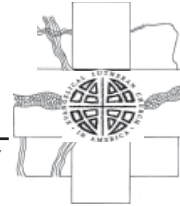


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Ready for a little Christmas fun?



Join Bishop Dave online Thursday, December 13, for the first (and perhaps last) annual "Oregon Synod Christmas Bowl." Here's how it works. (All the details you need to sign up for the Christmas Bowl are at www.oregonsynod.org/Christmas.)

Pull together your team - a few friends, your family, just you, the Outreach Committee, whoever you want.

Have a little party - Get the Christmas bowl out, fill it with eggnog, punch, Christmas cookies, Fiddle Faddle, or anything that sounds good.

Have a computer handy with sound and a broadband connection, like cable or DSL.

(If you have such a hookup at your church you can have the party there, but you may prefer to meet at somebody's house. Just invite a few friends over. Be sure you can turn the sound up so everybody can hear.)

Log in live and online to the "Christmas Bowl" at 7:00 PM Thursday, December 13 and

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Message from the Assistant to the Bishop, Susan Kintner



Pastor Susan Kintner

I have been praying for you— sitting with the directory, and going name by name through the congregations, clusters, pastors and spouses, associates in ministry, diaconal ministers, pastors' widows, and widowers, synod council, staff, and adjunct staff. It is one way for me to learn this new "parish," as I've waited for November 1st and the beginning of this new call. I'm looking forward to connecting the names with your faces and places. It's a good thing I like maps!

It is the time of year we give thanks for the saints who have gone before and led us to this time and place. I hope you were able to make your own list of the saints who have encouraged you, laughed and cried with you, and prayed with you. I give thanks for the ministry in this office of Pastor Paul Swanson, Pastor Darrel Lundby, Sandy Anderson, and Pastor Zane Wilson.

It is also Advent, when our hope for a quiet time of yearning and waiting will prepare a place for the Christ child, and yet we are surrounded by a clamoring consumer culture, screaming that we must buy to show our true love. We have desires to be quiet and yet we are as busy as innkeepers. My friend Wilma talks about this time of year as "Gettin' that baby Jesus born!"

My prayers will continue for you, and I ask your prayers in return, for this marvelous adventure God has called us to. Please remember Atonement Lutheran in Newport and St. Andrew Lutheran in Beaverton, as they have given their staff to the synod, and now face a time of transition.

So far, my commute has been 15 - 20 minute; that could change with the weather. I love watching the juncos, towhees, chickadees and wrens at the feeder.

We are working hard preparing for Bishop's Convocation January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Our major theme will be our collegiality. Dr. Diana Butler Bass, author of "Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith," will be our speaker. Right now, my day off is Monday, although a schedule is still settling in. The synod web site, as you know, has all the information you need. My e-mail is smkintner@qwest.net. I'm happy to come to visit— especially to talk with folks, and preside— I'd love to hear you preach, and I'm also happy to bring the good news for the day.

May the Spirit bless you with signs of God's presence!

Candidacy and Internships



Candidacy is the word the ELCA uses to describe the process for preparation for professional ministry, whether ordained or lay. The primary keeper of the candidacy process is the synod's candidacy committee, supported by the ELCA's Vocation and Education unit.

Beginning the application process for professional ministry means applying for both admission to the seminary and entrance to the candidacy process.

Internships..the chance to be mentored by a skilled pastor and to practice,...all aspects of pastoral ministry.

Before candidates can be accepted into the Master of Divinity degree program, they need a "positive entrance decision" by their candidacy committee.

The process of entrance into the candidacy process include an initial one-on-one interview followed by a psychological evaluation and an interview with other members of the candidacy committee. Once the candidate is approved for entrance into the candidacy process, the seminary is sent a letter of acceptance as well.

Some time during the second year of seminary, candidates meet again with the candidacy committee for endorsement. They are invited into deeper theological reflection, discussion about their sense of call, the meaning of leadership in the church, and prayer. Endorsement by the candidacy committee is necessary before seminarians can go on to internship.

Internship ordinarily comes as the third year of seminary study. Internship, which lasts between nine and twelve months, provides seminarians with the chance to be mentored by a skilled rostered leader and to practice, in carefully selected settings, all aspects of pastoral ministry.

