



Soundings

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Hope Sparkles In Our Sanctuary

by Dan Moody, Project Co-chair, Edmonds Lutheran In Edmonds

What started out as a 'How do we get our people to wear their name tags' discussion turned into a public relations and fundraising project for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) at Edmonds Lutheran Church, Edmonds.

Following an inspiring presentation by Dianne Johnson at the Synod Assembly, and encouraging words from the leaders of Edmonds Lutheran, a committee was formed to see how we could expand our little nametag-fellowship project into a discernment and resource building partnership for LMI.

With the Synod Assembly not even a day behind us, we filled our pews with hand-crafted cardboard cut-out 'malaria awareness children', made by local Lutheran School classes. Each 'child' carried a tag with the name of an African child and their situation, allowing for appreciation of the situation and inviting involvement through prayer. Some of the



Myself with two children from Sunday School showing off our lanyards.

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A Word From The Bishop



The Rev. Wm
Chris Boerger

“No longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.” 1 Timothy 5:23

Every 45 seconds a child dies of malaria in the world. By the time you finish this article at least two or three children will have lost their fight to this disease. Malaria is a disease that we, the world community, can prevent and treat. Lutheran Churches in various countries in Africa are preparing to fight this disease as the financial resources are raised in this country, by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

At our recent Churchwide Assembly the ELCA kicked off its Malaria Campaign. The goal is to raise \$15 million dollars over the next five years. This money will support the work of our companion churches in Africa. Also at the Assembly it was announced that the Conference of Bishops, the Church Council and the Churchwide executives have pledged \$1.5 million to this campaign. Members of the Churchwide Assembly added to that number by pledging over \$175,000 to this effort. We are off to a good start!

Now we are coming to you. If every baptized member of this church contributed \$5 to this campaign, we would oversubscribe our goal. That is an achievable goal. Obviously not every member will have the money to give. We ask that those with greater resources support this cause so that those with fewer resources do not feel compelled to give more than they can.

You can donate through your local congregation or by going to www.elca.org/malaria. The problem is global and can seem beyond our capacity. The fact is that it has grown to the size that it is because we have had that view.

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We do have the capacity to save lives and to change the world. That is not just marketing hype it is a fact. We will not be alone in this effort. The Christian Church across denominational lines is addressing this disease. It is important that we, in the ELCA, do our part.

Since you started reading this article one or two children have died of malaria. I challenge you to help change that statistic and in doing so change the world in Jesus' name.

Editor's Note: *The ELCA World Hunger resource packet that you recently received has information about malaria in it. Many more resources are available on the ELCA's website. In our synod, Dianne Johnson, Associate in Ministry, at Lord of Life in Renton, has taken on this cause and is willing to come to your congregations to speak about malaria and how we can help fund changes to eliminate this deadly disease. Contact Dianne at dianne@lollc.org.*

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LMI children went home with members, while others remained on duty in the coming weeks providing familiarity and recognition of LMI's

mission.

During June, our International Mission awareness month, we saw the development of our expanded efforts to keep the drive close to our hearts and in our minds. LMI lanyards of orange (the color of hope) and yellow (steadfast loyalty) were distributed to Family Fun Night participants.

These simple visual tokens were an instant hit, as ELC nametags were affixed to the lanyards the following Sunday. LMI children were used in Sunday school lessons and a Children's Sermon was held under an LMI mosquito bed net.

With understanding of the LMI efforts growing, a display booth was created with informational materials and

lanyards were offered for donations. More than \$400 was raised to purchase mosquito bed nets for the children in Africa. Now on any given Sunday, the congregation is made visually vibrant by the steadfast loyalty and hope that sparkle our sanctuary during services.



Edmonds Lutheran member Alice Smith standing next to the "End Malaria" booth.



Children's sermon under the mosquito net.

Dr. Anthony Root is one of the emerging voices in post modern youth ministry and understanding youth ministry as practical theology. Dr. Root is Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary.

Lunch-Time Conversation With Dr. Root

Join professor, speaker, and author Dr. Andrew Root for a lunch-time conversation about youth ministry and relationships from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, at Scuttlebutt Brewery in Everett.

Relationships will be explored not as ways to influence kids, but as sacred place-sharing. Registration is required; cost is \$15 per person (lunch included). For more information and/or to register visit www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter or mark.jackson@tlc.edu.

Dialogue and Lecture with Dr. Root

CYF Ministry in the 21st Century: The Melting of Identity event will be a dialogue and lecture with Dr. Root. This event will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3215 Larch Way, Lynnwood 98036. Free and open to the public. For more information visit the calendar at www.lutheransnw.org.

