



Soundings

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A Word From The Acting Bishop

The Rev. Jan Nesse

Many of us start working on the church budget in October and so we start talking about stewardship a lot more. I have been reading quite a bit lately about stewardship, especially as it relates to small congregations. But I've come to realize that stewardship is individual and it doesn't matter the size of the congregation. Stewardship is not about money, but it certainly shows up there...probably because money is so important to us.

I think we should change the word for stewardship because it has been used to mean so many things: collecting an offering, making a budget, having a capital campaign, and time, talent and treasure/money. Stewardship seems to be always a church word; it has kind of

lost its real meaning.

A "stigward" is an Old English term for steward. Stig means "house" and ward means "warden or keeper". My old dictionary defines a steward as "one employed in a large household or estate to manage domestic concerns including supervision of servants, collection of rents, and keeping of accounts." Maybe we should call it "Stigward-ship." Okay, maybe not.

The position of the steward is one of great responsibility and also one requiring great accountability. Stewards have no inherent authority of their own. Their only authority comes from their master, the one for whom they work. In business we would call these people

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managers. When we accept Christ as the core and foundation of our faith, we acknowledge a relationship to God as a steward, maybe we think of ourselves as managers of God's gifts.

But I think we know that basic concept of stewardship. The question is: How does that knowledge move from our heads to our hearts? How do we teach new Christians about stewardship/stigwardship; about managing God's gifts? I think the words of Paul to Timothy give us ample instruction, "set the believers an example in speech and in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity..."

Maryanne was a single parent, doing the best she could to raise five-year-old Ryan. She was single because her husband had left her.

I don't even know all the circumstances. It doesn't matter. She loved her son and "taught" him well.

Once when Maryanne was reading a bedtime story to Ryan, he stopped her and asked if she had bought that book for him.

"Yes," she said.

And then he asked if she had also bought the bed in which he slept.

"Yes," she said.

Had she bought the house they called home?

Yes, she had.

And what about his new jacket that was brand new?

"Yes," she said, she had bought that, too.

He was very quiet for a few moments. Then he got out of his bed and retrieved his piggy bank from across the room. "Mommy," he said. I have seven pennies and I want you to take them and get something you really want for you."

Maryanne was a teacher of stewardship, not with her words, not with her beliefs, but with her actions and her love.

In fewer than 5 years, Ryan had learned that everything he had was a gift from his mother. His response was to offer her his seven cents - everything he had. I imagine when Ryan is older, he will come to know the real source of all that he has. But he has already learned how to respond.

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“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

1 Timothy 12-16 NRSV

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Churches Planting Churches

Hosted this year in Vancouver, Washington, the *ELCA Churches Planting Churches Conference* will provide unique opportunities to see, experience, and discover how God is growing the Church through congregations that are planting new congregations. Those who attend will have opportunity to engage in conversation and attend workshops about second site ministry and independent new starts.

The conference will be held Oct. 17-19 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 905 NW 94th St, Vancouver, Wash. 98665. Cost is \$110. Registration must be received by Thursday, Sept. 30.

Featured speakers are: Pastors Peter and Kathleen Braafladt, co-pastors at Messiah in Vancouver; the Rev. Kevin Ruffcorn, pastor at Desert Streams in Surprise, Arizona; and the Rev. Ruben Duran, Director for New Congregational Development, ELCA.

Conference information can also be accessed at: www.messiahvancouver.org/component/content/article/52-spotlight-news-2/180-churches-planting-churches-conference.html

Ministry and Money

Annual Stewardship Event

It's time to gather a team from your congregation to attend our annual stewardship training event on Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. Luke's Lutheran, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

Speakers this year are a husband and wife team: Philip and Janet Jamieson, who are co-authors of the 2009 book *Ministry and Money*. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will end by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. To register in advance or for more information, please contact Pastor Laurie Jones at 206-784-1306 or pastorlaurie@bflcs.org.

