers' Market mailing! Thank you Rita and Jo for helping us to reach out and make connections with God's people throughout our synod!

Volunteer Opportunity!

Speaking of mailings . . . we have several mailings to get out over the next few weeks and could really use some extra help. Please call the synod office if you are able to volunteer Thursday, August 4 from 1:00 to approximately 3:00. We are air conditioned! You are also invited to come early to join us for worship and communion and brown bag lunch at 12:00. We'd love you to join us! Call Vicki or Jean at 608-270-0201. Thank you for considering this opportunity.



Your generosity allows us to be partners in God's mission. Thank you! Please continue to share your financial gifts and consider increasing them for the sake of God's work, done through our hands!

Lay School of Ministry Fall Opportunities

Special Lay School Course on the Gospel of Mark

Year B or the Year of Mark in the revised lectionary from which the Sunday readings in the ELCA are taken begins on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. In preparation for this year, the Synod's Lay School of Ministry will offer a course on the Gospel of Mark in the Fall Term. Rev. Dick Inglett, Lay School instructor of New Testament, will teach the course which is open to anyone in the Synod interested in learning more about this earliest and shortest Gospel. Pastors, teachers and Women of the ELCA study leaders will find the course especially helpful in their work of preaching and teaching and are especially encouraged to sign up for it.



Fall Term Classes offered are **God's Living Conversation with Israel**, an Old Testament course taught by Dr. Gwen Sayler, Professor of Old Testament at Wartburg Seminary, **Why Lutheran?**, a theology course taught by Dr. Winston Persaud, Professor of Theology at Wartburg, and **Life Together for the Sake of the World**, a course on ministry and mission taught by Dr. James Bailey, professor of New Testament at Wartburg. These courses require permission of the instructor and are open only to previous students of the Lay School who have dropped out but now want to resume their participation. Classes for students new to the lay school will begin in January, 2012. For more information, see contacts below.

Schedule and Location - Fall Lay School Term begins on the weekend of September 16. Classes are held at St. James Lutheran Church in Verona.

How to Register - If you are interested in learning more about these courses, contact Lay School Coordinator, Peg Ekdahl at (608) 449-7722 or ekedahlp@charter.net or Lay School Director, Jerry Folk (jfolk@tds.net; 608-241-8661). If you want to enroll, you may request information about the enrollment process and get enrollment forms from Peg or go to the Synod website (www.scsw-elca.org), where you will find that information and those forms.

Thank You, Carolyn Butts

Thanks to Carolyn Butts, who volunteered to serve as Lay School Coordinator following the resignation of Kim Eighmy. Carolyn made an important contribution to the Lay School during this year of transition and everyone associated with the Lay School is grateful to her. Thanks again, Carolyn.

"God's Preferred Future" - Bishop's Convocation - October 16-18 at the Abbey in Fontana

"A time for rest, relaxation, building relationships and dwelling in the word."

That's what past attendees have said about the Bishop's Convocation. Please plan to attend as this year promises to be equally worthwhile. ! This year's theme is "God's Preferred Future."

We are excited to announce our presenters, **The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson**, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Trinity Lutheran Seminary and **Dr. Susan Wilds McArver**, Professor of Church History and Educational Ministry, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.



Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson



Dr. Susan Wilds McArver

This event is for all rostered leaders in the synod. A brochure and more information will be coming to all rostered leaders. Registration will be available on-line late August.

The Family Focus Group - Doing What Matters!

Written by Vicki Hanrahan, Synod Communicator

Just last week, Lisa Sperle of The Family Focus Group committee dropped off a check for \$344.84 to be forwarded to ELCA World Hunger for a water filtration system for an area in the world that has bad drinking water. Lisa was excited to share their story and even brought in photos to help tell it . . . we share her story with you here as we think it's another great example of what Lutherans are doing together in Jesus' name that matters!

The Family Focus Group is comprised of several area churches in our synod, Grace Lutheran Church in Cambridge, West Koshkonong and East Koshkonong Lutheran Churches in Stoughton and Rockdale Lutheran Church in Cambridge. The Family Focus Group was started by members of these congregations to bring families of faith together for fun, learning, community building and pooling of resources. Providing an outlet of learning and fun in a healthy and safe Christian environment is their main goal. All religious backgrounds are invited and welcome to attend their events and Lisa reported that they do!

