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Come Celebrate with River of Life Lutheran Church



Service of Installation
of Pastor Bill Ottum
Tuesday, June 3 at 7 pm
At River of Life Lutheran Church
21301 Voyles Blvd.
Chugiak, AK 99567

All Clergy are invited to participate in a clergy processional during the Entrance Hymn. The Liturgical Color is white

Reception following the service.

RSVP to cklietzau@yahoo.com

Congratulations!

to Pastor Duane and Elizabeth Hanson on the birth of their granddaughter Kari Hope. Kari's parents are Heikki and Craig Alberg of Minnesota.



VBS Programs Around the Synod

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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.

[Amazing Grace Lutheran](#), ANC. June 2- 6, 9 am to Noon
[Central Lutheran](#), ANC. July 14 - 17, 9 am to Noon, "SonRise National Park" theme, Free
[Good Shepherd Lutheran](#), Wasilla, June 16 - 20, 9:30 am - 12:30 PM, "Seasons of the Church" theme, Free
[St. Mark Lutheran](#), ANC. July 7 - 11, 6-9 pm, "Weird Animals" theme, \$5
[Lutheran Church of Hope](#), ANC. August 4-8, Free.

Email elcaalaska@gmail.com to Have Your VBS Dates Posted on the Synod Website

Have a Very Missional Summer

by DEM Lisa Smith Fiegel

Summer in Alaska is a great time to get outside... of your church building doors. Think about being missional this summer and have some fun with it.



Congregations sometimes get stuck in an "attractional church" mindset. We think people will come to us if we have a newer and better program or activity. Sometimes they still don't come, so we can go to them. Try a missional experiment this summer. Do something to intentionally listen, build a relationship or serve alongside someone in your neighborhood. While there isn't anything wrong with simply serving your neighbors, sometimes that doesn't necessarily build relationships. Think about the difference between ...

[Read the rest of the Missional Summer here](#)

Sharp sword, polished arrow

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



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The world in Isaiah's time was in turmoil. It's clear he doubted anything was being accomplished: "I have labored in vain, I spent my strength for nothing and vanity" (Isaiah 49:4). We feel that way sometimes- But it is to this wonderful, often frustrating, ever-changing mission that we have been called and have been equipped. Like Isaiah, God has given us God's word that has the power of life. And, equipped with God's word, we are armed with a sharp sword and a... [Read the rest of the column here.](#)

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Best Short Film Award to Augsburg

Fortress Division



The [sparkhouse](#) team of Augsburg Fortress Publishing won the award for "best short film" at the [2014 International Christian Film Festival](#) for one of the segments in their [re:form Ancestors](#) curriculum, "[Abraham & Sarah](#)."

Cross+Gen Gift Worship

Welcome to the birth of a new model for worship aimed at Cross+Generational family faith



formation.

[Check out this awesome FREE resource](#) for your congregation or family to use in four sessions.

[Click here for details on a conference](#) with Case Study presentations on this Cross+Generational model.



Two exciting discipleship events in 2014:

1. Bishop Will Willimon will keynote the NAAC Annual Gathering in Vancouver, Canada to be held

August 5-8. The theme is

"Reclaiming Our Baptismal Calling:

Discipleship in a Post-Christian Culture." The conference will also feature a catechumenate training event.

2. Our next parish training institute

"Go Make Disciples" will be held **Sept. 25-27** at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. Pastors, seminarians, musicians, and lay leaders are all encouraged to attend either or both events.

[See details here.](#)

[Read a "Case for the Catechumenate" Here](#)



"After Pastor" Training

Friday June 6, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM PDT

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Renton, WA

1700 Edmonds Ave NE

Renton, WA 98056

ELCA Misconduct Consultant Barbara Keller will lead a workshop for all pastors who, intentionally or unintentionally, find themselves serving a congregation that has previously experienced misconduct. Interim pastors are especially encouraged to attend, and all clergy are invited.

Cost is \$20, includes materials and lunch.

[Click here for details](#)

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](#)

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