This year the Oregon Synod has five interns serving at our various congregations. Two of these interns, Nathan, Mugaas and Amber Hager are from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. They share greetings and some reflections of their time here in the Northwest.

Intern Amber Hager



My name is Amber Hager and I am the Pastoral Intern at St. Matthew in Beaverton. I am currently a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, earning a Masters of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Children,

Youth, and Family Ministry, as well as seeking ordination in the ELCA.

I began my year-long internship adventure this September, and I have been running at full speed ever since. Internship is one of the most important and life-changing aspects of candidacy. Not only do students learn how to apply theology, history, and pastoral care in preaching and teaching, but we also learn what it means to be an authentic, available, and affirming adult.

Throughout this year, I will be teaching both adults and youth, preaching almost monthly, attending meetings, working closely with stewardship and finance committees, visiting hospitals, and hopefully getting out to see some of the awesome sites in Oregon. Yes, it will be a very packed year full of spiritual and emotional growth.

I am a native Southern Californian who has managed to survive living in the Midwest for two years, and I now have the pleasure of living in the Pacific Northwest for one year. Having lived and served the

church in many different areas, it is fascinating to see the differences and commonalities within ministry. The greatest difference I have noticed does not necessarily stem from theology, but rather from the attitudes and views people have about church. In the Midwest, church is very much “what you do on Sunday mornings” and in the Northwest church is important, but may not be on the top of the priorities list. I feel the greatest asset the Pacific Northwest offers the church is the space to invite people to connect with God and others outside the “God Box.”

It is definitely a blessing to be at St. Matthew, and I look forward to learning all I can about ministry, while also never losing sight of where God is calling me. Blessings to everyone this Christmas season.

Oregon Allert Fund for Leaders in Mission

This fund is in honor of the late Pastor William Allert, begun by his wife, Beverly, and family. The synod's goal is for this fund to grow to \$500,000 so Oregon seminarians can receive future support. Contact Dr. Patricia Larsen, Director of Planned Giving at Blessed2Give@cs.com for more information.

Intern Nathan Mugaas

My name is Nathan Mugaas and I am the Pastoral Intern at United and at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Eugene. I arrived in Oregon for the first time in late August of this year, ready to begin internship. Prior to this year I have lived almost exclusively in the Midwest. Moving out here could have been more of a culture shock, but it turns out the Northwest is full of people from the Midwest (this is especially true in churches). So at times it doesn't feel like I'm that far from home.

I was raised on a farm outside Sherwood, North Dakota. Evanger Lutheran Church, a small country church, served as the congregation of my baptism and confirmation. I graduated from Sherwood High School in a class of ten people. From there I attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. I had significant experiences working on summer staff at Camp Metigoshe in Bottineau, ND and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN as youth director. These opportunities influenced my being receptive to a call to ordained ministry, which led me to Luther Seminary.

After completing the first two years of my Masters of Divinity program at Luther Seminary, with an emphasis in youth and family ministry, I took a leave of absence from seminary to work full-time for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. I worked with Habitat

volunteers onsite, building houses. Now I've hung up to tool belt and put on a robe every Sunday.

It has been good getting back into parish ministry. My internship site is somewhat unusual, in that I am split between United and the Good Samaritan Care Center, both in Eugene. Within the church setting I haven't found there to be great cultural differences, but in the community and at the Good Samaritan Center I have found a more broadly "un-churched" population. This has been different than my experience in the Midwest, where it seems that everyone has had some sort of church experience; for better or worse. So in the Midwest I have met more "de-churched" people, who have had negative experiences with the church and have strong resistance to anything church. Here in the Northwest I have found people generally intrigued, as a novelty if nothing else, by the idea of a young pastor. I have also found the people of Eugene to have a strong sense of social obligation. People are passionate about caring for the earth and are committed to working progressively towards justice for all. These goals of caring for God's creation and supporting the least of these ought to also be primary concerns for the church, thus creating a natural meeting point for the church and an "un-churched" culture. I am excited to explore this meeting point during this year of internship.

Ready for a little Christmas fun?

prepare for a "College Bowl" style competition. Questions will be from the Biblical stories of Christmas. (Study is allowed, but not required.) The whole affair is a semi tongue in cheek, fun yet educational event. Great for kids or adults alike!