Please join rostered leaders and spouses at this year's Fall Bishop Convo to be held Sunday, Oct. 10, through Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Seabeck Christian Conference Center in Seabeck. Cost is \$195 double occupancy; \$295 single occupancy. (Registration includes all meals, unlike when the Convo is up at Harrison Hot Springs.)

This year's theme is: *Wisdom's Wonder: God's Mysterium Tremendum in the World* with speaker Dr. William P. Brown.

Dr. Brown is Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. He has abiding interests in the use of scripture in the life of the church and contemporary theological discourse, as well as in the ancient cultural contexts out of which scripture emerged. Specific interests include Psalms, wisdom literature, Pentateuch, Isaiah, history of ancient Israel, and modern literary theory. His most recent publication is *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder*.

Mission takes place everywhere in the world. By understanding how God's activity is changing the world around us, we can build and develop skills that help us engage, serve, support, learn, and travel more faithfully, globally and domestically. These skills can help you be an effective part of God's mission.

The Global Mission event taking place closest to our synod is Oct. 8 and 9 at West Linn Lutheran Church, West Linn, Oregon (south east of Portland). Registration is only \$35 per person. To reach the planner for this event email sunitha.mortha@elca.org. For more information about the event visit www.lutheransnw.org/calendar/detail.asp?eventID=1334.

Bishop Convo

**Registration
deadline is
September 18, 2010.**

To register visit www.lutheransnw.org/leadership/convo.asp

Glocal Mission Gathering

**Connecting Global
and Local**

LPPO Update

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November Ballot Measures

Lutheran Public Policy Office, in partnership with Washington Association of Churches has published its faith-based response on the seven Initiatives Washingtonians will be voting on next month.

To read these positions please visit the LPPO website at www.lppowa.org/main. The initiative link is located on the home page.

New Staff

Please welcome David Hacker, Director of Congregational Relations. His primary responsibilities will be to coordinate all of LPPO's outreach efforts with congregations, increasing the number and effectiveness of congregational advocates, connecting congregations to their communities to advocate on specific issues. David has more than 20 years of experience working with the ecumenical and interfaith community around issues of hunger and homelessness in both direct service and advocacy. You may email David at dhacker@lcsnw.org.

And, please also welcome Ryan Cosgrove, LPPO Intern. As LPPO Intern, Ryan serves two days each week focusing on the deepening and growing of LPPO's Advocating Congregations program. Ryan Cosgrove joined the Lutheran Public Policy Office in the end of August. He is our ninth shared seminary intern with St. John United. A lifelong Iowan, Ryan moved east to attend seminary in Gettysburg, PA. He chose Gettysburg because of their "Public Theology" program. Interning at the public policy office is wonderful opportunity for Ryan to learn more about the church's role in justice.

As always, LPPO is very willing to help plan or facilitate educational forums at your congregations. Please contact the office at 206.464.4133 or lppooffice@lcsnw.org.

Dr. George Hunsinger, an ordained Presbyterian pastor, professor of Systematic Theology at the Princeton Theological Seminary, distinguished Karl Barth scholar and co-founder of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (www.nrcat.org), will make a couple of presentations in Seattle.

Hunsinger will address the issue of torture. The first event, titled *Unfinished Business: Ending U.S. Torture Forever*, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Town Hall in Seattle (Eighth Ave and Seneca). The event starts at 7:30. The admission is \$5.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, Hunsinger will talk about *Violence Finds Refuge in Falsehood* during the 10 a.m. Adult Forum at Plymouth Church in downtown Seattle, located on 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle.

No matter what proponents of torture say, torture is always wrong and does not produce the desired results. In the words of David P. Gushee (professor for Christian ethics) “a proper understanding of our ultimate loyalty [as Christians] - to Jesus the tortured one - makes any support of torture unthinkable.”

For more information, you may want to contact Pastor Bjoern Meinhardt at 206-463-2655.

