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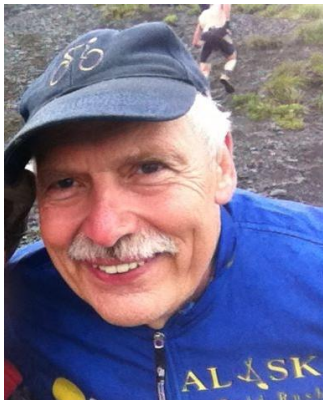
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## Pastor Marty Dasler Retirement & Celebration



### You're Invited.

Sunday, July 27th

In honor of Pastor Marty Dasler's 40 years of ministry.

Worship of Thanksgiving

9:00 am and 10:30 am

and there is more ...

### **SENDING CELEBRATION**

4pm, July 27

Fun, Frivolity and Food at

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

19055 Elmore Road, Anchorage

### Special Choir

Pastor Marty has requested a special piece from the choir - "O Sifuni Mungu" - All Creatures of Our God and King - in Swahili. We would like to extend an invitation to people from outside of

the choir to join us, and we will need a few youth to help add some instruments (shakers, etc). We are planning on two rehearsals - July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Please join us!! If you have any questions, please contact Anne Hancock, 907-440-2513. Listen to [O' Sifuni Mungu \(With Lyrics\) First Call](#)

## Job Openings

### Preschool Teacher Needed

Amazing Grace Lutheran Preschool is looking for a **Teacher!** Anchorage municipality licensed preschool is looking for a qualified person to teach children ages 3-5. Three days a week are needed, full day or half day. Must have experience working with young children and on-going training is offered.

**Send resume and any inquiries to [aqlcpreschool@gci.net](mailto:aqlcpreschool@gci.net)**

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10955 Elmore Road  
Anchorage, AK 99516  
(907) 344-4317

### Part Time Admin Assistant

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wasilla seeks an Assistant for secretarial and office managerial responsibilities to multiple supervisors and committees.

[Details Here](#)



## Coming Up



### Flag Day!

Come see Bishop Shelley Wickstrom scoop ice-cream, 8pm at [AK Child & Family Flag Day](#). Wednesday, July 9th 5:30-8:30pm 4600 Abbott Road, Anchorage.

[Details and Bulletin Insert Here](#)

**Disclaimer:** Image does not represent ice-cream scooped by the Bishop.

### Dear Advent Brunch women,

Please calendar the following:

**#1. Sat. August 9**, at St. Mark Lutheran (Lake Otis Pkwy just south of N. Lights Blvd) at 10 am is our next volunteers meeting. PLEASE COME!! All are welcome. Even if you can come to only one meeting, it is helpful.

**#2. TENTATIVE** date for the 40th annual Lutheran Women's Advent brunch is **Sat.**

**December 6.** Doors open at 8:30; program begins at 9 am. Psalm 91:11 is our verse and 'Angels Around Us' is the theme. Location to be announced this summer. ALL women and girls of ALL ages are welcome!

Questions? Contact: Linda Sharp [Lsharp@alaska.net](mailto:Lsharp@alaska.net)

## Learning Events

### Safe & Healthy Congregations Training

Funded by the Lutheran Community Foundation and led by Faith Trust Institute, Safe & Healthy Congregations Training is a phenomenal training for church leaders to be prepared to respond to and prevent sexual and domestic violence.

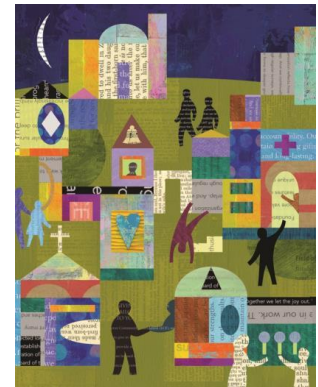
This event will be in the Seattle area October 17-18, 2014.

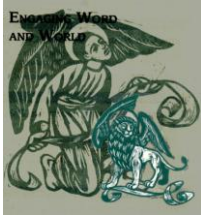
The Foundation is covering expenses for participants, including one night's lodging. **Travel expenses are not covered.**

Congregations from Alaska, Washington, and Oregon are encouraged to apply.

