

# InterActs

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## From the **Bishop**



### Some Reflections on the 2009 Synod Assembly

The very first thing that people have mentioned about the assembly is the Bread of Life Lutheran Church Choir. Bread of Life

Lutheran Church in the Minneapolis Area Synod is the only free-standing congregation for the deaf in the entire Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Everyone seemed to be extraordinarily touched by the energy and joy that came from this choir.

I believe we should never underestimate the power of persons with disabilities to touch more typical peoples' lives when they are given the chance to share their gifts in an authentic way. Thank you, Bread of Life Lutheran Church! This year we will be looking for partners to help support this unique and important congregation.

Second, it is always quite miraculous to me that teaching the very basics of our theological foundations – such as Professor Rolf Jacobson did with the critical theological foundations of Law and Gospel – can be as fresh and moving today as they were 500 years ago when Luther first presented them. This was right out of the Lutherans

play book. The miraculous thing to celebrate is that these theological ideas are just as important and clarifying in understanding the human condition as they were in the Middle Ages. It tells me that in our Church we must continue to remind ourselves of these critical foundations for understanding the faith. We will work hard to bring them forward at appropriate times during the year.

I also wish to thank all of you for your important presence at this assembly. I would remind others that may have missed and were not excused that your presence is critical to your Church, and it is one of the obligations of rostered leaders in this Church to attend these assemblies.



**Bread of Life Choir “sings” for opening worship at the synod assembly.**