The event that raised the money for the well was a Supper Club Gathering held in June at the Sperle home where invitees were asked to bring a chair, a dish to share, and dry clothes for the kids! In keeping with the water theme and raising money for the water filtration system, water games were played followed by a movie shown at dusk and a bonfire. Sounds pretty creative and fun, right? Included in the evening was generosity, as an offering was collected for the water project.

Coming up are three more events including a camping weekend at Yellowstone Lake State Park in Blanchardville. September's event is a Family Fall Harvest Fun Day at Schuster's Playtime Farm and a Halloween Party is planned for October where everyone will be invited to help resupply the food pantry by bringing food pantry items. For more information, feel free to chat with Lisa Sperle at 608-512-8543 or lsperlernc@gmail.com.

The check has been forwarded to the ELCA to accomplish great work, caring for and serving the poor and the hungry. This is a wonderfully rich story of ministry and mission--bearing witness to God's creative work done through our hands.



Missional Discovery Journey

Written by The Rev. Blake Rohrer, Director for Evangelical Mission

Helping Your Congregation Partner with God in God's Mission to Bless and Heal the World

Are you ready to focus more fully on participating in God's mission? Do you want to lead your congregation in asking the question "What are God's hopes and dreams for us?" Would you like to create a small group of mission-minded leaders in your church that can serve as change agents to lead your congregation into God's hoped-for future?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions the **Missional Discovery Journey** (MDJ) of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin might be right for you and your congregation. The MDJ is an eighteen month process of education, discipleship and spiritual formation that is designed to lead congregations deeper into God's mission for the sake of the world. A team of lead pastor and four to seven additional lay leaders are invited to participate. A brochure and registration forms are available on the synod website www.scsw-elca.org under the Synod Ministries tab. Contact me if you have any questions. If it would be helpful, I or another member of our leadership team would be glad to visit your congregational council to explain more fully about the MDJ process.



The Rev. Blake Rohrer

Stewards of Each Other

Written by The Rev. Sara Yotter, Synod Stewardship Specialist

We were created by God to be social beings, living in community, and instructed to help and love each other. This relates to our immediate families, those nearby and those far away.

Stewards of the Most Vulnerable

During this busy season for church mission trips and summer events we are called to care for those around us. Volunteer Background Checks are a vital step in keeping children safe from harm. Unfortunately, all children are not always kept safe. Mandatory reporting for pastors and all of God's people, is an act of faith, which bears witness to God's concern for the health and well being of children in particular. Recognizing physical, emotional, or sexual abuse is a way of being stewards or caretakers of those around us. For information on policies for your church for volunteer background checks, you can go to Church Mutual Insurance website for free resources at <http://www.churchmutual.com/index.php/choice/risk/page/intro/id/21>

You can also visit the ELCA website at www.elca.org or Wisconsin Council of Churches at www.wcc.org for more information.

Stewards of Generosity

Policy and Procedures for Financial Management are essential in an era of mistrust. As we trust one another with resources and decisions, God's work can be done through us. Do two unrelated people count the offering money? Is there a congregational audit each year? Are there receipts and written records for expenditures? Go to www.elca.org/treasurer and under "Finance for Congregations," you will find both a "Congregational Treasurer's Financial and Accounting Guide" and a "Congregational Audit Guide."

Stewards of Relationship

Mutual Ministry Committees provide opportunities to care for the garden of the relationship between pastor and people. As stewards of this sacred relationship, you ask God to lead and guide you together. You are also stewards of the intimate and familial relationship in your lives. God does not want us to be alone and tending to all these life relationship is a stewardship matter.

Stewards of the Neighbor

We are stewards of our neighbor when we look to see where the world's need meet our hearts desire. Mission and Ministry go hand in hand as we are stewards of those around us.

Please let me know if I can be assistance to you in any of your stewardship needs.



