



# InterActs

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## 2012 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly to elect bishop

*February 17-18  
Shepherd of the Lake  
Lutheran Church,  
Prior Lake*

*Conference Assemblies  
November 20, 2011*

This year our theme will be "Rooted in the Biblical Story." As one church together, we welcome and encourage your presence as an important part of the 2012 Synod Assembly. Please consider this a personal invitation to worship, learn and engage in biblical study, as well as participate in the business decisions and bishop election, along with your fellow rostered leaders and congregational elected lay voting



members. The keynote speaker is Rev. Susan Briehl, and Dr. Diane Jacobson will be the Bible study leader.

### Registration

The early registration fee (before January 5, 2012) for the 2012 Synod Assembly will be \$120 per voting member. Late registration will be \$145. Registration packets will be mailed the first week of October.

### Bishop election process

You can go online and read the process for the next bishop's election.

### Resolutions and memorials

You've got an action plan or a policy recommendation? Great! A resolution can help get it done if you know:

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## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

### Mission Support update

Thanks to all of our congregations who continue to contribute regularly to the work we do together as a synod and the greater ELCA through the sharing of your offerings. As of September 1, 65 of our congregations have contributed more this year than in 2010. Our synod also has received more to date than we had in 2010.

2010 February 1 – August 31: \$1,528,379

2011 February 1 – August 31: \$1,582,453

In this issue of *InterActs* you will find stories about ministries that your shared offerings help make possible either through the work of synod staff or through dollars coming back to those ministries. Read about: Seminary of the Streets; the 2011 Summer Youth Consortium; Pastor Jane Buckley-Farlee of Trinity Congregation in Minneapolis receiving the Race, Church, and Change award from Luther Seminary;

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# You are invited to the October and November sessions of Seminary of the Streets

A joint venture between Minneapolis Area Synod leaders, Faith in the City, and the people in the pews, Seminary of the Streets is designed to create awareness and provide a series of educational, service and relational opportunities for you—members of Minneapolis Area and Saint Paul Area Synod congregations.

## October session

“Reorienting Sacred Space: Context, the Arts, and Change,” October 13, supper at 5:15 p.m., interactive class from 6 to 8 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S, Minneapolis

Salem English Lutheran Church on the edge of Uptown in south Minneapolis is currently using the graffiti-clad theater and the gallery at Intermedia Arts as worship spaces. Salem and two other congregations are in the late stages of renovation of a ministry center to be shared upon completion by these three ecumenical partners. During these years away from their building and as they design for the future, we will use Salem’s experience of sacred space as an example. What feels “sacred” to you? How do you share this experience within your congregation? What about with your neighbors? What do you do when your “holy” is not someone else’s “holy”? Explore your own sense of sacred space, neighborhood context, the accumulated tradition, the holy, response to change and the arts. A local meal will be served at 5:15 p.m., with the session beginning at 6 p.m. Register online. Your RSVP by Monday, October 10, helps to prepare the room, and order food.

## November session

“Building the Beloved Community: A Matter of Race and Grace,” November 10, 6-8 p.m., 5:15 supper, Shepherd of the Hills, 500 Blake Road S, Edina

Dr. Martin Luther King dreamed of the “beloved community” and challenged the church to build it in order to transform American society as the moral guardian of the community. Participants will use case studies and an interactive personal community analysis tool (developed by Vivian Jenkins Nelsen for the School of Public Affairs of Cleveland University) and explore the top ten competencies needed by builders of vibrant diverse communities of faith as tools for change. A local meal will be served at 5:15 p.m., with the session beginning at 6 p.m. Register online. Your RSVP by Monday, November 7, helps us to prepare the room, and order food.

An “after-party” for networking, young adults, testing ideas follows at 8 p.m.



Register online at:

October - <http://reorientingsacredspace.eventbrite.com/>  
November - <http://raceandgrace.eventbrite.com/>

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- WHAT exactly you want done
- HOW to get it done
- WHO can best get it done

Resolutions/memorials lead to concrete action. Use other means for conveying encouragement, exhortation, or appreciation. Deadline for resolutions/memorials is Tuesday, November 29, 1 p.m. The guidelines are available online at [www.mpls-synod.org](http://www.mpls-synod.org).

