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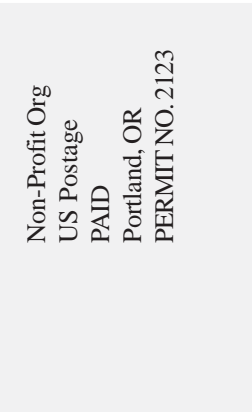
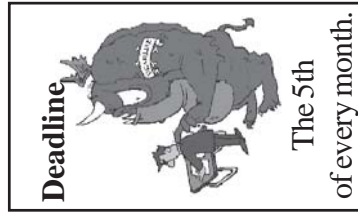
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April 2007 *Oregon Synod*

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What Are Your Pressures?

by Pastor Terry Moe, Redeemer, Portland

A core team from Redeemer Lutheran Church and its outreach group, Enterbeing, recently completed a "listening season" in their congregation and community. Leaders asked the question, "What are the pressures on you and those you love?" It was a simple question in some ways, asking people to relate their experiences to the world they live in today. These one-to-one conversations arose from Redeemer/Enterbeing joining with other member institutions of the Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG). On May 16th MACG will adopt a platform of action to respond to these pressures that they and other institutions discovered in their listening seasons.

Some of the stresses shared during these conversations were:

- Financial pressure due to rising housing, health care and energy costs, student loans, credit cards, lack of income, low wage jobs, unemployment, etc.;
- Stress at work due to changes in responsibilities, shifting schedules, changing priorities and lack of respect and opportunities for input, as well as feeling that work is necessary for income, but not meaningful vocationally;
- Time pressure due to work, school and church schedules, too many demands from work and family, not enough time for rest, leisure, prayer or reflection;
- Addictions to alcohol and other drugs, gambling, shopping, and eating;
- Sustainability of our planet due to consumption, global warming and violence;

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Many stories contained multiple pressures, much pain and suffering. The deepest and strongest story was told by one of the elders. He stood in a room of fifty others and said, "Well

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Message from Bishop
Paul R. Swanson

Dear Partners in Ministry,

April 29th, will be a special Sunday for us in the Oregon Synod. At our 2006 Synod Assembly, a resolution was passed which designated this day as Campus Ministry Sunday. National Lutheran Campus Ministry celebrates its 100th anniversary this year with its presence on 185 campus ministry centers at public and private college and university campuses across the country. The theme for this churchwide observance is "Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service."

In 1926, Pastor William Schoeler was the first Lutheran Campus Pastor at Oregon State University (OSU). Through the years, campus ministry has occurred on the campuses of OSU, Portland State University, and the University of Oregon. At the present time Luther House, OSU (with Campus Pastor James Norlie) is the existing Lutheran Campus Ministry in the state of Oregon.

I am hopeful that all of the congregations of our synod will note April 29th as Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Sunday. Recently, materials have been provided for congregations to share the story of Lutheran Campus Ministry and to offer an opportunity within the worship service for prayers and support. A centennial celebration will be held on the afternoon of April 29th in Corvallis at Oregon State University's CH2M Hill Alumni Center from 1:30-4:30 PM. A festive afternoon commemorating the centennial of Lutheran Campus Ministry and the ministry of Luther House will be enjoyed with featured leadership by Pastor Daniel Erlander. You are invited to join in this celebration.

The Church has been blessed through the years with the contributions of Lutheran Campus Ministry. Campus ministry centers have been a "home away from home" for many in their college careers. It has assisted students to understand God's vocational



call in under-graduate and graduate studies. Life long relationships have been formed. A good number of pastors trace their calls to ministry through the presence of campus ministry centers and its pastors. In unique and formative ways, the synergy of campus ministry has provided a creative dialogue between faith and reason in an academic settings. One of the most dynamic places for the work of outreach and for "making Christ known" is on our college campuses. Lutheran Campus Ministry is one of the stellar ministries of the Church.