The Rev. Sara Yotter

608-270-0201
saray@scsw-elca.org

PASTORS' MASTERS GOLF OUTING - Registrations Due August 8

The Pastors' Master's Golf Outing has a new date of Monday, August 22, 2011 at the Glen Erin Golf Course in Janesville. (There will still be a golf outing associated with the Bishop's Convocation, but it will not be the Pastor's Masters.) Tee times will start at 10:00 am with either 3 or 4 person teams playing a scramble or best ball format. Cost is \$45 and will include greens fee, riding cart, and prizes. Each team will consist of a high handicapper, low handicapper, and either one or two middle handicappers, based on who registers for the event. We're hoping for 20-24 participants. Registration deadline is **August 8**.



Checks can be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and mailed to: Roger Elliott, Pastors' Masters, 617 St. Lawrence Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. Click [here for a flier](#) and registration form.

2011 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA Endowment Grant Recipients

The following lists the congregations and ministries in our synod that have received endowment grants and indicates the purpose for which the grants were requested and will be used. Please keep these efforts in your prayers as together in partnership we reach out to God's people in meaningful ways.

Immanuel – Waupun for Outreach to Younger Project
Bethel – Madison for Latino Ministry Development
Faith – Janesville for Latino Outreach
Dekorra – Poynette for Bibles for Inmates Project
South-Central Synod of WI for Farmers' Market Outreach
St. John's – Madison for Secure Project
South-Central Synod of WI for Missional Discovery Journey
Parroquia Luterana San Jose – Beloit for Latino Ministry Development
Our Savior's – Sun Prairie for Crossroads of Fear and Faith : 9/11 Project
St. Paul – Beloit for Community Soup Lunch Project
Our Savior's – Beloit for Internet Outreach

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin provides yearly grants for mission ministries in the synod. If you are interested in making a gift to this endowment to continue mission ministries for years to come, please contact the Rev. Sara Yotter in the synod office at (608) 270-0201.

Call Process Update - Congregations Seeking Pastors

In study process:

- Adams Argyle Parish-Argyle
- Bristol - Sun Prairie
- Cooksville - Evansville
- Dekorra - Poynette
- East Koshkonong - Cambridge
- Grace - Darlington
- Lake Edge - Madison
- Redeemer - Rio
- St. John - Elkhorn
- St. Paul - Baraboo
- St. Peter-Cassville & Zion-Bagley

Interviewing Candidates:

- Bethel - Madison (Senior)
- McFarland - McFarland (Senior)
- Norway Grove - DeForest
- St. John - Oregon (Assoc.)
- St. John - Leland/Zion - Rock Springs Parish
- St. John - Reedsburg (Assoc.)

Recommending Candidates

- None at this time
- In transition***
- Robert Neubert from Gettysburg Seminary to Christ in Sharon.
 - Rev. Joshua Ehrler from SE Minnesota Synod to Burke - Madison.

***Please keep these congregations
in your prayers.***

Experiencing Christ in Joplin, Missouri

God's work. Our hands. Feature

Written by **The Rev. Bob Vetter**, Pastor of Albany Lutheran Church - Albany and Red Cross Volunteer

When the tornado hit Joplin, MO on Sunday, May 22, I was asked to become the chaplain for an Integrated Care Team serving there. Together with nine other teams, each composed of a chaplain, mental health worker, nurse, and case worker, we provided wholistic care for the next-of-kin, families and loved ones of those who had perished in the tornado.

We would begin by inviting them to tell the story of their loss. We offered condolences and sought to provide physical and spiritual comfort. We discussed their needs and offered whatever resources the American Red Cross could provide. The nurse examined physical injuries and encouraged further medical care when necessary. The case worker managed the paperwork that would help them obtain financial assistance. As chaplain, I prayed with them if they were open to it and encouraged them to stay connected to sources of support such as faith communities, pastors, families and loved ones. The chaplains typically suggested a tone, or overriding vision for the visits with the families and loved ones in order to assure them that the Red Cross cares about people who have endured disasters and does not abandon them as they continue to grieve their losses and continue on their journey of recovery.



Photo credit: REUTERS | Mike Stone



I met Christ in the hospitality extended to me. I remember the kindness of the members of a Baptist congregation who provided lodging in their church the first night I spent in Joplin. I remember the generosity of the members of a Baptist congregation in Neosho, MO who made their church available for use as a shelter for me and other volunteers.