Application due date is August 15, 2014.

[Details Here](#)





## 2014-2015 Preaching Perspectives

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg is pleased to offer its nineteenth year of Preaching Perspectives. This continuing education series offers valuable insights and resources for the task of preaching. Each presenter engages the biblical texts from the perspective of his or her particular discipline.

[Topics, Presenters and Registration Information](#)

## Alaska Lay School of Theology

This event is sponsored by Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology and co-sponsored by the Alaska United Methodist Conference. The school meets each fall, offering an opportunity for laity and others to explore issues of spirituality, theology, religion, and church leadership with faculty from Perkins.

[Schedule and Workshops](#)

[Pricing and Registration](#)



## Continuing Education Retreat

July 29- Aug 1, 2014



At Christikon in Montana

"GOD, SUFFERING, AND HUMAN HEALTH & HEALING"

**Professor Aana Vigen** provides a Lutheran framework for thinking about (and talking about) health, healthcare, illness and end-of-life issues.

**Professor Terry Fretheim** examines ways people of faith might connect God and human suffering.

[See details here](#)

## Why No One wants to go to Church Anymore Workshop

Saturday July 12th

9am-Noon

St. Mark Lutheran Church

3230 Lake Otis Parkway

"Why No One wants to go to Church Anymore" is the topic of a national workshop based on the book of the same title from Group Publishing's CEOs, Thom & Joani Schultz.

According to the authors, "This workshop will show you practical, proven ways to transform your church into a place where relationships thrive with God and others. You'll understand why people stay away from your church and what can bring them back. Cost: \$19.99

[Read More Here and](#) learn about an opportunity to see the movie *When God Left the Building*.



## News from the larger church

### Working Together

As guests of Archbishop Schwietz, the Judicatory Leaders of Alaska met with Senator Lisa Murkowski to discuss a variety of issues concerning the people of Alaska, village safety, abuse, environmental, wage and renewable energy.



Left to right, **Rev Britt Johnston**, Yukon Presbytery; **Bishop David Mahaffey**, Orthodox Diocese of Sitka and Alaska; **Senator Murkowski**; **Bishop Shelley Wickstrom**, Alaska Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; **Archbishop Roger Schwietz**, OMI, Roman Catholic Diocese of Anchorage, host.

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### **ELCA Assembly Video Evaluation**

Did you attend Synod Assembly? ELCA Churchwide is soliciting your opinion on the video shown by the churchwide presenter. Your responses will provide valuable feedback and help shape presentations in the future.

[Find the short, 8 question survey here.](#)

If you need a refresher, find the video here:

Synod Assembly 2014 Video:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA\\_Synod\\_Assembly\\_2014.mp4](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_Synod_Assembly_2014.mp4)

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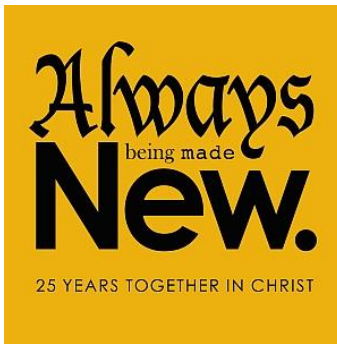
### **Lutheran World Relief Gives Thanks**

Lutheran World Relief gives thanks to the ELCA, its congregations and members for our lasting partnership in our long-term response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Through your support, the ELCA has given LWR a second \$1 MILLION GIFT that will help recover sources of livelihood lost by families in this storm. Lutheran World Relief would like to express their gratitude by sharing a special BULLETIN INSERT that can be downloaded at [wr.org/elcagift](http://wr.org/elcagift) . Share the gratitude with your congregation on an upcoming Sunday. For more information about the ELCA's work responding in the Philippines visit the following two links:

- [Why the ELCA and LWR Are Proud to Work Together in the Philippines](#) (Blog post by Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, executive director for ELCA Global Mission)
  - [LWR's News Release on ELCA \\$1 Million to LWR's Haiyan Response](#)
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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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