The Synod's Global Mission Committee is planning a Global Mission Advocate (GMA) workshop from 8:15 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Bethel Lutheran of Shoreline, 17418 – 8th Ave NE, Shoreline 98155. Cost is \$14. The workshop theme is *Communications in our Global World*. Topics include *Taking The Temperature Of Other Cultures* and *Understanding One's Cultural Intelligence To Better Communicate Cross-Culturally*. There will be reports about Russia and Ethiopia; Maritime Ministry; and what our congregations are doing globally.

Two Events With Dr. Root

Global Mission In Our Synod

Boundaries Training Opportunity

The ELCA requires that all rostered leaders attend Boundaries Training at least once, early during their period of rostered service.

Boundaries Training provides clear information on sexual misconduct prevention for people in positions of power, which includes pastors and lay leaders, and everyone who works with children and other vulnerable people. The training helps us understand how to keep ourselves healthy, to ensure that our personal needs are met without coercive participation by those we serve.

The next training session in our area is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, at Faith Lutheran in Seattle. Barbara Keller will be the presenter; she is a consultant to the ELCA on sexual misconduct issues and presents a clear program for misconduct prevention. The cost for the seminar is \$20 and includes lunch and morning refreshments. Rostered leaders, church staff and volunteers are welcome at these training sessions.

Call or email the synod office for further information, 206-783-9292 or office@lutheransnw.org.

Women Gather at Queen Anne

The Northwest Washington Women of the ELCA are holding their Synod Convention from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Queen Anne Lutheran, 2400 Eighth Ave W, Seattle 98119. This year's theme is *Roots & Wings*. Keynote speaker is Betty Brandt, board member of Women of the ELCA. Other speakers are Pastor Craig Lofthus representing The Father's Ranch in Ministries in Tonasket, Wash., and Donna Oiland presenting *A Wise Woman Cultivates A Contented Heart*. Cost is \$40. More information about this convention is available at www.lutheransnw.org.

Synod Youth Serve Event

The Northwest Washington Synod's Youth *Serve* event will be held from 7 p.m. Friday, October 7 through late afternoon Saturday, October 8.

The event will begin at Peace Lutheran in West Seattle, moving to Compass Housing Alliance on Saturday (Saturday only is also an option). This event is for all youth in grades 9 through 12.

Come together Friday night to meet other youth in the area. We will spend the night at Peace Lutheran Church in West Seattle. Friday night will include games, snacks and worship/devotional time centered on what it means to live out your baptismal call in service to others.

Saturday will start with a pancake breakfast for those who spent the night. Others will join us at 9 a.m. for registration and a commissioning for service for the day. Service sites will be in downtown Seattle and West Seattle. We are partnering with Compass Housing Alliance.

At the end of the day, we'll come together for celebration, pizza and commissioning for service in your community as you leave. See you in October!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is holding their annual auction to benefit El Camino de Emaus and the congregation. El Camino de Emaus is an ELCA Hispanic congregation under development in the Skagit Valley.

The auction will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Bethlehem Lutheran, 1006 Wicker Road, Sedro-Woolley 98284, 360-856-6181.

A silent auction will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a live auction from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Appetizers and desserts will be served throughout the evening. 100% of proceeds designated for EL Camino will go to the ministry.

Auction

To Benefit El Camino de Emmaus and Bethlehem Lutheran

FAN Positions On Initiatives

Faith Action Network takes positions on three ballot initiatives:

- **Recommend Opposing Initiative Measure No. 1125;** limits transportation funding. The measure would provide that a toll on a particular road or bridge could be used only for construction, operation or maintenance of that particular road or bridge, thus limiting revenue for other important project such as light rail.
- **Recommend Endorsing Initiative Measure No. 1163;** improving long-term care for elderly. Home care workers are some of our most valuable workers providing critical in-home services to the elderly and disabled. This measure would reinstate background checks, training and other requirements for long-term care workers providing services to the elderly and disabled.
- **Recommend Opposing Initiative Measure No. 1183 concerning the sale of liquor (spirits).** Right now, the profits from our state-run liquor stores go directly to services like health care, schools and public safety. With budget deficits at every level of government the impact on public services would be severe.

FAN is holding three October Events:

- *Death Penalty Forum*, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct 2, at Saint Andrew's Lutheran, 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue;
- *Second Annual Advocating Congregations Summit* from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, Saint Andrew's Lutheran;
- *National Immigrant Integration Conference*, Oct. 24 to 26, at the Westin Hotel, Seattle; *Prayer Breakfast* in conjunction with conference Tuesday, Oct 25, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 180 Denny Way, Seattle.

Wrap-Up Faith Formation Event

by Becky Cole
Dir. Children & Family
Ministries
Holy Spirit Lutheran,
Kirkland

On Wednesday, August 24, 57 people from ten congregations throughout the synod attended the Faith Formation Workshop at Trinity Lutheran College in Everett.