Recently, congregations and individuals received an invitation to participate in the "Promise It Forward" Appeal for the Future. Luther House is undertaking an ambitious appeal for \$100,000 in support of Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU but also in the territory of our synod. Our synod council endorses this vital

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A Vision and Empty Cupboards

*submitted by Deb Schulz,
member of Bethlehem
Lutheran Church, Portland*

In the spring of 2006 Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Portland applied for and received the Oregon Synod Creative Ministry Grant. Starting with only a vision and empty cupboards they had hopes of opening the Children's Clothes Closet.

They spent the summer of 2006 hitting yards sales and 'half-off' sales at thrift stores. At the yard sales they often told people that they would buy whatever kid's clothes were left at the end of the day for their new Children's Clothes Closet. Many times people insisted that they just take the clothes and pass them along. They also contacted several churches in their area and invited them to join in collecting the clothing. From St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal they received 100 pounds of children's clothing.

The doors opened in August of 2006. They gave away not only children's clothing but also baby items and



Pictured above: children who received clothing from the Children's Clothes Closet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Portland

school supplies. The families who came were very appreciative. In October 2006, they advertised on Craigslist. Craigslist is a centralized network of online urban communities, featuring free classified advertisements and forums sorted by various topics. Immediately they received e-mails from interested mothers. With the last of the \$300 grant money they purchased a sign to increase awareness of their new ministry. Bethlehem hopes to reach out to even more young families.

Deb Schulz said, "I really enjoy working at the Children's Clothes Closet each month. The kids are adorable and the parents are so grateful. Some individuals come back each month to see what's new and some return with family and friends." This is a new ministry for Bethlehem. Generally they give away six to eight bags of clothes in a weekend. Each month they receive this amount of clothing back in donations and many returning families come back with clothes for them.

The cupboards are now full but they are always on the look out for other places in their church to store more items to pass along. The Children's Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 12:00 - 2:00 pm and on Sundays from 12:00 - 1:00 pm on the last full weekend of each month. Bethlehem is located at 1244 NE 39th Avenue in Portland. Feel free to stop by and see if they have anything your little ones can use. If you have any clean, usable children's clothes or baby items they will be happy to pass them along for you.

Giving and Receiving

by Delores Vilstrup,
Oregon Synod Global
Mission Chair

The joint SW Washington and Oregon Synod Global Mission Event gave over 200 attendees an opportunity to see how we walk hand in hand with people around the world.

The keynote speaker, Sunitha Mortha, Associate Director for Global Events and Mission Interpretation, ELCA challenged us to think cross culturally. Sharing her personal story of her youth in India, she gave these words of insight, "When we start this journey of mission ...there will be life opportunities and experiences, if we accept our brokenness we will find meaning...the journey of mission has to be both giving and receiving." Her hope for us is that this journey would stretch our ideas of who family is and to reflect on those prejudices that we may have. Sunitha led us to see that we need to look at different cultures from both sides-theirs as well as ours. This allows us to open our doors and our lives as we meet and work in assisting people in many ways and places.

Eighteen workshops presented various diverse areas where the ELCA is active in assisting around the world. The Fair Trade Market allowed attendees to purchase items such as baskets, jewelry, coffee and chocolate bars all made under the fair trade agreement.



Sunitha Mortha, Associate Director for
Global Events and Mission Interpretation, ELCA

Glenn Ludkte, Augustana Portland, music leader and Deaconess Deb Mantey, opened the day with music and devotions, setting the mood for thinking globally.

The luncheon offering provided \$720 for the Oregon Synod Scholarship Fund for young adults serving for one year under the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program and for Namibian students attending college. Many Oregon Synod congregations participated in the "Global Barnyard" which brought in \$1,565 to purchase animals for African countries.

July 17-August 3

Global Mission Companion Synod Poland Trip
Our Companion Synod Program links the Oregon Synod with the Evangelical-Augsburg Church in Poland. This relationship began in September 1995. Since then several groups from the Oregon Synod have traveled to Poland as volunteers in camp experiences that have affected the lives of numerous Polish children.

This year the tour cost per person is \$2190 (Airport/Foreign Departure from Portland) The trip is limited to 15 participants. To learn more visit: www.oregonsynod.org/about/globalmissionpoland.php. The brochure is available at this site. Contact Delores Vilstrup at leovilstrup@aol.com, to inquire about this trip.