Explore the connection between what we eat and how it affects the rest of the world at an event called *What's On Our Plate? The Ethics of Eating*. The event will be held on October 15 and 16 at Trinity Lutheran Church & Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Keynote Speaker is the Rev. Jim McDonald, Managing Director of Bread for the World. A youth track will also be available for high school students. For more information, contact Kristie Neklason at k2neklason@aol.com or visit www.lutheransnw.org/calendar/detail.asp?eventID=1261.

Presentations About Torture

What's On Our Plate?

The Ethics of Eating

A Legacy Of Leadership In Our Hispanic Ministry

by The Rev. Mary Bosell

Fall is a season of change. This fall, the same is true for El Camino de Emaus, our synod's Hispanic congregation under development.

In October, Pastor Eduardo Cabrera will retire after serving for more than 40 years as a Lutheran pastor. He has started and served churches in Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Brazil, Texas, California and, most recently, in Burlington.

El Camino de Emaus began more than five years ago as part of Tierra Nueva, which was a Presbyterian migrant ministry in Burlington at that time. El Camino separated from Tierra Nueva and began to meet on Sunday evenings at Burlington in Burlington in 2007.

Eduardo and his wife, Luz Maria, will be moving to Sacramento to live closer to children and grandchildren. Luz Maria has served as part of the synod council and candidacy committee, as well as being an important part of El Camino de Emaus. Their inspiration and leadership will be very much missed.

Part of the legacy that they leave behind is the raising up of new leaders in Hispanic ministry. Emilio Benitez and Esau Cuevas, our two Lutheran seminarians, are in the process of finishing their studies and stepping into positions of leadership. Emilio will be serving as pastor of El Camino de Emaus while Esau will be developing a new ministry in conjunction with Faith in Everett. Please pray for our new Hispanic leaders!



The 29th Annual Lutheran Summer Music Academy (LSM) took place at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in June.

Youth from our synod who attended were: Julian Anderson, Grace Gehman, Paul Georgeson, and Thaddaeus Gregory of Phinney Ridge in Seattle; Molly Barnes of Ballard First in Seattle; and Brita Moore of Holy Trinity on Mercer Island. These youth were six of 149 students accepted into the program. LSM is the pinnacle program of Lutheran Music Program and is one of the nation's premier music training programs for young people. The program's mission is to transform lives and connect people through faith and music. LSM fosters musical excellence and spiritual growth in a caring community for high school band, orchestra, choir, piano, and pipe organ students from all faith backgrounds.

LSM 2011 will mark the program's 30th anniversary and will be held June 26 - 24 at Luther College.

Shift—The Shift Seminar is designed to get people to ask questions about what they expect from their church, and why, with the end result being (hopefully) a shift in peoples' thinking about what it means to be a church, or a congregation, or even a religious person.

It used to be that, as members of a church, we would all gather together regularly to share brotherhood and time together and, sometimes, the church was the focus of community. As our worlds broaden, we feel so must our expectations of our churches. And we are afraid that if we don't explore our church community through this broad new scope, we may find our churches struggling and faltering.

Join others from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Trinity in Lynnwood to learn more about Shift.

Summer Music Program

Shift

To learn
more or to register
visit:
www.shiftnow.org

Open Door Ministry

10th Annual Gala and Dinner Auction

Open Door Ministries is an extended ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod. Open Door provides pastoral care and referrals for persons living with HIV/AIDS, as well as the gay and lesbian community. The Annual Gala Dinner and Auction is the only fundraising event that supports this ministry. This year's dinner and auction will be held from 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Brockey Center on the South Seattle Community College Campus, West Seattle. The college is known for its fine Culinary Department, which will be serving the meal. Cost for the evening is \$65 per person before Monday, Nov. 1; and \$75 per person as of Nov. 1. We are expecting more than 200 people and have a goal to raise more than \$50,000.

To register for the event, please call or email Darlene Atik, 425-672-8692; darleenatik@comcast.net.