I met Christ in those who suffered or mourned the loss of loved ones and those whose homes were destroyed. I think of a couple, who were separated, who lost two children. The mother tried to save her 10 year-old daughter by clinging to her as they hid in the bathtub, the tornado wrenched her daughter from her grasp. The father

searched for her but to no avail, finding later that she had died. He continued to look for his 7-year old son and found him, only to find himself later giving permission for life support to be withdrawn. Christ certainly was with them as they endured and with me as I was permitted to know of them.

I met Christ in self-sacrifice that was shown. As the tornado approached a local restaurant, rather than seeking his own safety, an employee ushered as many customers as possible into a walk-in cooler. He understood they would be safer if he could secure the door of the cooler. He used a bungee cord to hold the door closed from inside the cooler, but he could not hold the door shut. The tornado blew the door open and sucked him and others out of the cooler. He was killed, together with at least two women. I believe that Christ was with him in giving him the purpose of striving to aid and protect all the others.

*The full story of God's work through our hands is revealed through Pastor Vetter's hands!
You are a part of this partnership in ministry through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America!*

Lutheran World Relief Responds to Humanitarian Crisis in Drought-Stricken East Africa

Did you know? You are saving lives in Kenya through the Work and Partnership of Lutheran World Relief.



Lutheran World Relief

With the danger of widespread famine in the Horn of Africa increasing daily, Lutheran World Relief is rushing \$500,000 for an immediate response to this unfolding humanitarian crisis. More than 10 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti are at grave risk of famine as the worst drought in the region in 60 years wears on.

"Rains have largely failed for the past two seasons, and without water there is no food, no livestock and no way for people to protect themselves against famine," says Tim McCully, LWR's Vice President for International Programs. "We're particularly concerned about the alarmingly high rate of malnutrition among Somali refugees fleeing the drought and ongoing conflict to camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. It is imperative that we take action now."



John Nunes, LWR
President and CEO

More than 1,300 people a day are arriving at the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya seeking refuge. Built to host only 90,000 people, the camps are now struggling to house and feed more than 380,000, many of them arriving after a 15-day walk across the harsh Somali country with little or no food or water.

Malnutrition and mortality rates are rising rapidly — especially among children. Reports indicate that 30 to 40 percent of children arriving to the Dadaab camps are acutely malnourished.

LWR will respond to the crisis through its local partner, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and their existing relief teams working in the region. "We've been working with LWF in the three camps in Dadaab for the last several years", says McCully, "and this support will allow us to scale up and expand critical life saving assistance including food, water, shelter and other services".

"This humanitarian support is absolutely critical but is only the first step in what will be a long-term solution" adds John Nunes, LWR president and CEO. "While a lack of rain is the immediate cause for the current drought and food shortage, the region remains chronically vulnerable. The only sustainable solution is to promote and protect the livelihoods of the millions of rural farmers and pastoralists who depend on the water and natural resources for their food and income."

In addition to providing critically needed humanitarian aid, LWR will look to increase existing work with communities and partners in Kenya and elsewhere to seek out long-term, sustainable solutions.

Gifts for the East Africa drought may be contributed at <https://community.ELCA.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=679> on the ELCA website. Gifts may also be contributed by calling 800-638-3522, or by mail to ELCA Disaster Response, c/o South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA, 2909 Landmark Place, Suite 202, Madison, WI 53713. Please write "Horn of Africa Drought" on your check's memo line or if you are sending on behalf of your congregation, indicate ELCA Disaster - Horn of Africa Drought on your remittance form. Your gifts are used entirely - 100% - for work in the area, assisting those whose lives have been affected by this terrible drought.

To learn more you can log onto: www.lwr.org or www.elca.org

Lutheran College Tour 2011

October 27 - October 29

The South-Central Synod, in partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Synod, will be hosting a Lutheran College Tour for folks in grades 10-12 from Oct. 27- Oct. 29. We will be renting vans and visiting 4-5 college campuses including:

- Augsburg College - Minneapolis, MN
- St. Olaf College - Northfield, MN
- Luther College – Decorah, IA
- Gustavus Adolphus – St. Peter, MN)
- (Wartburg College – Waverly, IA)
- (Augustana College – Rock Island, IL)

*Schools in parenthesis are tentative but a minimum of four schools will be attended.