July 19-22

Come to the 2007

ELCA Global Mission Event!

The 2007 ELCA Global Mission Event is taking place at Ohio State University in Columbus,

Ohio. Join missionaries, international church leaders, and ELCA members in celebrating God's mission in the world. Plenary speakers include ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, Brazilian theologian Vitor Westhelle, and Immaculée Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide who helps others learn to forgive and heal from the long-term effects of genocide and war. With childcare and special programs for children, junior and senior high youth, the GME is great for congregations, confirmation classes, families, singles, and youth! For more information or to register, visit the GME web site, www.elca.org/gme or call 800-638-3522, extension 2642.

2008 Oregon Synod
Global Mission Event

Canby, Oregon

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact: Delores Vilstrup @ 503-281-1032.

Message from
Bishop Paul R.
Swanson

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ministry and request of your support.

I commend this opportunity for your prayerful and financial support and invite and urge your congregation to participate with an offering opportunity for the appeal at your April 29th observance of Campus Ministry Sunday. Mary and I will be giving our gift with the knowledge of the important presence and witness of the Gospel through Lutheran Campus Ministry. I invite you to share with us in gifting for this important ministry for future generations of emerging young adults.

April 29th is Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Sunday in the Oregon Synod! May it be a day of celebration, thanksgiving and recommitment to this vital ministry on the campuses of our institutions for higher learning!

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Paul R.
Swanson



Registration for the 2007 Oregon Synod Assembly is separate from the Hotel.

Assembly Information can be found at www.oregonsynod.org/assembly/index.html.

2007 Oregon Synod Assembly
On the Road Together in Christ
May 18-20, 2007
 Hilton, Eugene

Registration Now Available

Deadline for Early for early registration: April 24

Assembly Registration Packets have been mailed to all of the congregations. An assembly registration form can be found online at www.oregonsynod.org/assembly/regform.htm. Please copy as many forms as are needed.

REGISTRATION & MEAL FEES

Voting Member Registration Fee
(Total fee of \$235.00 includes voting member assembly materials, program speakers and materials, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch & evening dinner, Sunday breakfast)

Reg Fee Only by April 24\$110.00
 Reg Fee After April 24 \$130.00
 Food Package Only\$125.00

Visitor Registration Fee (**Total fee of \$200.00 includes program, speakers and materials, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch & evening dinner, Sunday breakfast**)
 Reg Fee Only by April 24\$ 75.00
 Reg Fee After April 24 \$ 95.00
 Food Package Only \$125.00

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET AND PROGRAM ONLY
 Guests not registered for the assembly but wishing to attend Saturday dinner and evening program\$35.00

YOUTH
 Confirmed youth may be voting members; if they are voting members, register them on the assembly registration form, not the Youth Convo form.

MAIL FORMS
 Please send the completed assembly registration forms to the assembly registrar at the synod office address: 2800 N Vancouver Avenue, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97227-1643.

HOUSING

A block of rooms have been reserved for May 17-20, 2007 at the Hilton Eugene & Conference Center. The special room rate will be available until April 24th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

To make your reservations online please visit http://www.hilton.com/en/hil/groups/personalized/eugehfhf_syn/index.jhtml

Arrangements may be made directly with the Hilton Hotel by calling the 1-800 number below by April 24th. Ask for the Oregon Synod room rate. After April 24th the block of rooms reserved for the assembly will be released by the hotel to the general public.

Hilton Eugene & Conference Center
 66 East 6th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, United States 97401-2667
 Tel: 1-541-342-2000 Fax: 1-541-342-6661 or 1-800-937-6660

DATES AND DEADLINES

April 4...
 Bishop Election Task Force-Biographical Information Submission Deadline

April 27...
 General Nominations Deadline (elected positions within the synod excluding the bishop)

May 17...
 Synod Council Meeting
 Faith Lutheran Church in Junction City 2:00 pm

May 18-20...
 Synod Assembly

September 22
 Installation of the Oregon Synod Bishop
 Location TBA

Possible Bishop Nominees
 The Bishop Election Task Force is preparing the biographical information of the possible nominees for bishop raised during the discernment process and will be publishing this information mid-April.