FAQs

Why are we doing this? - Just for fun and to build a bit of Oregon Synod spirit. Give it a try!!

Computers scare me. Will this be hard? - Absolutely not. If you know how to do

e-mail or surf on-line that's all you need. And if it doesn't work - hey, you still get an evening with your friends!

How long will this last? - The Christmas Bowl will be 40 minutes long. Of course, unlike a face to face class you can always sneak out early and no one will notice. We hope you don't, though.

How does it work? - Questions will appear on your computer screen with narration by Bishop Dave. You will get to answer on-line, live, see how others have voted and then have the Biblical answer explained for you. For example, "Where was the baby Jesus born?" 1) Jerusalem, 2) Bethlehem of Judea, 3) Norfolk, Nebraska, 4) How am I supposed to know? (The answer is "2" Bethlehem of Judea - and you're supposed to know because the kids sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in the Christmas program every year.)

Does this cost anything? - No, there is no charge of any kind for participating. This event is a gift from your synod staff and Bishop Dave.

Where can I learn more? - GREAT QUESTION!! All the details you need to sign up for the Christmas Bowl are at www.oregonsynod.org/Christmas.

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Accepting Our Context and Ourselves

by Pastor Laura O'Brien, *Our Saviour's, Seaside*

When I was called to Our Saviour's in Seaside in 2004 the congregation's hope was to build upon their youth group of fifteen and bring in a young and energetic pastor in order to attract younger families to the congregation. However, the congregation had not taken stock of the changes occurring in Seaside. Young families are not moving into Seaside, and the families living in the area are slowly being priced out.

In Seaside starter homes begin at \$300,000. Furthermore the affordable housing available is quickly being leveled, in order to build new condominiums. These condos begin at around \$200,000. The only people who can afford to live in Seaside are a handful of longtime Seaside business owners and retirees from Portland, Washington, and California.

The true context of Seaside became

apparent to me during my first few months of ministry. My husband and I were trying to purchase a house and really couldn't afford to live in town. Also, the people who were joining the church were couples who had retired to the coast. Many of these people had condos both in Portland and in the Seaside area. I also began to notice that these retirees were really quite young and still had a lot of energy and drive.

For the next couple of years I led book studies on spiritual and congregational growth. I was trying to challenge the congregation to take an honest look at their context and their congregation. After many months of honest reflection I explained to the congregation that Our Saviour's will not attract young families. Rather, in the last few years among the new members that our congregation has brought in, all but three were over the age of fifty. Also, during this time, there has been only one baptism, and that was a member's grandchild who lives on the east coast.

Basically, the congregation was given a huge reality check. The council and I sat down and drew up some goals. We looked at our membership, the people of the community that seemed to be attracted to our congregation, and the gifts that we felt God had given us to serve the community.

Those goals consisted of providing a quality worship service, quality adult education, continuing to support the current ministries of our church, discovering ways to serve the needs of the community, and continuing to be open to God's guidance and direction for the future growth of the congregation.

Once we accepted our context and ourselves, what has come to fruition from these goals has been the arrival of quality musicians, teachers, and enthusiastic new members for ministry.

We are Out of Food

by Bonnie Gregg, Luther Memorial Church, Portland



For over fifty years, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, a small congregation of about 50 people, has served the people of northeast Portland. When hungry people knocked on their door, they did their best to feed them.

At first, they operated out of a 3x3 cupboard in the church kitchen, buying groceries for the pastor to hand out. However, there was never enough and the pastor soon had to say “WE ARE OUT OF FOOD”. Signing up with the Oregon Food Bank enabled them to get more food for their dollar. They built floor-to-ceiling cabinets along a 10-foot wall and installed a refrigerator/freezer; then they loaded up their pickup trucks and stocked the shelves. But they discovered that even when they brought in 1,000 lbs of food, it quickly ran out.

Last year alone they gave out 21,748 pounds of food “to over 3,150 hungry people”. They no longer thought of these folks as “the hungry”; they knew them by name and knew their stories too. They gave them clothes and tried to help in other ways.

As a small church, they couldn’t afford to buy the amount of food that was needed. What were they to do?

The Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP) was in a bind, too. The house where they had operated for 22 years was being sold. Last year, NEFP spent a budget of \$83,000 feeding over 17,000 needy people with a supply of food to last 3 to 5 days each. To accomplish this, they handed out an average of one ton of free food per day! To continue this program, they needed space.

Luther Memorial Church had the space – a basement large enough to accommodate a large scale food program. It offered a

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A Larger, Multi-page, Professionally Built Website For Less Than \$500

by Lynn Dodson, webmaster, Augustana Lutheran Church



Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland, OR recently updated their “basic” 12 page website to 36 pages with features such as PDF’s of the church newsletter, photo slide-shows, MP3 files of sermons, links to more than 50 community partners, and an email link to elected representatives via the ELCA website. As a congregation with a strong social justice ethic, this web link is one of the most exciting, and useful, new features on the website. During the Reformation Martin Luther used the newly invented printing press to share the Gospel. Today we have the Internet and other electronic means to accomplish God’s purpose.

The web update began when a congregation member stepped up to become the CHAMPION for this project and recruited a team of people. This team did all the research, planning, photography, information gathering (much of which is available from other documents like annual reports), wrote the articles and did the page layouts. The web team decided that it was not necessary to have a member on the team who knew how to build html based web sites. The church web team built the website in Microsoft Publisher, giving the finished pages to a professional web builder to rebuild in html, adding drop down menus, photo slide-shows, graphics, etc. The web builder did the project on an hourly fee basis. The entire project cost less than \$500.

The update took approximately 6 months to complete. The congregation was included in the process from the beginning: web team members solicited input from Ministry Chairs, posters and

newsletter articles conveyed information about the upcoming “website rebuild”, photos were requested from members for the website and church leaders were appraised of the progress of the update regularly.

The most important things to consider before tackling a project like this are: (1) a CHAMPION is needed to head up the project, (2) a realistic estimate of the time is needed (Augustana’s team put in more than 200 hours on the project) and (3) a website of this size and complexity will require 10-20 hours of maintenance per month. If you’re interested in finding out more detailed information about the process, go to www.augustana.org and send an email to the webmaster link.

We Are Out of Food

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wide concrete ramp to a separate entrance, several large rooms, two restrooms, a washer/dryer and a full kitchen. A match made in Heaven was born.

On November 4, the North East Food Program at Luther Memorial was dedicated at an open house. The new food program will introduce self-style shopping, allowing recipients to select their own food from well-stocked shelves, just like in a grocery store. Those qualifying for assistance will receive a 3 to 5 day supply of food per person. Cooking classes will be held in the kitchen, so that people may learn how to prepare foods, including fresh produce. Volunteers will staff a Social Services Room, equipped with telephones and computers to enable users to research services such as food stamps, housing, utilities, jobs and doctor appointments. A Clothing Store will occupy a 16'x28' room, making available good, used, clean clothing at no cost to recipients.

Luther Memorial Church is excited about the prospect of expanding their food program, and the Pastor is relieved he will never again have to say, "WE ARE OUT OF FOOD."

In Loving memory of The Rev. Eugene H. "Kink" Kindschuh

The Rev. Eugene H. "Kink" Kindschuh was born on September 14, 1930 in Oakland, Nebraska to Emil and Ebba (Fredstrom) Kindschuh. He earned a BA in Sociology from Augustana College (Rock Island, IL) in 1952; his M. Div. from Augustana Theological Seminary (Rock Island, IL) in 1956; and a D. Min. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (Berkeley, CA) in 1980.

Pastor Kindschuh was ordained on June 17, 1956 in Moorhead, Minnesota. He served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Coos Bay, OR (1956-1961); at Salem Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA (1961-1967); at Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland, OR (1967-1977); and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Mercer Island, WA (1977-1989). Pastor Kindschuh also served as interim pastor at Light of Life Lutheran Church in Aloha, OR (1989-1990); at Maluhia Lutheran Church in Waianae, HI (1990-1991); at Peace Lutheran Church in Astoria (1992); and at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis (1993). In more recent years he served as the Pastoral Associate at Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland, OR. His community involvement included service on the Board of Directors of Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Pastor Kindschuh also wrote a number of books, including *Emil's Eden*, *A Centennial of New Life*, *Personalities of the Passion*, and *When Tomorrows Die*.