Sue Houglum, Professor and Chair of Early Childhood Education at Trinity Lutheran College, was the guest speaker. Sue provided the history of children's Christian education and an overview of Sunday school models.

Originally Sunday school's purpose was to teach children to read and write so why do we still have Sunday school today in this teaching format? Are there other ways to experience God that are outside of Sunday School? It is important for children to experience God and worship is a great place to do this.

After the opening, there were four sessions people chose from: 0-3years old; PreK-1st grade; 2nd-6th grade; or Fellowship, Faith & Family. We came back together for a short discussion on self-care and how we can increase our margin in the five areas of emotion, physical, financial, time and spirituality. People from the various congregations spent time networking and discussing the information they discovered and possible next steps.

The Lutheran college fairs and workshops are designed to give insight into the unique aspects of Lutheran higher education and a chance to meet representatives from some member colleges and universities. There is no charge and no need to pre-register. In addition, students who attend the event will receive four application fee waivers. The Seattle college fair will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9, at Messiah Lutheran, 410 H Street NE, Auburn 98002. Registration at 6:45 p.m.; Financial Aid Seminar at 7 p.m.; and the college fair from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America.

College Fairs

The Rev. D. Scott Postlewait Honored

Lutheran
Campus Ministry
at the University of
Washington is excited to
share with you the news
that **your** Lutheran
Campus Pastor, Scott



Postlewait, was honored to receive
this year's Philip Knutson Award.

This award is presented by the ELCA's Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry Program and recognizes staff for creativity and risk-taking within their ministry settings. Scott was nominated by his colleague, the Rev. Deacon Mary Shehane, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, as well as two students who specifically cited his involvement with and support for the *UW United Students Against Sweatshops' Kick Out Sodexo Campaign*.

Both students mentioned Scott's call to them to "live out [their] faith in a concrete way" and indicated that his example, personal involvement and frequent reassurances of prayer motivated them in this social justice campaign, especially when it seemed the cause was a hopeless one. Thank you for supporting a ministry and a pastor that encourage young adults to not only go to church, but to **be** the church.

Hearing The Cries Faith and Criminal Justice

The Faith and Criminal Task Force of the ELCA is in the process of developing a social statement on the wide-range and complex issues associated with criminal justice. The study is called *Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice*. The task force needs to have input from groups and individuals as they gather information for a social statement. Responses are due by October 15. Information can be found at www.elca.org/criminaljustice.

Here 'n There

- Members at Oak Harbor Lutheran in Oak Harbor held an old time gospel sing and pie social in August. Slices of pie were sold to raise money to help their companion congregation, St. Katharina Lutheran Church in Kazan, Russia, to restore their sanctuary. (For 60 years their sanctuary was used and misused by the Communist secret police.)
- This summer 25 high school youth and adults from First Lutheran in Bothell went to Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp in Felton (Santa Cruz, Calif.) for their mission trip. At Mt. Cross the youth served adults with developmental disabilities. They helped the adults worship God through song and praise, hiking, swimming, making crafts and riding the Roaring Railroad.
- High school youth from Faith Lutheran and Maple Leaf Lutheran (both in Seattle) travelled to Ensenada, Mexico. There they worked with local service agencies (a domestic shelter, an orphanage, a day care for children of field workers and a community outreach center. They worked with an organization called Lantern Hill, founded and run by a Lutheran couple.
- Volunteers from First Lutheran in Mount Vernon have been serving dinner at Friendship House on the last Tuesday of the month for 20 years. They make sloppy joes, and brownies, and bring lettuce, tomato and salad dressings.
- Church of Mary Magdalene in Seattle will celebrate their 20th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 24. The celebration includes: singing at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and a reception at noon. The church of Mary Magdalene is for women who are struggling to be free from homelessness, poverty and abusive treatment. The Church of Mary Magdalene is ecumenical and non-denominational.

Within Our Family



We Continue To Hold In Our Prayers:

- † **The Rev. Mary Bosell**, on disability
- † **The Rev. John Ericksen (ret.)** and his wife, Marita
- † **The Rev. Jami Fecher**, pastor at Gift of Grace in Seattle
- † **The Rev. Phil Petrasek (ret.)** and his wife Linda
- † **The Rev. Donna Reilly Williams (ret.)**
- † **The Rev. Paul Wuest (ret.)**

We Pray For:

- † **The Rev. Berhanu Waldemariam**, Bethel Ethiopian Fellowship of Seattle, mother died on August 13 in Ethiopia; she was 89. She had opportunities between 1994 and 2006 to see her grandchildren and great-grandchildren here in the US. Please keep Pr Berhanu and his family in your prayers. Cards and be sent to Bethel Ethiopian Fellowship in Seattle, 1501 NW 90th St, Seattle WA 98117.
- † The father of **the Rev. Pam Russell**, Prince of Peace Shoreline, died on August 27. Pam and her husband, Gary Sievert, were traveling to take their daughter to college when they got the news. Cards may be sent to: Pr Pam Russell, Prince of Peace, 14514 - 20th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155-7398
- † Jim Berlien, husband of **the Rev. Jacqueline Berlien**, St. John's Parish, Lancaster and Bendena, KS, died on September 6 from a heart attack. Jacquie and Jim recently moved to Kansas where Jacquie had accepted a call after finishing her Candidacy in NW Washington Synod. A memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood. Cards may be sent to: Pr Jacquie Berlien, PO Box 202, Lancaster KS 66041.
- † **The Rev. Joanne Pearson, (ret.)** has been diagnosed with cancer and is now receiving treatment. Joanne

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and her husband Don ask that you hold them in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: Don and Joanne Pearson, 17 Louise Dr., Bellingham WA 98229.

- † Linda Petrasek's father, K. Simundson, fell and broke his hip two months ago. His wife, Betty, has dementia and they both are at home in Seattle. **Pastor Phil and Linda** are traveling between Ferndale and Seattle to help with the 24-hour care. Cards may be sent to: Pr Phil and Linda Petrasek, 6252 Lincoln Dr, Ferndale, WA 98248.
- † **The Rev. Malcolm Brown**, Bethesda Lutheran in Mountlake Terrace, is at home recovering from an infection that developed following surgery. Cards may be sent to: Pr Malcolm Brown, Bethesda Lutheran Church, 3406 - 56th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace WA 98043
- † **The Rev. Jerry Lund (ret.)** was treated at Northwest Hospital on September 16. His wife Maryann says his condition is tenuous, but he is improving. Cards may be sent to: Jerry and Maryann Lund, 21500 - 72nd Ave West #208, Edmonds WA 98026

Prayers of Celebration

- † **The Rev. Matthew and wife Julie Maas** ask you to join them in prayers of joy at the birth of their second child, son Ezra Maas, who was born on August 9. Pastor Matthew serves at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Alderwood Manor. Cards may be sent to the Maas family at: 4219 Granite Dr, Lynnwood WA 98037.
- † Shepherd Glenn Colver was born September 13 to Liz and James Colver and his sister Hazel. **Jan Cherry, Diaconal Minister**, is the happy grandmother. Liz is in the candidacy process in our synod. Please join the family as they rejoice at this new addition. Cards may be sent to Liz and James, c/o Grandma Jan: 6603 - 182nd St SW, Lynnwood WA 98037.

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Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Jacque Berlien	St. John's Parish Lancaster/ Bendena KS	8/1/2011
Joanne Engquist	Gethsemane, Seattle	8/29/2011
Wesley Howell	Trinity, Pullman WA	8/31/2011
Installations		
Kristine Anderson Ostrem	Faith, Seattle	9/18/2011
Joanne E Engquist	Gethsemane, Seattle	10/30/2011
Joseph Li	Bethel Chinese, Seattle	9/18/2011
Resignations		
Elwood Carlson	Wooden Cross, Woodinville	8/31/2011
Douglas Lindsay	From ELCA Roster	8/11/2011
A. Milton Lundeen	From ELCA Roster	8/12/2011
Transfers In/Out Of Synod		
Paula Burchill	To Southwestern Washington Synod	9/1/2011
Joanne E Engquist	From New England Synod	8/29/2011
Wesley Howell	To Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod	9/1/2011
Drahomir Oslík	To Lower Susquehanna Synod	10/1/2011
Lydia Wittman Grebe	To New England Synod	10/1/2011

Job Opening

Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Seattle is seeking a part-time worship and music coordinator. This is currently a 15 hours a week position. The successful candidate will lead and expand our existing music team and be integral to developing our informal 9 a.m. service. For information please visit www.lutheransnw.org/jobs.

Other job openings are also available on the above link.

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

You can check for the most recent updates on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org/leadership/transitions.

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current, Interim/Supply Pastor
Arlington, Our Saviour	PR	I	Paul Anderson, Interim
Bellevue, Grace	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	P	Supply
Burien, Glendale	PR	TR	Red Burchfield, Interim
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Michael Ross, Interim
Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley	PR	TR	Phil Reitz, Interim
Monroe, Morning Star	PR	C	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim
Mount Vernon, Fir-Conway	PR	TR	Michael Swain, Interim
Nooksack, Clearbrook	PR	TR	Supply
Point Roberts, Trinity Community	PR	TR	Supply
Seattle, Bethany	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Seattle, Magnolia	PR	P	Doug Stensby, Interim
Shoreline, Bethel	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Woodinville, Wooden Cross	PR	NV	Interim Pending

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