August 6-11
 The Tenth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois.

Host Metropolitan Chicago Synod Welcomes you! The Local Arrangements Committee of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod invites volunteers to assist in providing hospitality to voting members and visitors attending the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

A thousand volunteers are needed to greet guests at the airport, assist with registration, serve as pages in the assembly hall at Navy Pier, usher, assist with transportation, monitor the assembly hearing rooms, and in countless other ways see that voting

members and visitors are made to feel comfortable and welcome in Chicago. Interested in volunteering, but want to know more? Visit www.elca.org/assembly for complete details.

Around the Synod...

April 16 -April 19

2007 Region One Pastors' Conference

is scheduled at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, British Columbia. The theme this year is "Luther the Theologian: A Controversialist for Today's Debates"

Dr. Paul R. Hinlicky, Tise Professor of Lutheran Studies of Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia and Dr. Winston D. Persaud, Professor of Systematic Theology, Wartburg Theological Seminary of Dubuque, Iowa are the speakers this year.

For more information about the conference and for registration information visit www.region1pastors.org.

April 21

Protecting our Children- Protecting our Churches

Central Lutheran, Portland
8:30 am – 12 noon

Central Lutheran invites you to be their guest for this scheduled workshop on safety protocol. This workshop is on safety and risk-management presented by Sarah Holmes, M.S. Sarah Holmes has extensive experience helping churches to create effective and responsible safety protocols.

Some of the topics she will cover:

- o Creating safety protocols
- o Child abuse reporting responsibilities
- o Background checks

Who should attend?

- o Church staff
- o Volunteers working with children
- o Parents
- o Interested church members

There is no charge for this workshop. If you plan to come, or if you have more questions, please call Lucy Willard at 503 762 5165.

April 21 - 22
OLYO Middle
School Rally
St. Mark, Salem



Middle School

Youth from around the Oregon Synod are invited to learn how the Trinity is at work in our daily lives with our speaker **Intern Katya Ouchakof**.

Come play thrilling games, become involved in the surrounding community by doing a service project, and meet new people!

The cost is only \$25 -
SO BRING FRIENDS!

Registration forms must be received by April 10, 2007 and can be found online at www.oregonsynod.org/youth.php.

For more information contact: OLYO President, Amie McDermott at 503-318-7964 or Event Registrar, Lisa Gray at 503-266-406.

**2007 Oregon
Synod Assembly**
*On the Road
Together in Christ*
**May 18-20
2007**
Hilton, Eugene



April 22

Children's Advocacy Day

Pioneer Court House
Square, Portland
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**"For Every Child A
Better World"** is the

theme of an exciting event to be held in Pioneer Courthouse Square. In partnership with our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, we will make a public witness in the public square that we believe the health and well being of all children should be a priority in our congregations, our communities, our state, our nation and throughout the world. Children's Advocacy Day is an opportunity to stand in solidarity with people of faith and partners in our community who care about children.

This is an afternoon of family fun featuring Kids on the Block puppets, music, clowns, facepainting, a greenspace and more! **Bring a new pair of children's shoes to help us create a very special labyrinth.** Come find out what you can do to make the world a better place for all children by living into the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

At the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000, 189 Heads of State and Governments pledged to work together to make a better world for all by 2015. On behalf of their people, they signed the Millennium Declaration. Six out of the eight Millennium Development Goals are child-focused, committing rich and poor countries to work together in a global partnership.

The UN Millenium Goals: *Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty, Achieve Universal Primary Education, Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women, Reduce Child Mortality, Improve Maternal Health, Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases, Ensure Environmental Sustainability, and Develop a Global Partnership for Development.*



April 29

Oregon Synod Campus Ministry Sunday Centennial Celebration

CH2M Hill Alumni Center, OSU
Corvallis, OR
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

You are invited to join in celebrating 100 years of nationwide Lutheran Campus Ministry. For this birthday celebration you are invited to bring a birthday card containing well wishes, favorite memories or a message of what Lutheran Campus ministry has meant to you.