## Conference assemblies

Mark your calendar and be sure to have your voting members identified for the conference assemblies on Sunday, November 20, 2-5 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine. We will gather together for our keynote speaker, Dr. Roland Martinson, and then break into individual conferences to complete conference business; this includes nominations for churchwide voting members, synod leadership, and synod bishop.

## About Dr. Martinson

Roland D. Martinson is an academic dean and professor of children, youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Martinson is a member of the National Council on Family Relations and author of a number of books, including *Effective Youth Ministry: A Congregational Approach*.

# Synod ministry team now in place

Faith, trust, partnership and the assurance of the Spirit's guidance is the fabric of our journey together in the Minneapolis Area Synod.



We are thankful for the experience, leadership and wisdom of Interim Bishop Glenn Nycklemoe. He has quickly immersed himself in developing relationships, connecting with congregations, pastors and synod leaders.

**Interim Bishop  
Glenn Nycklemoe**

The Synod Ministry team is now in place. Bishop's Associates Pastor Kelly Chatman and Pastor Jerry Wahl join Pastor Sue Tjornehoj; Glenndy Ose; Terri Endres, DM; Kris Perry, DM; Jo Mueller, AiM; and Pat Hansen. Pastor Chatman will have primary responsibility for serving congregations in the North Minneapolis and Central conferences. Glenndy Ose will work with the Northern, Northwest, Northwest Hennepin conferences and specialized ministry. Pat Hansen will serve the Bloomington and Crosstown conferences. The Southwest, Western Parks and Lakes, 394 Corridor and South Minneapolis conferences will be served by Jerry Wahl.

Pastor Kelly Chatman will partner with Isaiah, the Unity Table and Seminary of the Streets. Pastor Jerry Wahl will partner with the Global Companion Table, the Malaria Project, World Hunger and Vital Congregations. Shared responsibilities include Joint Mobility Conferences.

The door is open. If you have comments, questions or good words of advice, please call the synod office.

Your Minneapolis Area Synod staff joins with you as together we are equipping effective missional leaders, encouraging creative grassroots outreach, connecting congregations/ministries locally and globally, and growing healthy vibrant congregations.

As we move forward in ministry and anticipate discerning the call of a new bishop, we thank God for today. We have much good work to do together as we work for justice, proclaim the grace of God and gather our resources for Christ's ministry.

May God bless and guide us on this great journey together.



**Synod ministry team: (l-r, top) Kelly Chatman, Jerry Wahl, Glenndy Ose; (l-r, middle) Sue Tjornehoj, Pat Hansen, Jo Mueller; (l-r, bottom): Kris Perry, Terri Endres.**



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and the remodeling of the kitchen at River of Life. All of these ministries are directly impacted by the generous sharing to the synod. Again, thank God and thank you for sharing abundantly of the gifts God has bestowed on your congregation through your members.

If you would like to find out more about how your offerings are impacting the work of the ELCA visit [www.elca.org/Our-Faith-in-Action.aspx](http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-in-Action.aspx) or [www.mpls-synod.org/stewardship/missionsupport](http://www.mpls-synod.org/stewardship/missionsupport).

Mark your calendars for:

**GIVE TO THE MAX DAY – November 16**

An opportunity for individuals to give online to the new ministries of our synod.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

On this Sunday, congregations get a chance to celebrate the new ministries of our synod by taking a special offering to support these ministries for the 2011 fiscal year. More information will be coming soon!

# Comings & Goings

## NEW TO THE SYNOD:

**Rev. Chad Brekke**, from Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, senior pastor.

**Rev. Stephen Grove**, ordained September 13, 2011, to Christ English Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, pastor.

**Rev. Jacqueline Thone**, ordained September 18, 2011, to Saint Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, associate pastor.

**Rev. Karen Williams**, from Saint Paul Area Synod, to Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, associate pastor (PT).

## WITHIN THE SYNOD:

**Rev. Ken DeFor**, retired, to Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Chanhassen, interim senior pastor.

**Rev. Richard Magnus**, retired, to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Long Lake, interim senior pastor.

