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Leading Ladies

National Board of the WELCA

The Synod congratulates Karen Voris of Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage on her election to the national board of the Women of the ELCA. Karen was elected at the Ninth Triennial Gathering of the WELCA, which took place July 24-27, 2014 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Karen follows Phyllis rude of Lutheran Church of Hope and Jan Brewer of Christ Lutheran -Soldotna in serving on the national WELCA board. The Synod is grateful for their leadership.



WELCA Newly Elected Board, in Charlotte, NC

[Excellence in Community Leadership](#)



The Synod applauds Beverly Churchill of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Mary Bristol of Lutheran Church of Hope and Jane Braun of St. Mark Lutheran Church who attended a special training at AFACT to become voter registrars.

Read about these ladies' motivation and [initiative for voter education and registration here.](#)

Synod Ministry Updates

MAT-SU PLUME OUTREACH: notes from the field

Reverend Robert Hicks

I am filled with awe at what I witnessed the other night. My family attended the fund raising event for Becky Nichols, a local radio personality and a member of the Christ First United Methodist choir. Walking through the doors of the WASI Senior Center in support of Becky were the churched and unchurched. And for three hours we all bumped up against this thing called *hessed*. A love that never lets us go. A love that compels us toward...[Read the rest of Robert's insightful article here.](#)



10W is a way to start your day!

Pastor Dan Bollerud, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Anchorage

The Alaska Synod is home to a wonderful ministry called 10W. It stands for 10 minute worship and is prepared each week by some of the pastors from the Alaska Synod. Each 10W contains music, prayers, scripture, a short homily and a blessing. This ministry is designed to help busy individuals connect with their faith communities around the Word when they are unable to connect in person. Just [Google "10w worship"](#) and sign up where it says "Please join our email list" or you can text 10W to 22828 and sign up today.

[More Details Here.](#)

Advent Brunch women,

Remember! **Saturday, August 9**, at St. Mark Lutheran at 10am is our next volunteers meeting. [Details HERE](#) Questions? Contact: Linda Sharp Lsharp@alaska.net

Lutheran Job Opportunities

Seeking Education Director and Membership Coordinator

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church is looking for a joy-filled individual to fill the position of Christian Education Director and Membership Coordinator. Amazing Grace is a growing and energetic ELCA community located on the south-side of Anchorage. The qualified individual will have experience in Christian Education and love working with people of all ages. Pay and benefits are dependent upon experience and a probationary period. Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter to AGLC c/o Pastor Adam Barnhart at aglc@gci.net.

Guide Others to Be Wise with Money and Live Generously

Explore a career as a Thrivent Financial Representative in Anchorage, the Mat-su Valley or Fairbanks.

Thrivent is a membership organization of nearly 2.4 million Christians that offers a unique blend of faith, finances and generosity to help strengthen families and communities. We're looking for individuals who have a passion for building long-term relationships and helping others make the most of their time, talent and treasures,

knowing their financial strategies are solid and on track.

[Read about the ideal candidate here.](#)

Ministry Training

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Training at Trinity Lutheran College

Trinity Lutheran College in Everett, Wash., will offer a three-week Certificate Program in Children, Youth & Family Ministry, **January 5-23, 2015**. The training is designed to equip church staff, volunteers, and pastors for effective leadership in congregational children, youth, and family ministry. Students learn in an interactive seminar format, including discussions, videos, role plays, and more. Topics include biblical and theological foundations, Bible study methods, human lifespan development, creative programming, counseling and relational skills, and program administration. Housing is available. For more information, visit

<http://www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter/cyfmcertificate.html> or contact Rev. David Ellingson at 425.249.4722 or david.ellingson@tlc.edu.

Are You Interested in Leading Well?

Leading Well: Equipping for Leadership in God's World may just be the learning event you're looking for!

Leading Well is a three-year curriculum for leaders of vital, healthy communities of faith who wish to:



- Explore their gifts, strengths and values and their implications for how they lead
- Refine their capacity to work effectively with staff and volunteers
- Practice what it means to live and lead well
- Understand their ministry contexts
- Take time for worship, prayer, rest and fellowship

Leading Well is being offered November 18-21, 2014 at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, Carefree, AZ (www.spiritinthedesert.org) and January 27-30 at the Duncan Conference Center, Delray Beach, FL (www.duncancenter.org). More details about the curriculum and schedule are available at www.LeadingWellInstitute.org.

Regional and National Concerns

Minimum Wage Initiative

The ELCA has developed a statement on raising the Federal minimum wage based on the denomination's historical and theological approach to the issue. [Find the statement here.](#)

Also:

Christians for Equality and Interfaith Worker Justice are jointly seeking an election worker to educate congregations about the minimum wage initiative in Alaska, see website below. The position comes with a small stipend and runs until election day. Hours are flexible. For more information, please contact Nora Ortiz Frederick at christiansforequality@gmail.com. Learn about the initiative at: <http://www.alaskaneeedsaraise.org> or Interfaith Worker Justice at: <http://www.iwj.org>

Fires in Eastern Washington

As you know Eastern WA, Idaho, Oregon and perhaps other NW states have been devastated by wildfire. After consultation with Lutheran Disaster Response, the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod has opened a restricted account at Region 1 where folks and congregations can send checks to support those who have been devastated by these events. Individuals and congregations can send gifts to be deposited to "Funds Held--NW Fires." The "giving code" for those sending in money with their regular mission support is "456-NW Fires." Please mail checks to: ELCA Region 1; PO Box 94432; Seattle, WA 98124-6732.

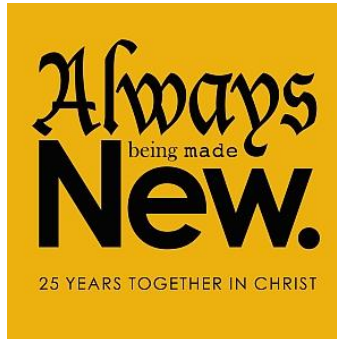
Unaccompanied Children

As members of the ELCA, we are called to love and welcome all. We believe it is our responsibility to protect and care for those who are most vulnerable by providing services to ensure their safety, upholding their human rights and recognizing and preventing risks of exploitation. The ELCA - through Lutheran Disaster Response - is responding to the arrival of these children with grace and compassion. LDR, working with companions and strategic allies such as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, is committed to walking with unaccompanied and migrant children within this country and across borders.

www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Unaccompanied-and-Migrant-Children



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Domestic Violence Help

[Click here](#) for contact information on crisis teams across Alaska and to find programs in your area that can help.

[Click here](#) for resources from the ELCA website for helping nurture families dealing with Domestic Violence.

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