The price for the trip will be \$50 per student and will include travel, lodging and most of the food during the trip. This trip is supplemented by the Bishops' Initiative for Raising Up Future Leaders and a generous grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation.

To get registered, please fill out a registration form (attached) and return it to the Synod Office with your \$50 registration fee. You will receive a confirmation letter with health forms once your registration has been received.

Questions should be directed to Cory Hamilton, Assistant to the Bishop for Youth and Family Ministry.
608-270-0201 or coryh@scsw-elca.org.



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REGISTRATION FORM FOR COLLEGE TOUR

Fill out this form completely and mail to the Synod office . Please also print and complete a health form. Health forms can be found on the synod website under “Youth & Family.”

Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number () - email _____

Grade for 2011-2012 _____ **Parent Contact** _____

Please include \$50 registration fee. Checks should be made payable to SCSW,

Send payment and registration form to: South-Central Synod of WI, ELCA
2909 Landmark Place, Suite 202
Madison, WI 53713

CONFIRMATION

Extravaganza!

How great would it be for every confirmation student in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to meet together and learn about the many opportunities for ministry for which they might be gifted and called?



This event is for **all students** currently attending confirmation classes in their congregation.

The focus is on **worship** and **discovering** the many opportunities for ministry that exist in our synod and in our world.

Representatives from all kinds of ministry backgrounds will share their passions and interests.

"I could do that!" revealed a student after listening to a surgeon!"

When: Wed. Nov. 16

Time: - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Alliant Energy Center!

What to Bring:
Students (Lots of Them)

Cost: \$2.00 per person

**REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN
ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE WILL
BE OCTOBER 24, 2011**

Guests at this event will include:

- Bishop Burnside presiding over worship
 - College Student Groups
- Lutheran Seminary Representatives
 - Camping Ministry Professionals
 - Liturgical Architects and Engineers
- Public Policy and Advocacy Professionals
 - Deacons, Deaconesses, and AiMs
 - Environmental Ministries
 - Church Music Professionals
 - Special Churchwide Staff
 - Global Missionaries
- Senior High LYO Representatives
 - AND MANY MORE!

**To register, visit our website at
www.scsw-elca.org.**

Questions? Contact Cory
Hamilton in the synod office:
608-270-0201 or
Email: coryh@scsw-elca.org



This event is being funded by the Bishops' Initiative For Raising Up Future Leaders and by the generous grant of the Seibert Lutheran Foundation.



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Cross Training Events for Parents & Youth Workers



Don't Miss Out on FREE training for adults interested in Youth Ministry. In partnership with the ELCA Churchwide offices and the 2012 National Youth Gathering we are currently offering training for all church staff, volunteers, parents and other adults. CrossTraining involves relationship training, ways of connecting the gospel, and basics on how to empower your youth and connect them to the rest of the congregation.

Our Spring 2011 trainings have been a huge success and folks are talking about the wealth of information that has already been shared. If you would like to get connected, it's not too late. We will be offering one more session of our Spring 2011 curriculum before moving on to our Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 offerings. We will be meeting next on **August 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie.

Come find out how you can grow and strengthen your youth ministry program and prepare for the National Youth gathering. For more information and a full calendar of events, check out the synod website under the Synod Ministries/Youth & Family tab or contact Cory Hamilton at the synod office at 608-270-0201.

Want to Connect with 30-ish and Younger Folks in Your Congregation?

It will take EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY and COMMUNITY. Be a part of a synod wide **Macedonia Project** initiative to help engage this generation in the spiritual discipline of generosity. Major initiatives starting this fall. For more information, contact Rev. Sara Yotter at 608-270-0201 or saray@scsw-elca.org or SMS at 608-630-7942.

Save the Date! McFarland Global Mission Event will be happening October 8-9, 2011

Save the Date! **McFarland Global Mission Event** will be happening **October 8-9, 2011**, at McFarland Lutheran Church. The event will include guest speakers, music, food and fair trade goods for sale. Stay tuned for more details to come!

The 4th Annual Making a Difference in Dane Golf Scramble and Raffle is Monday, August 15th!

This golf event is coordinated by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and will take place at **University Ridge Golf Course** in Verona, WI. Cost will be \$125 per individual golfer and \$500 for a foursome. Individuals will be grouped with other golfers. Lunch, Dinner, and the Golf will be provided with your registration fee.