3DM Taster Retreat

Please join Pastor John LaMunyon, Sammamish in Sammamish, from Jan. 25 -27 2011, to experience a Learning Community focused to help you in advancing God's kingdom.

The 3Dm taster is designed to give leaders "a taste" of the range of resources and tools 3DM uses in equipping/ resourcing leaders to engage with today's culture with a missional mindset. The retreat is packed with input and coaching experiences led by experienced practitioners which you can then digest with your team, and other teams around you. You will experience biblically sound teaching, impactful worship, prayer ministry, new relationships, good food, fun and laughter. Please watch the two minute story at www.weare3dm.com. For more information and registration please contact Holly at hoc@shlc.org. *Please note date correction from previous publication.*

An Event With Frosty

Prince of Peace Men's Ministry, Everett, invites all men from real young to real well seasoned to come hear Coach Frosty pick-up where he left off in 2009. Frosty will speak from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 6. An offering is asked to help with the modest costs but no set admission or tickets or reservations are required. Bring a carload to Prince of Peace 9320 Meadow Way in Everett.

Men's Gathering at Camp Lutherwood

Join others at the Annual Men's Day at Camp Lutherwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. This year's theme is: *Why Men Matter*. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Jerry Buss, Director for Evangelical Mission in the Northwest Washington Synod.

His calls have been at St. Andrew in Beaverton, OR; Peace in Astoria, OR; and Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor. Jerry is married and is a step-father to two children. He grew up working on dairy farms in Wisconsin and started down the path of becoming an engineer before experiencing a call to become a pastor. For several years he was part of a group of men from the church in Astoria who annually went on a trip where the one requirement was to do something risky enough to cause reflection on life and death.

This event will be a combination workshop and work party. After lunch we will have the opportunity to tour Camp Lutherwood and then participate in several small work projects. Lunch will be provided - a suggested freewill offering of \$10 will be taken. We need your reservations as early as possible so that we will know how many meals to prepare. Please register on-line at www.region1lmm.org/Events.html

For information contact Ron Sailer; 360-658-0461; rksailer@gmail.com; www.lutheranmeninmission.org

Men's Ministry

**J-Term and
Continuing Ed
Course**

**Diaconal
Ministry:
Discernment,
History and
Formation**

The course is designed to provide a place of study and discernment of vocation for those interested in learning more about Deaconesses and Diaconal Ministry in the ELCA/ELCIC.

The course is offered for three credit hours of academic credit. The course will run January 11-20, 2011 (excluding the weekend). Classes will meet on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. Tuition for all participants will be paid by the Deaconess Community of the ELCA. Cost of all books is the responsibility of each student. Limited housing is available on

campus for a cost of \$325. Early registration is advised. For further info, please contact Dr. Ginger Barfield at gbarfield@ltss.edu or 803-461-3253. Course instructors: Dr. Susan McArver, Professor of Church History & Educational Ministry, Southern Seminary; and Dr. Dirk Lange, Associate Professor of Worship, Luther Seminary.

**ELCA
Disaster
Relief**

Pakistan Floods Displace Four Million People—The worst floods on record have brought destruction to communities across five provinces of the country. See www.elca.org/disaster for more information, a bulletin insert, a video, and an opportunity to give.

Haiti Earthquake—Six months have passed since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the land of Haiti. See www.elca.org/disaster for a report on the work being done to restore the lives of more than two million people.

To read more about these disasters visit the ELCA Disaster Response blog at <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/>. And, to learn more about how the ELCA is helping at home and around the world visit www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World.aspx.

