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## Catching the Buzz

Find some mosquitoes in *The Lutheran's March* cover story. The small, pesky mosquito has galvanized members of more than 5,000 ELCA congregations to take away its sting. In "[Our malaria moment](#)," read how Lutherans are changing the world through the \$15 million ELCA Malaria Campaign. To help your discussion, visit [www.thelutheran.org](http://www.thelutheran.org) for a study guide (click on "study guides" on the left-hand side).

## Published: The Rev. Susan Halvor

As Senior Chaplain at Providence Medical Center, the Rev. Susan Halvor was interviewed by *PlainViews*®, a publication of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™. The periodical probed into the changing nature of the chaplaincy as well as practical ways in which Rev. Halvor's ministry operates. The interview can be found [here](#), as published Feb. 18, 2015 in Vol. 12, No 2 of *PlainViews*®. Additionally, in a more personal reflection, the Rev. Halvor is featured in *Treasures in Jars of Clay*, a publication of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, found [here](#) on page 28.



## Portico's Thank You for Paying Online

Portico thanks congregations for using the online bill pay system. A simple process with only a few steps, online payment is good stewardship of our shared financial resources because it helps lower the cost of bill processing. Congregations not yet using online bill pay are encouraged to do so to assist the financial health of this church. Advantages to online bill pay and answers to frequently asked questions are found [here](#).

## The Interpreter's Bible Commentary

A member of the Alaska Synod is offering the full 12-volume set of the Interpreter's Bible Commentary HB/DJ 1982 for sale, if someone would



find it an amiable addition to their library. Books are in excellent condition. \$125. Contact Andrea: [amm7412@aol.com](mailto:amm7412@aol.com), or leave a message at 907-248-2302.

### **Host an MDiv Student?**

A student from PLTS is coming to Anchorage June 1- Aug. 21 to complete Clinical Pastoral Education at Providence Medical Center and needs a place to live. If you have space to offer or rent for a female student who has two cats described as "well-behaved, spayed, and up-to-date on shots," please contact the Synod Office.

## DEADLINES SWIFTLY APPROACHING

### **Congregational Council Workshop: Knik and Southcentral Clusters**

Please Register by March 13th, Noon. Registration is [available here](#).

Event: March 14th, 9-11:30 am. Joy Lutheran Church 10111 E Eagle River Road, Eagle River  
Pastors, new and returning congregational council members are invited. At this workshop, constitutional touchstones and missional resources for leadership will be presented.

### **Synod Assembly: Register and Pay by March 16th to avoid late fees.**

Alaska Synod Assembly will be Friday, April 24th- Sunday, April 26th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wasilla. This congregation's building is handicap accessible.

Please register and send payment by March 16th, 2015 to avoid \$25 late fees per person.

Details and registration are available online at [www.elcaalaska.net/assembly.html](http://www.elcaalaska.net/assembly.html)

### **Collegium for Rostered Leaders**

Please [Register](#) by March 20th. Event: Tuesday, April 21-Thursday, April 23, Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 10980 Hillside Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507.

## EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

### **Benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction**

March 14th, 5-7 pm, River of Life Lutheran Church, 21301 Voyles Blvd. (South Peters Creek Exit). Join River of Life Lutheran Church in raising money to help Steve Twohy and family. Steve is being treated for leukemia in Seattle and must spend extended time away from family. Please [see here](#) for more details.

### **AK Child & Family**

2015 is AK Child & Family's 125th anniversary! Help us celebrate!

Join us at AK Child & Family night at the Alaska Aces game Saturday March 14th.

### **Summer Programs for Youth**

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Colorado has many wonderful summer youth programs to offer. Consider missions to Mexico, Ecuador or Boulder with [Bridging Borders](#) or a wilderness adventure program in a supportive Christian environment with [Compass Points](#).

### **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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