**Rev. Del Schnaidt**, retired, to Siloa Evangelical Lutheran Church, Braham, pastor (PT).

**Rev. Lynn Seep**, from Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Delano, to on leave from call.

**Rev. Jerry Wahl**, from Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Chanhassen, to Minneapolis Area Synod, interim bishop's associate.

## GOINGS/RETIREMENTS with Godspeed:

**Rev. Kent R. Grosser**, ordained March 21, 1976, retired September 25, 2011.

## CONGREGATIONS IN INTERIM:

Alleluia!, St. Michael, pastor  
Bethany, Minneapolis, pastor  
Bethel Evangelical, Minneapolis, pastor  
Gustavus Adolphus, Minneapolis, pastor  
Lake of the Isles, Minneapolis, pastor  
Lord of Life, Ramsey, senior, associate  
St. John's, Belle Plaine, associate  
St. John's Evangelical, Mound, senior  
St. Luke's, Bloomington, senior

## CONGREGATIONS IN ACTIVE CALL PROCESS:

Cross of Glory, Brooklyn Center, pastor  
Family of Christ, Chanhassen, senior  
Hope Evangelical, Minneapolis, pastor  
Salem Evangelical, Minneapolis, pastor  
St. Andrew's, Eden Prairie, senior  
St. Timothy, Columbia Heights, pastor  
Trinity, Long Lake, senior pastor  
Woodlake, Richfield, senior  
Zion Evangelical, Minneapolis, pastor

## CONGREGATIONS CALLING FINAL CANDIDATE:

First of Crystal, Brooklyn Park, pastor  
Oak Knoll, Minnetonka, senior  
St. Philip's, Fridley, senior

## IN MEMORY:

**The Rev. Dr. Hoover T. Grimsby** died September 10, 2011, at the age of 91. Born September 4, 1920, in Viroqua, Wis., he graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1942, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, in 1945. He was ordained in 1945. He served as associate and senior pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., 1945-1970; senior pastor, St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin, Minn., 1970-1972; and senior pastor, Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 1972-1986. After retiring in 1986, he joined the Mount Olivet Counseling Center staff and served 14 years in that capacity. Rev. Grimsby participated in Bethany Lutheran Church's summer ministry in Ephraim, Wis., for over 50 years.

Rev. Grimsby is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley; his children, Carol (Paul) Stoelting, Paul (Maribeth) Grimsby, Carl (Sherry) Grimsby and Ellen Grimsby; grandchildren, Christina (Brian) Mooney, Bethany Stoelting, Mike (Katie) Grimsby, Eric Grimsby, Elyssa Grimsby, Sarah (Michael) McQuade, Jon (Erin) Grimsby and Steve Grimsby.

**The Rev. Keith C. Parker** died September 16, 2011, at the age of 83. Born December 29, 1927 in

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*Deadline for submission of articles for the November issue is Monday, October 17.*

## **OCTOBER 2011**

**75th Anniversary Hymn Festival, October 2, 4 p.m.**, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, David Cherwien, composer, conductor and organist, will be leading a hymn festival on October 2, in the sanctuary of the church, 2020 West Lake of the Isles Parkway, Minneapolis. The event will be followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome to attend the festival and the reception.

**Celebration of Biblical Preaching: Preaching on the Edge, October 3-5.** Will Willimon, Walter Brueggemann, Raphael Warnock, Mary Shore and Doug Pagitt will explore what it takes to proclaim the gospel with equal measures of faith and creativity in a changed and changing world. Plenary presentations, inspiring worship, informative workshops – all surrounded by great fellowship – will inspire and encourage you for another year of proclamation. Cost: \$225 (includes lunch).

**Lutheran College Fair, October 3, 6:45-9 p.m.**, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Dr., Eden Prairie. Parents and students are invited to attend this college fair and workshops. The event includes workshops on college and career planning and financial aid, and opportunities to meet with representatives from individual colleges. For more information, visit [www.lutherancolleges.org/events](http://www.lutherancolleges.org/events).