Youth Events

Sponsored by Trinity
Lutheran College

- **Let Justice Roll, Oct. 9-11, Holden Village, Chelan**—Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, is a co-sponsor of an annual high school youth event for those interested in peace and justice issues. The event is held at Holden Village (near Chelan). This year's theme is *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*. The program includes group presentations, small group discussions, a service project, and lots of time to relax, hike, and enjoy God's creation.
- **Focus on Youth Ministry: Peer Ministry Training Nov. 5-6, Trinity Lutheran College, Everett**—Lyle Griner, national director of Peer Ministry Leadership, will lead a two-day training event for youth ministry staff, pastors, volunteers and young people. Peer Ministry empowers youth for important roles as leaders and listeners among their peers. Participants will be equipped to facilitate training in practical ministry skills within churches, camps, college ministries, and other groups. Cost: \$99 per adult, including training manual.
- **Children, Youth and Family Ministry Certificate Program, Jan. 3-21, 2011, Trinity Lutheran College, Everett**—A three-week intensive training event designed for youth and family ministry staff, volunteers, Christian educators and pastors. The program equips participants to lead effective ministry programs in their home churches. Class size will be 15-20 students. Program faculty includes Susan Houglum, David Ellingson, Julie Wood and Mark Jackson.

Editor's Note: For more information visit www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter, or contact the Rev. David Ellingson at 425.249.4722 or david.ellingson@tlc.edu.

Here 'n There

- **Consultation to Clergy** has moved into its new office (our Gethsemane office has to be vacated for major expansion project). Our new address is: Consultation to Clergy, 4130 University Way NE, Suite 105, Seattle, WA 98105. We are located in the U-District (University of Washington, 41st and University) at the Chapel on the Ave (LCMS Lutheran Campus Center). We have covered parking in the parking garage in the rear of the building, a main floor office and an adjoining storage area that will house our files and office equipment. Our office phone number remains 206-623-8193. Cell phone for Phil Streufert is 206-650-1913.
- **Dean Jamieson, organist at First in Bothell**, was recently elected by his American Guild of Organists (AGO) colleagues to a second, two-year term as Regional Councillor of the Pacific Northwest Region of the AGO and serves on their National Council. Jamieson also represented the AGO at a week-long Pipe Organ Encounter Plus held on the campus of the University of Oregon in Eugene in July. Jamieson is a Past Chapter Dean of the Seattle AGO and studied organ with David P. Dahl.
- **Read the Qur'an in Four Weeks**—Check out this unique class with Pastor Ron Marshall (First of West Seattle, www.flcws.org), who has been teaching it four times a year since 2003. Classes are from 7-9 p.m., October 7, 14, 21, 28. The \$50 fee includes your own approved translation of the Qur'an, plus over a hundred handouts on the Qur'an by Islamic scholars. To register or make inquiries, contact Pastor Marshall at 206-935-6530; deogloria@foxinternet.com.
- **The Northwest Washington Synod is blessed to have new interns.** They are: John Simonson, Edmonds

(Pastor Julie Josund); Kathryn Emery, Central, Everett (Pastor Jeff Russell); Rachel Voxland, Trinity, Lynnwood (Pastor Paul Sundberg); Ryan Cosgrove, St John United and LPPPO (Pastor Carol Jensen and Pastor Paul Benz); Ethan Hulme, Our Redeemer's, Seattle (Pastor Kathy Hawks); and Justin Mootz, First Richmond Beach (Pastor John Bjorge). We welcome them.

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- **Ballard First, Queen Anne and Central in Seattle** are inviting others to join them in welcoming the new Lutheran Volunteer Corp members on September 19 at Carkeek Park in Seattle.
- **Faith in Seattle**, led by Nancy Estill, have been preparing and serving home-cooked meals at the Family and Adult Service Center (2013 Third Ave, Seattle) on the second Thursday of each month.
- **Members of Immanuel in Everson** were able to donate more than \$450 to Foothills Foodbank, Whatcom Hospice, Womenscare and the Opportunity Council-Homeless Programs.
- **As Gethsemane in Seattle is “under construction”, Denny Park in Seattle** has graciously agreed to host the Gethsemane's Saturday Soup, Sandwich and Movie program. The day of Sunday, Oct., 3 is the last Sunday the congregation of Gethsemane will be able to worship at their current location. Children's Hospital Research Center (across the street from Gethsemane) has offered to let the congregation use space in their building for Sunday morning worship.
- **Prince of Peace in Shoreline** said good-bye to the residents of Tent City 3 on June 26. Prince of Peace says that, once again, the residents were excellent neighbors and were always willing to lend a hand.
- **Central in Seattle** in July served more than 2925 meals, or an average of 320 meals per day. Central in Seattle,

