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The Hub of Our Week?

In her May column for *The Lutheran*, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton reminds us that worship is at the heart of all we do. Despite competition, it should be the "space of our regrouping." Read her [column here](#). This originally appeared in the May issue of *The Lutheran*. Reprinted with permission.



Highlights and Election Results from Synod Assembly

Learn about the highlights and actions of the Synod Assembly [here](#). The Synod thanks all who were willing to be nominated for elected positions at Assembly and extends congratulations to [those who were elected](#). Also, if you did not return your name-tag sleeve and blue lanyard, it would help for us to have them back.

2016/17 Domestic Hunger Grant Application

The ELCA World Hunger Funded Domestic Hunger Grant application is now available and will close on July 10, 2015. Applicants can access the application and information at www.elca.org/domestichungergrants.

Congregations Want to Talk About Mental Illness

Use Mental Health Month (May) to offer prayers for the mentally ill, those who struggle with mood disorders and those who love and support them. Make available church bulletins and handouts on mental health for congregants. Create a display for your congregation. More [ideas here](#) and at lutheransuicideprevention.org

State of Alaska Biennial Report

Congregations should check and see if their biennial report to the State of Alaska needs to be filed this year. They are due every two years by July 2nd. Biennial reports can be found at corporations.alaska.gov.

Congratulations!

We are happy to share the good news that Robert Hicks, Director of P.L.U.M.E. and co-pastor of Christ First UMC and Palmer Fellowship, has completed his PhD! The dissertation signed off on "The Theological Words of John Wesley's Soteriological Leadership" last Tuesday. Robert's degree was earned through Gonzaga University in Spokane WA. You can send Rev. Dr. Robert Hicks a congratulatory message at revrch@gmail.com.

Augsburg Assembly Discount

Augsburg Fortress and Sparkhouse are offering Assembly visitors and voting members a discount of \$25 on your purchase of \$100 or more. Offer ends July 31st, 2015. See details and coupon [code here](#).

Job Opportunity

Central Lutheran seeks a Financial Secretary and Office Assistant. The job is part time requiring approximately 10 hours of work per week with flexible scheduling. The applicant should have basic data entry skills with some proficiency in Microsoft Office. A detailed job description and salary information will be available on request. Please contact Kathy Freeman at Central at 277-1622 or centluth@gci.net for more information and to arrange an interview.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELCA Youth Gathering- Registration Ends May 15th

Join 80 other youth from around the Alaska Synod and 30,000 from around the country for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, July 15-19, 2015. If no one else from your congregation is able to go, tag on with another group from the Synod. Deadline is Friday! [Details here](#).

Ecumenical eFormation event June 1-3, 2015

Is your congregation getting serious about its online presence, or hoping to take it to the next level? If so, jump-start your learning goals with hands-on training and big-picture inspiration at e-Formation 2015. Join us June 1-3 at Virginia Theological Seminary for just \$279 or by **webinar for just \$79**. More information at eformationvts.org.

Flag Day at AK Child & Family- Thursday, July 9th, Jesse

Lee Campus

AK Child & Family is seeking 15-20 volunteers to help with AK Flag Day. Two volunteers to give breaks at ticket sales and to check-in with bus driver. The rest would help with the food running and offering breaks. Hours to help are 5:15-8:15 PM and maybe a few to come around 2 PM to help in the gym getting trays ready. If you would like to help, contact Kelli Williams, kwilliams@akchild.org or call 348-9201.

Luther, Bach and Bonhoeffer, a Tour of Germany with Rev. Barbara Condon

October 27- November 7, 2015, Optional extension to Prague, November 7-9. Join the Rev. Barbara Condon and 19 others for an educational and spiritually enriching tour through the land of Martin and Katie Luther, J.S. Bach, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Carl Orff and others. See an itinerary and cost [summary here](#).

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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