**Living Well Day for Professional Church Workers, October 4, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**, Nicollet Island Pavillion, 40 Power St., Minneapolis. This event provides a learning experience

through which a church worker will be enabled to assess personal, spiritual, emotional and physical well-being, and subsequently take steps to improve the quality of each. Featured speakers are Rev. Theresa Latini, Luther Seminary, and Mark Schoepp, Wheat Ridge Ministries. Light breakfast and lunch provided. A variety of complimentary health screenings will be offered prior to the start of the day. To register visit [www.wheatridge.org/LWD](http://www.wheatridge.org/LWD). Cost: \$19 per person, free for Thrivent members. For questions, please call Wheat Ridge Ministries at 800-762-6748.

**Lutheran Mideast Development Musical Gala, October 6, 7:00 p.m.**, Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Program includes a concert featuring Jennifer Curtis on the violin and duo pianos with Matthew Hand and Vince Phillips; brief presentation of Lutheran Mideast Development work and opportunity to donate; reception and art exhibit featuring the work of Charles and Peg Hoffman. For tickets (\$45) contact Erica Oswald at 651-457-6541 or [erica@ststephenswsp.org](mailto:erica@ststephenswsp.org). Lutheran Mideast Development was founded in 1910 with the purpose of serving Muslims in the Middle East in both word and deed. Learn more at [www.lutheran-mideast.org](http://www.lutheran-mideast.org).

**CROP Walk, October 9, 2 p.m.**, starts at Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Join your friends and neighbors as they take part in the Annual Metro Minneapolis CROP Walk. The walk raises money to help further the mission of Church

Events highlighted by a colored box are sponsored by the Minneapolis Area Synod.

World Service around the world. Additionally, a fourth of the funds raised help local ministries working to beat hunger and poverty, including Our Savior's Housing, St. Stephen's Human Services and Simpson Housing Services; another fourth will go to north Minneapolis tornado recovery. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on October 9, and the walk starts at 2:00 p.m. Go to [www.mplscropwalk.org](http://www.mplscropwalk.org) to register for the walk and to donate. For promotional material and collection envelopes, contact Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave. S, Minneapolis, 612-827-2504.

**Citizens with the Saints Tour, October 9, 5 p.m.**, Hoversten Chapel, Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Build excitement and enthusiasm for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering! Join Agape and Rachel Kurtz for a great evening of worship and learning. Ticket sales and door offering will go directly to ELCA World Hunger. Find out more at [www.citizenstour.com](http://www.citizenstour.com).

**It's Greek to Me, October 10, 7 p.m.**, Faith Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids. This course provides an introduction to Biblical Greek, the language of the New Testament and of the Old Testament Septuagint. During this class, special emphasis will be given to developing skills for reading, understanding, listening, and speaking Koine Greek as a living language. Learning Greek grammar will serve as a necessary secondary emphasis for the class. No prerequisites for this class. Free trial at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids on Monday, October 10, 7 p.m. The class will meet for a total

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# Opportunities

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP

**Minister of Music** – Organist/Choir Director, Hope Lutheran Church, Minneapolis (PT).

**Lead Musician** – Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Vadnais Heights (PT).

**Handbell Choir Director** – Living Spirit United Methodist Church, Minneapolis (PT).

**Choir Director** – Living Spirit United Methodist Church, Minneapolis (PT).

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**Director of Youth Outreach and Engagement** – Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan (FT).

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER POSITIONS

**Preschool and Child Care Center Director** – Christ Lutheran Church Blaine (FT).

**Event Ministry Assistant** – Youth Encounter, Shoreview (PT).

**Manager Project Management** – Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minneapolis (FT).

**Assistant Director of the Student Resource Center** – Luther Seminary, St. Paul (FT).

**Church Office Administrative Assistant** – Christ Lutheran Church, Blaine (FT).

**Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist** – Richfield Lutheran Church, Minneapolis (PT).

For more job opportunities, visit the synod website, [www.mpls-synod.org](http://www.mpls-synod.org).