The Rev. Kink Kindschuh died on Friday, October 26, 2007. He is survived by his children, Kevin, Mary Jean, and Nancy, and grandchildren. Cards may be sent to his family in care of Kevin Kindschuh, 4214 NE 27th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97211.

2008 BISHOP'S

CONVOCAION

The 2008 Bishop's Convocation, to be held in the Best Western Ocean View Resort in Seaside on January 2-4, 2008, will feature presentations concerning how our churches can remain true to themselves and find ways to adapt their ministries to the people and circumstances in which they find themselves in a changing world. Diana Butler Bass, author of "Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith," will be presenting Thursday and Friday evening. The resolution passed during the 2007 Oregon Synod Assembly titled, "The Just War Resolution -Provide Pastors and Congregational Members information on Just War Criteria" will be discussed Wednesday afternoon. This event is intended for the rostered leaders of the Oregon Synod.

[www.oregonsynod.org/
resources/bishopconvo/
convo.php](http://www.oregonsynod.org/resources/bishopconvo/convo.php).

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GLOBAL MISSION EVENT

February 2, 2008

Zoar, 190 SW Third Avenue, Canby

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



Global Mission Speaker

Bishop Victoria

Cortez Rodriguez

of the Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) vice president for the Latin America and Caribbean region.

What Happens?

At the Global Mission Event, congregations, families, youth, and seniors – along with international guests – discover a global community of God's grace.

Why Should I Come?

Global mission is not someplace else – it's here, in North America, and it influences our ministry every day. You'll be invited to examine how God's activity is changing our world and to deepen your skills in your faith practice.

For more information on this event contact the Oregon Synod Global Mission Chair, Delores Vilstrop at 503-654-0037.



Congregations In Call Process/ Pastoral Vacancies

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

Congregation	Status	Pastoral Care
AP Beaverton, St. Andrew	NV	Mark Brocker (LP)
P Beaverton, Shepherd of the Valley	P	Michelle Manicke (INT)
P Burns, Peace Church of the Living Waters	NV	
P Clatskanie, Faith	NV	Katherine Hellier (INT)
P Colton, Colton	NV	Carl Hansen (INT)
P Damascus, St. Paul of Damascus	NV	Wally Gustav (INT)
P Grants Pass, Calvary	P	Janelle-Aldrich Dale (INT)
P Klamath Falls, Klamath	NV	
P Lebanon, Our Savior's	P	Joel Schmitz (INT)
P Newport, Atonement	P	Don Parsons (INT)
P Portland, Peace	NV	Don Voeks (INT)
P Portland, St. Mark's	P	Jim Flachsbart (INT)
P Prineville, Our Savior	P	Stan Hoobing (INT)
AP Salem, Christ the Good Shepherd	P	John Maas (LP)
LP Silverton, Immanuel	I	Dennis Marttala (INT)

Installations: Tom Hiller as Lead Pastor at Gethsemane, Portland, on Nov. 11;
Christopher Kramer as Lead Pastor at Zion, The Dalles on Nov. 18;

Together in Prayer

Karin Kallevig, spouse of Pastor Jeff
Kallevig, Christ the King, Tigard;
Pastor Ron Moe Lobeda,
University, Seattle
Vicky Conrad, spouse of retired
Pastor Jerry Conrad

In loving memory of:
Retired Pastor Herb Ringo, Seattle
Retired Pastor Eugene H. "Kink"
Kindschuh, Portland
Jordan Royce, nephew of Pastor
Michelle Manicke.

Oregon Synod Calendar

Every Tues.	10:00 AM	Take Ten at Ten on Tuesday Prayers and Staff Meeting <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
November 29	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Stewardship Meeting <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
November 30	9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Candidacy Committee <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
December 4	3:00 PM-4:30 PM	Leadership Support Meeting <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
December 13	10:00 AM	Interims Emanuel Hospital Room 1077
December 13	3:30 PM	Endowment Meeting <i>Oregon Synod Office</i>
December 13	7:00 PM	Christmas Fun www.oregonsynod.org/christmas

December 24 - January 1

Oregon Synod Office Closed

Although the office will be closed e-mail and phone messages will be checked regularly during this last week of 2007.

