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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

Learning to speak a hard truth

Needle barely moved on ELCA becoming a diverse church

By Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton



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Consider this: how many of you are left-handed? Of those of you who are, how many times a day are you reminded that you are left-handed? At every meal when you sit next to a right-handed person and bump elbows? When you use scissors? When you write? When you shake hands? Now, how many of you are

right-handed? Chances are you never have to think about being right-handed. Most of us are right-handed. The world is set up for right-handed people. This isn't necessarily bad. It just is.

The problem starts when... [read more here](#)

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ELCA Grants

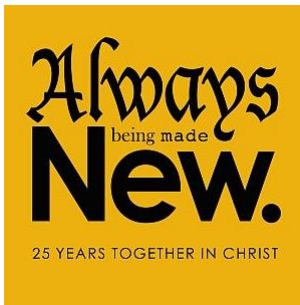
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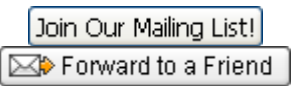
You have been awarded a grant that you did not apply for and did nothing to earn! This grace moment actually happened for us, the Alaska Synod, this past week. Our partners at the Churchwide office in Chicago awarded the Alaska Synod a special one-time grant of \$3,000 to be used

for...[Read about this and GRANTS you can apply for HERE](#)

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Western States Youth Gathering

June 27- July 1, 2014
California Lutheran University
Thousand Oaks, CA
WSYG is for high school youth (grades 9-12) in Lutheran congregations. WSYG occurs every three years, and is a partnership of ELCA Regions 1 & 2 and California Lutheran University. We will feature mass gatherings with great speakers and musicians; learning and small group experiences; worship that takes you in new directions; an immersion experience in Los Angeles; a Southern California beach party, and much more! Learn more and register at wsyg.com



2014 Lutheran Staff Association Conference

Cannon Beach, Oregon
March 9-12, 2014

Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center

Lutheran Office Staff personnel and their counterparts from other denominations are invited to this Conference to meet your ministry partners from around the Region and engage in practical workshops on ecumenism, PowerPoint in worship and social media. This year's conference will also feature Pastor Diane Krauszer of Trinity Lutheran Church, Palmer, AK.

If you are unable to attend the conference, there is a special incentive to join the group for just \$25. This membership includes access to workshop videos, a closed Facebook group for discussion and occasional board member email communications.

Details and Registration

Student Scholarships

A Scholarship Opportunity from Central Lutheran Church- Students do not have to be a member of Central in order to apply-



Central Lutheran Church of Anchorage, AK, administers a handful of scholarships to Pacific Lutheran University. Calling all high school seniors, or college students considering a transfer -- members of your congregation are invited to apply! Learn more and download applications at www.centruth.org/scholar.html Look for the Haukebo Leadership Award and the Anderson Music Scholarship, as they do not require membership at Central in order to apply.

Job Opportunity

Preschool Teacher

Hope Lutheran Preschool is looking for a dynamic, qualified Preschool Teacher who is skilled and motivated to ignite a love of learning in children ages 3-5. Hope's program focuses on enrichment, social interaction and creative learning in a solid Christian setting. [See details here](#)



AKCHILD & FAMILY

Job Opportunity

AK Child & Family (formerly Alaska Children's Services), seeks a part-time Spiritual Life minister to work with young people in residential treatment. Please see the link below for official job posting. This position could be filled by a lay or clergy person. AK Child & Family was formed more than 40 years ago as an ecumenical partnership of Lutherans, Methodists, Baptists and Disciples of Christ.

[Job Description and Compensation Here](#)

Confirmation Resource Trial Run

A message from Augsburg Fortress:

[Sparkhouse](#) is developing a New Confirmation resource, and they are looking for a few more select ELCA churches to test one sample session between February 23 and March 9.

If selected, candidates who complete the test and submit their feedback will receive a \$50 credit to the Augsburg Fortress (and sparkhouse) store.

They are ideally seeking churches in an urban setting and/or with ethnically diverse membership.

Come join in the fun here: <http://bit.ly/1bgMprw>

Growing Leaders Webinar



A monthly webinar series for growing leaders **FREE!** A new 10-minute webinar will be added on the 1st Friday of each month that addresses a specific question of

interest to congregational councils. Experienced presenters will share their knowledge and leave you with questions for further discussion and reflection.

See the details at waytolead.org

Leadership Can Be Transformational

Webinars from Ed Kruse at

HealthierChurch.org

What does it mean to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind?" Can congregations be transformed as well as individuals? Why has transformational leadership gone viral in the last 25 years? In what ways do you already have the practical capacity for this leadership? How are youth and young adults involved?



Discover 21 principles of transformational leadership.

Webinar Dates & Time - 60 minutes each:

February 6, 2014 - 10:00 AM (CST)

February 17, 2014 - 1:00 PM (CST)

[Details Here](#)

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