## October issue of *The Lutheran* looks at writers

In *The Lutheran's* October Issue, meet 11 Lutheran writers who share how their work “faces the world.” And learn about the Lutheran Writers Project, which offers resources and events for writers, readers, church groups and institutions. A study guide is available for this article (and for more than 300 others) at [www.thelutheran.org](http://www.thelutheran.org); click on “study guides.” It’s free to print and Web subscribers.

Find resources in *The Lutheran* for individual or group study. In October, ponder Luke 19:1-10 with ELCA pastor Peter Marty, who says Zacchaeus completely refocused his life with the blessing of salvation. What does this passage mean for us today? And think about how “Prayer changes us” or delve into the “Trinity – the One in Three & the Three in One.” Your group can also discuss “Harnessing the force of godparents” – ways to support godchildren and their parents.

Also, find out what’s happening in the church – locally and globally: Discover “Chilstrom by the book,”

as a former ELCA presiding bishop looks at the formation of a leader, a church; meet an ELCA Lutheran who gets the story in conflict zones and finds comfort in his faith; travel to Honduras where violence continues – as does Lutheran



ministry; visit New Mexico, where a congregation repairs homes and builds community; see how the church is living into the future together; and say a “Table grace” with Lutherans who run a restaurant that feeds the soul.

*The Lutheran* is a resource for your congregation and members. Look for these ideas and resources in this month’s issue: Learn how a Baltimore congregation is weathering four staff retirements; get ideas for Christmas by reading how one congregation honors St. Nicholas and how another collects “Meals at the Manger”; discover how stoles

connect confirmands with people who have a significant part in the fabric of their lives; get advice on taming clutter and on what to do with a shy child during the children’s sermon; and read reviews of the band Burlap To Cashmere, the movie *Queen to Play* and the children’s book *Naamah and the Ark at Night*.

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Portland, Ore., he graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., in 1960; and Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, in 1963. He was ordained in 1963. He served in multiple small community parishes in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin before retiring in 2005.

Rev. Parker is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lois; his children, Cindy, James and Paul (Lydia); grandchildren, Jonathan and Catherine; great-grandchildren, Aspen and Mikalya.

## Pastor Jane Buckley-Farlee receives Race, Church and Change Award

On September 28, Pastor Jane Buckley-Farlee, Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Minneapolis, received the Luther Seminary Race, Church and Change Award. This award recognizes individuals who have significantly impacted society through multicultural ministry, race relations and reconciliation. Luther Seminary annually presents the award to individuals who have heroically served in their community with the hope that such recognition will inspire others to similar ministry to improve the world around them.

For more than 15 years, Buckley-Farlee has provided invaluable leadership to Trinity Lutheran Congregation, a community whose members' cultural origins come from America, Europe, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya. Trinity worships in three different languages.

In addition to helping embody a ministry of diversity every Sunday, Buckley-Farlee also guides Trinity Lutheran Congregation in its mission to "help break down the walls of racism, sexuality, ethnic origin, economic status and religion" in the Cedar-Riverside community and beyond. Interim Bishop Glenn Nycklemoe praises Buckley-Farlee in her work: "Trinity is at the cutting edge of a unique interfaith conversation because of Jane's diligent nurturing and fostering of relationships with the local imams and Muslim community. Barriers of race and culture and language and class come tumbling down. This is a learning laboratory of mission and she invites other congregations into partnership and participation,



and peace poles are planted and the church is changed."

From after-school tutoring to weekly evening meals to neighborhood interfaith collaboration, Buckley-Farlee continues to help lead a ministry of accompaniment and presence within the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

"Pastor Jane Buckley-Farlee lives out leadership and invites others to do the same to advocate for systemic change in institutional racism," her nomination read. "She, and her colleague in ministry, Pastor Alemeged Asmelash, journey together – across language, culture, doctrine and ideology –in shaping a ministry to and among the city's new immigrants from East Africa."

With a ministry defined by active listening, persistence and presence, Buckley-Farlee leads with quiet strength a church that is at the forefront of ministry for the 21st century.

## Former bishops speak at fall ministerium

November 10, 9 a.m. - noon,  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
8400 France Ave.  
Bloomington.