Program Includes:

a banquet, festive message in story and song, celebration & a *Promise It Forward* Birthday Party

Special Guests:

Bishop Paul Swanson,
Pastor Dan Erlander, Jubilee...
and You!

To Register:

please call 541-753-5213
or visit <http://www.peak.org/~lhouse29> or e-mail
lhouse@peak.org.

Peacemaking

a message from Norene Goplen, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Oregon

Years ago, as a young mother, I was often called to separate young neighborhood combatants. From this I learned several lessons, many of which seem so valuable today. Presence of a parent tends to change the dynamics; sometimes kids need to be physically separated; at times wounds need to be tended; occasionally property needs repair; change needs to occur within the hearts of those youthful warriors. Grace abounds when all recognize the needs of individuals and groups for confession, absolution, and the time to celebrate moments of renewal.

Living in a time of violence, war, fragmentation, information overload without wisdom, and the intemperate acts of world leaders I am often drawn to the simplicity of those early years and how well those caring efforts worked.

Throughout the Northwest, Lutheran Peacemakers are coming together with colleagues who represent the diversity within our communities. They see that Presence changes dynamics. And so they plan and participate in walks, fasts, public vigils, and other outward demonstrations, that in peaceful ways, seek to lift their voices to leaders, to neighbors, and to each other. It is a Public Presence. Seek these groups and add the authority of your humanity.

The scriptures and the ministry of Christ clearly challenge and engage us as peacemakers. The Social Statement of the ELCA titled, "For Peace in God's World" provides formative reflection for advocacy. "The Gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15) heals

our broken relationship with God, removing the ultimate root of violence and injustice. The Gospel breaks down the dividing walls of hostility among people, creates a new humanity—making Christ Jesus "our peace" (Ephesians 2:13-22) and promises the reconciliation of all things in Christ.

Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson, has called for a new international dialog on Peace. As Bishop of the ELCA and President of the Lutheran World Federation he has urged the leaders of the three Abrahamic faiths to join publicly for a global consultation. Stating that "Religious beliefs are being held captive in a global ideological conflict" he works to engage these leaders to develop principles for a just peace.

Seek information on how the ELCA works as a

peacemaker. Go to www.elca.org. Look for the messages of the Presiding Bishop. Find the Social Statement on Peace. In the Program Unit 'Church in Society's' section, find the many avenues for advocacy: The Washington Office of the ELCA and its e-advocacy opportunities; The Lutheran Office for World Community; Corporate Social Responsibility; and the State Advocacy Offices.

Let our first step be to meditate on our call as peacemakers, seeking to discern the promptings of the Spirit for our life. Second, let us step out from the anonymity of our life and enter the public struggle for peace. Third let us seek to be fully informed for our role in Advocacy. And always, let us encourage those among us who step out in faith to be a Presence for Peace.

contact Norene Goplen, Director Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Oregon at 503-731-9519 or LutheranAdvocate@aol.com.

in helping; and seasoned, because we seek effective ways of meeting the needs of those in crises. For more information on how to become an advocate

What Are Your Pressures?

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this is my story. My grandson moved in with me seven years ago just after my wife died. He's lived with me ever since. Now he's found the love of his life and he's going to be married and move out. I'm really happy for him, but I'm afraid of what it will be like for me to live alone." A Norwegian saying goes something like this, "When there is silence in a room full of people, an angel is passing through." The group could feel the angel beating her wings silently in the respectful silence which caused all to pause from their own troubles and reflect a poignant if all too common pressure: isolation.

Others spoke of living alone or the fear of doing so. People engaged in conversation around this issue of growing old in our society and where people often end up living. Families are stretched across the country. Grandchildren are busy. Life goes on. But does it have to be this way? Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist writes: You know that elderly people are very sad when they live separately from their children and grandchildren... We have to find ways for old and young people to live together again. It will make all of us very happy. (*From Peace is Every Step*)

Redeemer/Enterbeing believes there is a different way of living; not in isolation, but in community. Redeemer/Enterbeing is making plans to build 18 units of affordable housing on part of Redeemer's parking lot. It will be affordable and sustainable. They imagine that it will be intergenerational as well.