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through their twice-a-week Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, has been serving meals for many years. In 2008 it served 170 to 240 guest per meal. More than half the guests at the meals during the past six months have topped 260 guests. Central in Everett helps feed the homeless on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

- **Members of Prince of Peace in Everett** will again have an opportunity to worship with inmates at the Shelton Correctional Center. October's worship will take place on October 2.
- **Members of Faith in Redmond** provided a lunch to participants in East King County Habitat's Build-a-Thon at Issaquah Highlands.
- **Salem in Mount Vernon** is now offering a ministry for those who are grieving as a podcast: www.slmv.com, choose Ministries and then New Beginnings.)
- **Members of St Luke's in Bellevue welcome a series of travels: Rabbi James Mirel from Temple B'Nai Torah, Bellevue.** At 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19, he will introduce the major themes in Exodus and their meaning for the Jewish community. And then, on Sunday, Sept. 26, Rabbi Mirel will continue his talk on Exodus and will preach from the pulpit.
- **Karen Phillips, member of Holy Trinity on Mercer Island,** received Pacific Lutheran University's Distinguished Alumnus Award for her service to her school, church and community. A registered nurse, Karen was instrumental in establishing the University of Washington Medical Center in 1959.
- A concert with singer and songwriter Annemarie Russell will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at **Nativity Lutheran**, 17707 140th Ave, SE, in Renton. This concert is raise funds for the Compass Veteran's Center in Renton.

We continue To Hold In Our Prayers:

- † **Richard Bridges**, former member of Synod Council
- † **The Rev. John Ericksen (ret.)** and his wife, Marita
- † **The Rev. Phil Petrasek (ret.)** and his wife Linda
- † **The Rev. Paul Wuest (ret.)**

We Pray For:

- † **The Rev. Jocelyn Carson**, Trinity in Everett, whose mother, Alice Sproule, died on August 13. Alice suffered from Alzheimer's. A memorial service was held at Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor on August 23. Memorial gifts may be made to Alzheimer's Association - Western and Central Washington State Chapter or to a Lutheran Church of your choice. Cards may be sent to: Jocelyn Carson, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2324 Lombard Ave, Everett WA 98201-3095.
- † The family of **the Rev. Edwin Swanson (ret.)** who died on August 30 at his home in Redmond. He is survived by his wife Ruth. A memorial service was held on September 4 at Sammamish Hills, Sammamish, where Edwin and Ruth have been members. Cards may be sent to: Ruth Swanson, 21311 NE 61st St, Redmond, WA 98053-2335.
- † **Luz Maria Cabrera, Northwest Washington Synod Council and wife of the Rev. Eduardo Cabrera**, El Camano de Emaus, Burlington, was admitted to the hospital on August 23, for tests and surgery for a brain aneurysm. She is recovering at home. Cards may be sent to: 2412 Northridge Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
- † **Jyoti Mutscher, daughter of Cathy Mutschler, Associate in Ministry**, Faith in North Lakewood, has

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been transferred to the UW Medical Center and is still in Critical Care. Doctors believe that they have determined a cause. Cathy is at the hospital every day and has requested no visitors at this time. Faith has set-up a site on Caring Bridge where you can learn more about the situation. A guestbook is also available on this site where you can leave a message. Cathy is reading them as she is able: www.caringbridge.org/visit/jyotimutschler. Cards can be sent to Cathy at: Faith Lutheran Church, PO Box 70, North Lakewood, WA 98259.