Former bishops April Larson, Glenn Nycklemoe and Rick Foss will serve as a panel and offer their perspective on the office of bishop at the fall ministerium. Kari Christianson, chair of the bishop election committee, will be the moderator and field questions from the floor.

Schedule:

9 a.m. – Coffee and gathering

9:30-10:45 – Panel

11:15-noon – Worship with communion and service of renewal with blessing of vows of ordination, consecration and commissioning

Noon – Lunch

This event is sponsored by the conference deans and the bishop election committee. Register on the synod website, [www.mpls-synod.org](http://www.mpls-synod.org). If you want lunch, please indicate that on your registration, and \$10 will be payable at the door.

of 32 weeks on Monday nights, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$25 includes textbook and class handouts. Instructor: Rev. Richard Lindeman.

### **Safeguarding God's Children:**

**Train the Trainer Event, October 11, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.,** Woodlake Lutheran Church, 2525 Oliver Ave. S, Richfield. Training for children, youth and family ministry leaders in Safeguarding God's Children materials, equipping participants to train other ministry leaders within their ministry setting. Cost: \$100 per congregation includes one training guide (additional guides \$10 each). Register on synod website by October 3.

**Luther Seminary's Burgess Lecture in Global Mission, October 11, 7 p.m.,** Northwestern Hall 100, Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Luther Seminary's Global Mission Institute welcomes Dr. Jehu J. Hanciles, Fuller Seminary, for its annual Burgess Lecture in Global Mission. He will speak on Treasure in Earthen Vessels: Immigration, Religion and the American Church. For more information go to [www.luthersem.edu/lectures/burgess](http://www.luthersem.edu/lectures/burgess).

**Seminary of the Streets: Reorienting Sacred Space: Context, the Arts and Change," October 13,** supper at 5:15 p.m., interactive class from 6-8 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S, Minneapolis. What feels "sacred" to you? Register online at the synod website.

**3rd Annual Church Facility Expo, October 13, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,** Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina. Keynote speaker: Dave Waller, Catholic Mutual, talking about managing volunteers and limiting risk for your

church. Designed for pastors, facility managers, church administrators, custodians and church volunteers. Registration fee: \$15 includes lunch. To register, go to [www.macfm.org](http://www.macfm.org).

**Lutheran Men in Mission One Year to Live Retreat, October 14-16,** Shores of St. Andrew, New London, Minn. A retreat for men where hearts and souls can be strengthened by the call of Christ. Sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission. Promotional, scholarship and registration information available at [www.lutheranmeninmission.org](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org), Events tab/One Year to Live page. Space is limited. Registration: \$175 includes lodging, meals and retreat materials. Contact Ken Moats at 763-242-2798 or by email [ken\\_moats@hotmail.com](mailto:ken_moats@hotmail.com).

**Nurturing Faith in Our Youngest Children, October 15, 9:30-11 a.m.,** University Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. SE, Minneapolis. Presenter: Marilyn Sharpe. Cost: \$20 per family. Free child care with reservation. Contact Diane Shallue at [dianes@ulch.org](mailto:dianes@ulch.org).

**Welcome Lunch for New CYF Leaders, October 19, 11:30 a.m.,** Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Enjoy a free lunch, meet your peers, and make connections. RSVP to Jo Mueller by Friday, October 14.

**St. Olaf Orchestra Concert, October 21, 8 p.m.,** Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata. Tickets: \$10 for adults and seniors, free for students; group rates available. Tickets available at [stolaftickets.com](http://stolaftickets.com) or by calling 1-800-363-5487.

**From Alligators to Adventurers: Developing Healthy Staff**

**Relationships, October 25, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon,** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Apple Valley. Rev. Karen Stevensen offers this half-day workshop for pastors and congregational staffs to help them enhance their working relationships. Learn about coping behaviors that trigger fear and interfere with healthy staff relationships. Cost per congregation: \$100. For more information or to register contact Karen Stevensen, [kstevensen@gmail.com](mailto:kstevensen@gmail.com) or 612-720-5083.