All proceeds from this event will go to support the "Off the Square Club", a vital program of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. For more than 25 years, Off the Square Club, located in St. John's Lutheran Church, has been serving people with homelessness or chronic and persistent mental illness. Located downtown Madison, this day center provides a safe haven for 250 members. Free of the stigma often attached to mental illness, the members have a safe and secure place to enjoy their day, interact with friends, participate in recreational activities, make art, write poetry and enjoy a free hot lunch.

In just three years of hosting this event, we have raised nearly \$70,000 for worthwhile service organizations in Dane County. Let's keep the momentum going as we raise funds and awareness around homelessness and mental illness in Dane County. **Register online at www.gslcwi.com and follow the links for golf event registration.** For more information, please contact Pastor Tim Nybrotten at 608-271-6633 or tnybrotten@gslcwi.com. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

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Visit our website:

www.scsw-elca.org

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a church deeply and confidently rooted in the Gospel of God's grace. We exist, in partnership with the churchwide organization, to assist congregations and members to:

- Worship God through Word and Sacrament and through lives of prayer, praise and thanksgiving;
- Nurture one another in the Word of God and grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ; and
- Give our life joyfully in witness and service.

Core Functions : Mission, Leadership Development, Care of Congregations, Global & Ecumenical Relationships

SYNOD CALENDAR

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Newsletter "God's Work. Our Hands." is published 11 times per year. Correspondence and articles can be emailed to the Synod office by the first Friday of each month. vickih@scsw-elca.org or sent via mail to Vicki Hanrahan, SCSW, 2909 Landmark Place, Suite 202, Madison, WI 53713.

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY - Worship and Brown Bag Lunch at 12:00 at the Synod Office. All Are Welcome!

EVERY SATURDAY - Jesus in the Marketplace - SCSW/ELCA World Hunger Booth at the Dane County Farmers' Market - 7am
(Volunteers are still need to help at the Farmers' Market at 7:00 or 9:30 a.m. - Call Amy Larson at (414) 335-3680.

August 6	Cross Training Session I at Our Savior's - Sun Prairie	9:00 a.m.
August 9	Youth & Family Ministry Team Meeting at Synod Office	
August 26	Candidacy Committee at Synod Office	8:30 a.m.
August 30	What If? at Lutherdale Bible Camp	10:00 a.m.
September 5	Labor Day Holiday - Synod Office Closed	
September 8	What If? at Bethel Horizons	10:00 a.m.
September 8	Lay School of Ministry Faculty Meeting at Synod Office	10:00 a.m.
September 8	Lay School of Ministry Steering Committee Meeting at Synod Office	10:00 a.m.
September 16 & 17	Lay School of Ministry Classes at St. James - Verona	
September 20	Interim Pastors Meeting at Synod Office	1:00 p.m.

FUTURE DATES in 2011

October 8	Cross Training Session II at St. John's - Prairie du Sac	9:00 a.m.
October 8	Lay School Discernment Day at St. James - Verona	9:00 a.m.
October 8	Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading	
October 15	Synod Council Meeting - St. Michael's - Hustisford	8:00 a.m.
October 15	Cross Training Session II at First - Janesville	9:00 a.m.
October 16-18	Bishop's Convocation - The Abbey, Fontana, WI	
October 21-22	Lay School of Ministry Classes at St. James - Verona	
November 16	Confirmation Extravaganza at Alliant Energy Center	6:00 p.m.
December 3	Cross Training Group Webinars - Our Savior's - Sun Prairie	9:00 a.m.

FUTURE DATES in 2012-2013

January 28, 2012	Cross Training Group Webinars - Our Savior's - Sun Prairie	9:00 a.m.
March 10, 2012	LEAD (Leadership Education & Development Day) at Covenant - Stoughton	
May 5-6, 2012	Synod Assembly at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells	
May 3-5, 2013	Synod Assembly at Madison Marriott West, Middleton	

The next issue of "God's Work. Our Hands." will be published in September. The deadline for submitting items for insertion in the newsletter is always the first Friday of the month. The next issue's deadline is Friday, August 1, 2011. Please submit to newsletter editor, Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org. Thank you!