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## Parish Transitions

Please hold these congregations and these pastors in your prayers as they transition in their ministry:

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church-Anchorage:** Pastor Mark Orf will be installed June 22 at 9:30am. [We're all invited to join the celebration.](#)

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church:** Pastor Paul Bodin has announced his resignation. His last Sunday is June 15. Paul and Cheri are moving to Reno, NV where Paul will serve as interim pastor of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

**Alaska Native Lutheran Church- Anchorage:** Pastor Sara Quigley Brown has announced her resignation. Her last Sunday will be June 22.

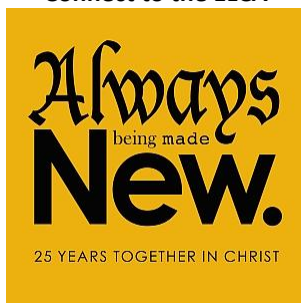
**Epiphany Lutheran-Episcopal Church-Valdez:** Ministry Site Profile is posted. The Call Committee starts meeting early June to prepare to receive names.

**Shishmaref Lutheran Church, Central Lutheran-Anchorage:** Developing their Ministry Site Profiles.

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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.

## Join Gloria Dei Lutheran Church as they celebrate calling a new pastor.



Service of Installation of  
Pastor Mark Orf  
Sunday, June 22, at 9:30 am  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
8427 Jewel Lake Road  
Anchorage, AK 99502

All clergy are invited to participate in a clergy processional. The liturgical color for the day is green. If you are unable to participate in the service, you are invited to join us for brunch at 11:00 am after the service. Any available singers are invited to join us for a Lutheran Community Choir to sing at the installation. Practice is Wednesday, June 18 at 6:00 pm and June 4 at 6:00 pm if you can join us either time or both. If you have any additional questions or wish to RSVP, contact Rick Bender at [rick.bender@gloriadeilutheran.net](mailto:rick.bender@gloriadeilutheran.net) or at 907-243-2301. [Details Here.](#)

### ELCA Hunger Grants Available!

Congregations and non-profits are invited to apply for ELCA 2014 Hunger Grants between now and December 31, 2014.

A word from the ELCA website: "In 2014 we are particularly interested in receiving education proposals that focus on increasing youth and young adult engagement; address racism, sexism and classism within domestic poverty. Education funding can be used for events, educational programs or the development of shareable resources."

Several Alaska Lutheran congregations and non-profits have received ELCA hunger grants. For more information, visit [elca.org/News-and-Events/blogs/ELCAWorldHunger](http://elca.org/News-and-Events/blogs/ELCAWorldHunger), or please contact Director for Evangelical Mission Lisa Smith Fiegel at the synod office.

  
Wheat Ridge  
MINISTRIES  
[www.wheatridge.org](http://www.wheatridge.org)

NEWS RELEASE

Wheat Ridge Ministries recently awarded a \$5,000 Burst Project Grant to support summer programming led by Mr. Benji Flores at Bethel Lutheran Church's Drop-In Center in Portland, Oregon. Bethel's Drop-In Center works with parents, families, and teachers to offer a safe, healthy, and caring place for elementary-aged children as they grow physically, emotionally and relationally. [Read More Here](#) Burst Project grants are one-time grants for human care ministry projects designed and led by young adult leaders in

the Lutheran community.  
For additional information regarding Wheat Ridge Ministries' Burst Project Grant Program, please visit the website at [www.wheatridge.org/burstprojects](http://www.wheatridge.org/burstprojects) or contact us by email at [grants@wheatridge.org](mailto:grants@wheatridge.org).

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## Camps and Vacation Bible School



Check out the [Synod Webpage for Camps](#) to see the dates of Bible Camps and Vacation Bible Schools near you. Some Vacation Bible Schools are FREE! Sign your youth up today!

Email [elcaalaska@gmail.com](mailto:elcaalaska@gmail.com) to Have Your Camp or VBS Dates Posted on the Synod Website

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## 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. Cost is \$19.99.

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.

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

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## A Faithful Response to Climate Change



This fall Christians from around the country will be coming to Alaska to explore the impact climate change is having on the northland. Many

Alaskans have not had an opportunity to explore what faith and science have to offer on this subject.

[See the Flyer Here.](#)

The point will be to see some of what is happening first-hand, and to reflect on how followers of Christ might be faithful and truly effective in our response.

To help all participants explore faithful understanding and response, leadership will be provided by University of Alaska scientists, elders from affected Native American communities and Christian pastors. Participants of this conference will get the opportunity to... [Read More Here](#)

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## Accompaniment - a life of sharing



ELCA missionaries walk hand in hand with their brothers and sisters in the global church. It's a life of sharing rather than leading. "[We] walk with the people in our new communities, to share their sorrows, their victories, their lives for the short time we cross paths," says

Rachel Swenson, who is spending a year in

South Africa as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

"We are not sent to fix, to change, or to rectify. We are sent to live, sent to grieve with our brothers and sisters, sent to find God in seemingly hopeless situations," she says. "We are sent



to..." [Read More Here](#)

[See Rachel's Blog Here](#)

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## Resources from

# Select Learning

Independence day is only a month away, making this an ideal time to consider our faith in relation to citizenship.

Check out [Faithful Citizen](#) a 6 session course.

Pastoral ministry on your mind? Consider [Confronting Death with Walt Wangerin](#) (new to Select Learning!) and the [Healing Meditations podcasts](#).

There are just a few days left to register for [Teaching the Bible, Hosting the Conversation](#). Register now! Fall [online courses](#) are also available for registration.

[Book of Faith](#)

[Lutheran Association of Christian Educators](#)

[9 Ways to Use Bible Tutor](#)

[Bible Tutor Congregational License](#)

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## Celebrate Flag Day with AK Child & Family



Wednesday, July 9th 5:30-8:30pm  
4600 Abbott Road, Anchorage

Bring out your family and friends for AK Child & Family (formerly Alaska Children's Services) Flag Day. This fun event is a fundraiser for AK Child &

Family (residential treatment home for children) and includes food, ice cream, live music, face painting, balloons, games for children and much more. Free parking and shuttle at Service High to the event- 4600 Abbott Road. Consider buying a ticket for a child or another family you know! Buy tickets in advance from Lisa Smith Fiegel (board member) or at the door. Contact Lisa for more information at 272-8899; [alaskadem@gmail.com](mailto:alaskadem@gmail.com) or check out the AK Child & Family website at [www.akchild.org](http://www.akchild.org).

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