Every call is important to us.

Please leave a message at 503-413-4191.

January 2-4		2008 Bishop's Convocation Best Western Ocean View Resort, Seaside
February 2	9:00 AM -3:30 PM	Oregon Synod Global Mission Event Zoar, Canby

"The First Twenty Years on the Road Together..... 1986-2006"

by Sandra Clair Anderson is available. This book is free to all congregations that are interested in obtaining a record of our synod's history. Please contact the synod office with your request at 503-413-4191 or juliemankin@qwest.net.

by Pat Cole, member of Christ the King, Milton-Freewater

“The Heavenly Order of the Bold Mommas of the ELCA” was brought to us by Charlene Spillmann, representative from the Women of the ELCA Board, celebrating the opening of the convention of the Oregon Synodical Women (SWO) in a most creative way. She enlisted a dozen volunteers to be lollipop-wielding volunteers in telling a story of just how dedicated and bold are the women of the church.

Twenty years ago SWO began gathering to celebrate, plan outreach, and test the waters of womens’ calling to serve the Lord. One of the first female students accepted at seminary was our guest and we looked back in amazement and amusement at the stories she shared.

The Bible Study leader was Reverend Leah Stolte-Doerfler, recently ordained and installed at Immanuel in Silverton, Oregon. She had us establish two lists: “Those things I like about me” and “Things I don’t like about me.” Since we were created from nothing into something by God we need to repent of those faults we have and move on; as John 10:10 says “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”. Walking boldly is accepting yourself, so make peace and become a whole self. Life isn’t being perfect – it’s being used and loved. Walking boldly requires God’s help.

Pastor Mary Anthony was our chaplain and in-house comforter. A deacon from the Polish church, Helina Radaez, has studied and passed all the requirements for ordination, but in Poland the Lutheran Church does not yet ordain women. Hold her and all theologically trained women in prayer, that they may have their calling fulfilled. A woman will be selected in Oregon to go to Poland next September to

years we invite the Polish Lutheran Church, our companion synod, to send a representative from their midst. Applications are available for this rich experience. The quilt raffle raised almost six-hundred dollars for the Polish exchange.

Our new synodical president is Margrethe Farnstrom from Beaverton. She is an excellent communicator and active at St. Luke in Portland. Under her leadership the women’s organization will try something new. The cost of using major hotels for convention has become very expensive. Our attendance is down from the over 400 that met October 1991 at Indian Hills in Pendleton. It was good to have 126 at this convention; especially those who came for the first time and were young! The next convention will be in 2009 in a Salem church with much less expensive accommodations and reasonable food costs.

Lutheran World Relief



Lutheran World Relief's new video, "Ordinary to Extraordinary" takes viewers to Mali, West Africa, where more than 11,000 LWR quilts, kits and layettes were distributed last year to school children, orphans, people living with HIV/AIDS and others in need.

Quilts, pencils, soap, needles, and thread-ordinary things-become extraordinary when shared as gifts of love from your home to theirs.

Fall LWR Ingathering

The Lutheran World Relief Ingathering for our region was recently completed at the end of October.

A total of 98 churches from SW Washington, SW Idaho, and Oregon brought items to the parking lot of Peace, Portland where the container was parked.

A total of 32,064 pounds were collected. That total comprised of:

- 4274 quilts
- 71 blankets
- 904 pounds of soap
- 5132 school kits
- 1590 health kits
- 434 sewing kits
- 74 pieces of yardage
- 588 layettes

Learn how these tools offer hope and dignity to thousands of families around the world. You may request a free copy of "Ordinary to Extraordinary" by calling the LWR Resource Center at 1-800-LWR-LWR-2. The video is available in VHS or DVD format.

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Virtual University

The Virtual University of LWR prepares graduates to represent LWR in home churches, communities, and campuses-helping to build our common vision for justice dignity, and peace for each person of every generation.

LWR Virtual University is...

- Distance Learning for Global Citizens
- Continuing Education for the LWR Speakers' Bureau and Other Friends
- Professional Development for Lutheran Clergy and Lay Leaders

Each course has three parts:

- Eight monthly, hour-long virtual classes (-view 2007-2008 classes at www.lwr.org/university/courses/2007-8)
- Background reading materials
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