Prayers of Celebration:

- † Taylor Grace Hogstad was born on August 21 to **the Rev. Chris Hogstad, Light of the Cross, Bothell, and Megan Hogstad, Associate in Ministry**, On Leave From Call. Taylor joins big brother Austin. Cards may be sent to the Hogstad family at: Light of the Cross Lutheran Church, 2717 - 180th St SE, Bothell, WA 98012-6603.
- † **The Rev. Tim and Susan Wolbrecht** welcomed granddaughter Junia Marie Wolbrecht Bendickson into the world on August 21. Parents are the Rev. Sara Wolbrecht, St. Matthew in Walnut Creek, Calif, and Jason Bendickson.

Prayers:

- † At the **regular Tuesday worship and synod staff meeting**, we pray for our pastors, churches and members. We pray for congregations in transition. We pray for rostered leaders who also are in transition, such as relocating or retirement. We pray for students and educators as they begin a new school year. We pray for our companion synods in Russia and Ethiopia. We continue to pray for those in Haiti, Chile and Pakistan. We pray for all countries in turmoil. We pray for peace!

 Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Justin Johnson	Prince of Peace, Spokane	8/1/2010
Laurin G Vance	Burlington, Burlington	8/1/2010
Andrew Yee	Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood	9/1/2010
Amanda Zentz	First, Mount Vernon	10/1/2010
Installations		
Matthew Maas	Gloria Dei, Lynnwood	8/29/2010
Laurin Vance	Burlington, Burlington	8/8/2010
Amanda Zentz	First, Mount Vernon	10/16/2010
Ordinations/ Commissionings/ Consecrations		
Retirements		
Mark Reitan	Trinity, Lynnwood	10/1/2010
Resignations		
Phil Lee	Glendale, Burien	8/15/2010
Transfers in/out of Synod		
Justin Johnson	To Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod	8/1/2010
Amanda Zentz	From Oregon Synod	10/1/2010

On Sunday, October 10, you can attend a lively evening of food, fellowship and fundraising at the El Camino de Emaus Benefit Auction and the 25th Annual Bethlehem Lutheran Church Auction. The auctions will begin at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem in Sedro-Woolley. Some of the auction items include: handmade quilts, theatre tickets, dinners, a day at Big Lake and much more. For more information contact Pastor Walt Rice, Bethlehem, at 360-856-6181 or blc.secretary@frontier.com.

**Two In One:
Benefit
Auctions**

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current, Interim/Supply Pastor
Arlington, Our Saviour	PR	TR	Marilyn Schultz Rothermel, Interim
Bellingham, Our Saviour	PR	NV	Supply
Burien, Glendale	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Des Moines, Grace	A/SP	I	John O’Neal, Pastor
Ferndale, Christ	PR	TR	Christen Anderson, Interim
Monroe, Morning Star	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim
Mount Vernon, Fir-Conway	PR	TR	Paul D. Anderson, Interim
Nooksack, Clearbrook	PR	TR	Supply
Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor	PR	I	Karen Hanson, Interim
Point Roberts, Trinity Community	PR	TR	Supply
Renton, Lord of Life	PR	TR	Phil Reitz, Interim
Seattle, Central	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Seattle, Faith	PR	I	Red Burchfield, Interim
Seattle, Gethsemane	PR	TR	Maynard Atik, Interim
Seattle, Magnolia	PR	TR	Doug Stensby, Interim
Seattle, St Paul’s of Shorewood	PR	TR	Supply
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply

Mobility Position Key:	
PR	= Pastor
A	= Associate
AIM	= Associate in Ministry
DM	= Diaconal Minister
A/SP	= Associate with Special Emphasis contact (Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:	
I	= Interviewing
C	= Calling
NV	= New Vacancy
V	= Vacancy
SC	= Synod Call
TR	= Transition process
P	= Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO	= Div for Outreach Transformation Process