**Restoring Resilience: Blending Science and Wisdom to Sustain a Healthy Mind, Mood and Heart, October 25, 7:30 p.m.,** Grace University Lutheran Church, 324 Harvard St. SE, Minneapolis. What has happened to erode the natural ability to bounce back from adversity? Explore the universal need for a healthy brain and how to integrate natural measures and spiritual practices to support that goal. Free of charge.

**Healthy Congregations Facilitator Training, October 27, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; October 28, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,** Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul. Series of six workshops, each five sessions in length, to help congregations move forward in ministry. By participating you will be able to purchase the materials and to lead the workshops in the congregation you serve. Led by Rev. Roger Schwarze and Rev. Bill Strom. Registration closes October 18. For more information contact Roger Schwarze, 651-777-5102 or [rschwarze@qwest.net](mailto:rschwarze@qwest.net).

## NOVEMBER 2011

### **Healthy Boundaries/Healthy Relationships Workshop, November 1,**

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul. A workshop for children, youth and family ministry leaders to address relationship challenges that church professionals encounter and to discuss tools for authentic relationships and appropriate boundaries. Cost: \$25 each includes materials. Register on the synod website ([www.mpls-synod.org](http://www.mpls-synod.org)).

### **Global Companion Celebration,**

**November 3,** 6 p.m., House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 7625 Chicago Ave, Richfield. Begin with a simple supper at 6:00 p.m. (cost \$5) followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. where you can choose one of two panels made up of synod members who are experienced in the global relationships within their congregations: "Engaging the Whole Congregation," and "Communication and Troubleshooting." This gathering is designed for all synod congregations who are involved in global companion relationships. RSVP by October 31 to [globalmission@mpls-synod.org](mailto:globalmission@mpls-synod.org).

### **Our Saviour's Community Services**

**Fundraiser, November 3,** 5:30-8 p.m., Open Book/The Loft, 1011 Washington Ave. S, Minneapolis. Event benefits the English-language programs and homeless services of Our Saviour's Community Services. Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Advance reservations can be made online at [www.osom-mn.org](http://www.osom-mn.org) or by phone at 612-871-5900, ext. 4.

### **Systems Theory Applied to Your**

**Systems, November 8,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Luther Seminary, St. Paul. A seminar with systems content taught through the use of case studies and nuclear

family issues of your own. Each congregational group will be invited to share one problem or case study with the larger group. Leader: Rev. Dr. John Martin Mann. Cost: \$50 per person; up to five people from the same congregation, \$200; 6 or more, \$250.00. Make checks payable to the Minneapolis Area Synod and mail to Dawn Wickner, Minneapolis Area Synod, 122 West Franklin Ave., #600, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Contact Roger Schwarze, 651-777-5102 or [rschwarze@qwest.net](mailto:rschwarze@qwest.net).

**Previews, November 10,** Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Previews gives high-school youth a "preview" of seminary life. It's designed for youth who have gifts for ministry. Previews is sponsored by Luther Seminary and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Minneapolis. For more information and to register, visit Luther Seminary's website.

### **Minneapolis Area Synod Fall**

**Ministerium, November 10,** 9 a.m.-noon, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave, Bloomington. Former Bishops April Larson, Glenn Nycklemoe and Rick Foss will serve as a panel for us offering their perspective on the office of bishop. After the panel, worship with communion and a service of renewal with blessing of vows of ordination, consecration and commissioning. Sponsored by the conference deans and the bishop election committee. Register on the synod website. If you want to stay for lunch, please indicate that, \$10 will be payable at the door.

**Seminary of the Streets – "Building the Beloved Community: A Matter of Race and Grace," November 10,** 6-8 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills, 500 Blake Road S, Edina, Participants will use case studies, and an

interactive personal community analysis tool developed by Vivian Jenkins Nelsen and explore the top ten competencies needed by builders of vibrant diverse communities of faith as tools for change. A local meal will be served at 5:15 p.m., with the session beginning at 6 pm. Register at the synod website.

### **19th Annual Alternative Christmas Market, November 12-13,**

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 13501 Sunset Trail, Plymouth. Buy meaningful gifts to honor special people in their life. Also available at the Market are third-world craft items from SERRV, such as basketware, hand-crafted jewelry, toys, etc. Cash or checks accepted (no credit cards).

