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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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What do we get when we give to a good cause?



Seth Godin on the power of story

Why on earth would a rational person give money to charity - particularly a charity that supports strangers? What do they get? [Click here](#) to see how Seth Godin answers these questions.

Read a short bio of Mr. Godin [here](#).

~excerpted from [StewardNet](#), a resource of the ELCA

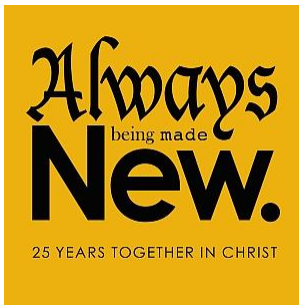


Luther Academy

June 23- July 3, 2014

Wartburg Seminary invites you to the beautiful Colorado mountains for **Luther Academy of the Rockies**, their premier LifeLong Learning educational program for rostered leaders and their families. The daily rhythm of worship, insightful scholarly lectures and forums, afternoon free time, and evening fellowship opportunities will structure your time together. The rustic, natural setting of the Meeker Park Lodge lends itself well to outdoor recreation and relaxation, as well as spiritual and intellectual renewal. [Learn More.](#)





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33rd Annual Rural Ministry Conference

from Wartburg Theological Seminary

March 2 - 4, 2014

Dubuque, Iowa

Register Today! Early Bird Registration Ends February 3rd! The Rural Ministry Conference is where leaders in rural communities and congregations gather to gain insight and inspiration, to network and neighbor, that our ministries might be empowered. This ecumenical conference includes worship, keynote speakers, workshops, and Bible study, and offers participants a unique opportunity to network with others who are active in and concerned about rural ministry. [Learn more and Register.](#)

Ventures Steward Leaders

Register by February 12

Is God calling YOU to be a stewardship leader? There's a great opportunity for training this summer from our ELCA churchwide partners. The Ventures in Growing Stewards programs trains leaders on year-round stewardship, including developing a vision and plan, energizing a congregation for stewardship, igniting personal stewardship and building up other leaders. Ventures leaders (lay and clergy welcome) attend training in Chicago and then lead workshops back here in Alaska. Please contact Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel, Director for Evangelical Mission, at alaskadem@gmail.com or 272-8899 for more information. Hurry! The deadline to register for summer workshops is February 12. You can find more information on Ventures and other churchwide stewardship resources by navigating elca.org/Resources/Stewardship (resources are organized alphabetically).



Spanish Language and Hispanic Ministry Intensive

May 25-30, 2014

Renew and refresh your passion for bilingual ministry.

Join an incredible faculty for six days of Spanish language studies in the context of community life, table fellowship, Hispanic cultural and societal concerns, and spirituality.



The Rev. Dr. Javier (Jay) Alanis

WHERE? On the campus of the Seminary of the Southwest, 501 E. 32nd St., Austin, TX 78705.

Alaska Interfaith Power & Light



Do you see a strong connection between faith and environmental issues? Alaska Interfaith Power & Light is seeking individuals to serve on its

steering committee.

AK IPL is a national organization that reaches out to all faith traditions to build an interfaith alliance that helps both congregations and individuals learn about climate and energy issues. AK IPL helps them with local resources so they can become more energy efficient and use renewable energy -- "walk the walk."

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the steering committee, read more about the position and whom to contact [here](#).

Protecting Bristol Bay

Creation Justice Ministries is hosting a webinar on February 19th focusing on their work with the Orthodox Church to protect Bristol Bay, AK which is the largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world. [Sign up to join the webinar!](#)



Visit creationjustice.org and sign up for Capsules, their quarterly newsletter, or request the 2014 Earth Day Resource, "Water, Holy Water."

~Creation Justice Ministries at [Ecumenical Advocacy Days](#) March 21-24. CJM partners with more than 30 Christian organizations to host a national gathering in Washington DC.

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