The Leadership Institute for Public Life offered by MACG trains leaders in listening and initiated the listening season to unearth the experiences of people's lives. These stories of people in unions, schools and community groups as well as other congregations will be discerned to find common areas for action. Then at the May 16th MACG Assembly action steps will be outlined and initiated. For more information on this process please contact Pastor Terry Moe at 503-287-7553.

Be An Advocate

To be an advocate is to plead on behalf of another. For the Church it means to speak for those without worldly power; those whose voices are not heard; those who may not have a vote. A Lutheran presence in the development of public policy brings experienced, seasoned voices to the dialog: experienced because we are directly involved

Oregon Synod will be Sent a One-Time \$10,000 Grant from the Churchwide Organization

information taken from the March 6, 2007, ELCA News Service, 07-031-JB

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), told the ELCA Conference of Bishops that each of the 65 ELCA synods will be sent a one-time \$10,000 grant from the churchwide organization to be used for "evangelical outreach." Hanson made the announcement in his March 2 report to the conference.

The funds, from the church's 2007 churchwide budget, are being distributed in collaboration with the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Ministries program unit, Hanson said. The funds are available because of advance grants made from the 2006 budget to help fund new starts this year.

"This does not jeopardize what we still have in the '07 budget funds for 50 new starts," Hanson said.

"I suppose one of my greatest frustrations in six years as presiding bishop is, it just feels like we haven't been able to turn around what I think is a deep ambivalence and resistance in this church to being what we claim in our name, and that's evangelical," Hanson said. Such resistance won't change

quickly, and it won't be overcome by a program or campaign. It requires a "deep, fundamental cultural change," and it must be led by the bishops," he said.

The one-time grants will be delivered immediately, Hanson said. "We want you to use your imagination," suggesting that the funds could be used for evangelism, training, transformational mission or helping synods fund new mission starts.

The presiding bishop addressed several other topics, including the ELCA's full-communion relationship with the Episcopal Church, Middle East peace efforts, a conversation with leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church, and upcoming leadership changes throughout the ELCA.

"We want you to use your imagination...training, transformational mission or to help synods fund new mission starts."

June 18-21, *Let the River Flow*, Burnsville, MN

"*Let the River Flow*" is a connecting event for pastors, program and ministry staff, and key volunteers and lay leaders of large ELCA congregations where a river of ideas, songs, and prayers will flow into the mission of the church. Speakers will include Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, Wyvetta Bullock, Barbara Rossing, Martin Marty, Len Sweet, and Reggie McNeal. For more information visit: www.elca.org/largecongregations/introduction.



KEY:
 P=Pastor
 AP=Associate Pastor
 LP=Lead Pastor
 PT=Part Time

 P=Process
 I=Interviewing
 C=Calling
 NV=New Vacancy
 INT=Interim Pastor
 CH=Chaplain

Congregations In Call Process/ Pastoral Vacancies

	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
LP	Beaverton, Shepherd of the Valley	NV	Michelle Maricke (INT)
P	Medford, Zion	P	Brenda Brown (INT)
P	Portland, Gethsemane	P	Dennis Marttala (INT)
P	Portland, Resurrection	P	Al Jensen (LP)
P	Prineville, Our Savior	P	Stan Hoobing (INT)
(P	Silverton, Immanuel	P	Tom Hiller (INT)
P	The Dalles, Zion	P	John Firstuen (INT)
P	Warren, Bethany	NV	
AP	Wilsonville, Community of Hope	P	Doug Adams (LP)

The Oregon Synod Council has called for a Season of Prayer for the Oregon Synod until the 2007 Oregon Synod Assembly.

Together in Prayer

PRAYERS FOR

Bishop Floyd Schoenhals, Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, Bishop Richard Omland, Montana Synod, Sandy Anderson, Karen Johnson, mother of Pastor Jeanna-marie Fiumefreddo, Hal Dick, Lydia, daughter of Pastor Julie GebbenGreen.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Eula Rogge, mother of Pastor Barry Rogge; Evelyn mother of Pastor Erik Post; Winifred May, spouse of Pastor Edward May; Alva Bassett, stepfather of Pastor Janis Johnson; Bishop Margarita Martinez, Caribbean Synod.

PLUM Cluster

First Immanuel, Portland
 Messiah, Portland
 Mt. Carmel, Portland
 St. James, Portland
 St. Luke, Portland

April Oregon Synod Calendar

Every Tues.	10:00 AM	Take Ten at Ten on Tuesday Prayers and Staff Meeting <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
April 12	10:00 AM	Interims <i>Emanuel Hospital</i>
April 12	3:30 PM	Endowment Committee <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
April 14	9:00 AM	Commission for Congregational Ministry <i>Salem</i>
April 15	3:00 PM	Installation of Pastor Larry Jorgensen <i>Trinity, Gresham</i>
April 15	3:00 PM	Ordination of Amy Austin <i>Joyful Servant, Newberg</i>
April 17	1:30 PM	Bishop's Election Task Force <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
April 20-21		Region I Council Meeting <i>Seattle</i>
April 21-22		OLYO Middle School Gathering <i>St. Mark, Salem</i>
April 22	2:00 PM -4:00 PM	Every Child A Better World <i>Pioneer Square, Portland</i>
April 24		2007 Oregon Synod Assembly <i>Early Bird Registration Deadline</i>
April 26	11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Stewardship Committee <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
April 29	1:30 PM -4:30 PM	100 Years Campus Ministry <i>CH2M-Hill Alumni Center Ballroom OSU Campus, Corvallis, OR</i>



How little are your Lutherans?

Children up to the age of six years will enjoy receiving *The Little Lutheran* in their own names. This new venture gives children you love 10 issues a year filled with art, stories, prayers, songs, activities and much more. It's like a good hug from a parent, a grandparent, a godparent, a good friend. **Take a peek** at a sample issue at <http://www.thelittlelutheran.org/little/peek.cfm> and help nurture the

faith of little ones you know by sending them a subscription. Publication begins with the July-August issue.

Region 1 Resource

To reserve videos, call the Region 1 Resource Center at 1-800-755-5831 or 206-624-0093. Resource Center hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

“ACTS” – D-83

This powerful, educational and entertaining film takes word for word the text from the Book of Acts from the New International Version translation. It appeals to all ages and is filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco and South Africa. This multi-million dollar production of the Book of Acts features a cast of thousands, historically correct costumes and award-winning directing. Presented by the International Bible Society and Pathway Media, it includes English subtitles and biographies of key personalities in Acts.

“Acts” is presented on two DVD's with a total running time of 183 minutes. Suggested settings are Sunday school, small groups and evening programs. The movie does not come with a leader's guide.

Ask for D-83 when call you call to order!

ELCA Resources

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering

Oregon, SW Washington, SW Idaho

May 4: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

May 5: 9:00 am - Noon

Each year around the U.S. dedicated volunteers coordinate local drop-off sites for LWR material resource donations—often referred to as “ingatherings.” For more information about the Ingatherings please contact: Larry and Phyllis Vachel at 503-644-5737.

LWR is no longer collecting clothing of any kind. Some items that are needed: school kits, quilts and blankets, bar soap, cotton blend fabric pieces, layettes, health kits, and sewing kits. For more information on these items visit www.lwr.org.

May 4 and 5 , Truck Loading Location

Parking lot behind Peace Lutheran Church, 2201. N. Portland, Blvd., Portland, OR.

Alternative Loading

If you need to make alternative arrangement please email vachall@aol.com

ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations

The quest for Christian unity in the world, "That they may all be one" (John 17:21), inspires the faith and shapes the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations has the task of assisting this church in that quest.

The ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations is defined by cooperation, facilitation, and accompaniment. They facilitate congregations, synods, and churchwide units in their expressions of Christian unity in the faith and life of the church by offering many resources. These can be found at www.elca.org/ecumenical.