### **Everyday Faith: Sharing the Message and Vision, November 15-17,**

Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Join faculty at Luther Seminary – Profs. Rolf Jacobson, David Lose, Amy Marga and Kathryn Schifferdecker – who are working with their peers at four other seminaries across the country to empower all Christians to live their faith every day. Visit [www.luthersem.edu/kairos](http://www.luthersem.edu/kairos) and click "Courses" to register.

## Are you visiting your companion congregation?

The synod's Global Companion Table is assembling a list of those congregations traveling to visit their companion congregation or institution. Please let us know when you are going. Please email table co-chair Lauren Morse-Wendt at [lmorsewendt@eclc.org](mailto:lmorsewendt@eclc.org).

# Let's party! Mosquito season is over!

by Mary Simonson Clark, Minneapolis Area Synod ELCA Malaria Campaign coordinator

Mosquito season is over for Minnesotans. Nevertheless, the threat of mosquitoes continues for our neighbors in our companion synods of Angola, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This threat is not simply the annoyance of buzzing mosquitoes and itching bites or even the very rare life-threatening West Nile virus. It involves the threat of mosquito-borne malaria, a disease that affects half the world's population (3.3 billion people), drains \$12 billion of productivity out of the Pan-African economy annually, and takes the lives of about 800,000 people each year – including 10,000 pregnant women with their unborn babies and a child every 45 seconds. No, mosquito season is NOT over for our sisters and brothers in sub-Saharan Africa!

We can celebrate the end of the Minnesota mosquito season, but let's party with a purpose! Why not have a fun event that also raises awareness and funds to prevent and treat malaria? Choose a fundraising goal that is meaningful to your congregation, involve your children and youth, and provide a series of engaging activities. On Sunday, October 9, Word of Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers will celebrate reaching its goal of \$12,000. Heather Swanson cites the many ways they raised awareness and funds to prevent malaria:

During Lent, we handed out coin boxes with a malaria sticker, and encouraged each family in the congregation (about 1,200 households) to give at least \$10 to help fight malaria. We raised about \$3,000 during Lent, and money has continued to come in since then.

The confirmation class and church school put their Lenten and spring offerings toward malaria as well – almost another \$1,000.

We recognized World Malaria Day in May by dedicating the Lenten offerings and hearing from a woman in our congregation who experienced a bad case of malaria during her stint in the Peace Corps. She shared her story with the congregation, which was very powerful and helped bring the experience home for a lot of people.

Our Vacation Bible School Pandamania offering collected over \$3,000 through Nickels for Nets.



**Dain Swanson, Director of Youth Ministries at Word of Peace Lutheran Church, enthusiastically raises malaria awareness during the Rockin' Rogers Day parade.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER SWANSON

We handed out fly swatters (with our church's name and a small note about the malaria campaign) during the Rockin' Rogers Days Parade. We also invited the community to a free band concert at our church which was a benefit for malaria. We raised about \$600 and educated our town just a bit about malaria.

We invited the congregation members to host a summer BBQ, and use the ever-present reminder of being bitten by mosquitoes ourselves, to spread the word about malaria to their neighbors. They collected an offering from their guests (as willing) as well.

In addition, under the guidance of Youth Director Greg Sletten, St. John's Lutheran Church, Mound, recently launched their malaria work with a youth "sleep under (nets)" to raise awareness. This month, they accelerate their malaria work with presentations for all ages. For resources, go to [www.mpls-synod.org/programs/malaria](http://www.mpls-synod.org/programs/malaria) and for presenters contact Mary at 612-636-5104, 952-933-8836 or [marysimonsonclark@gmail.com](mailto:marysimonsonclark@gmail.com).

This is a great time to launch your congregation's malaria work. With the overwhelming approval of the ELCA Malaria Campaign at the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, new materials are available at [www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria).

Yes, let's all celebrate the end of Minnesota's mosquito season! However, while we're at it, let's all also help our neighbors in Africa contain mosquito-borne malaria. Freed in Christ (and from another season of mosquitoes), we are all the hands that do God's healing work.

# Reaching across the world and time

by Amy Blumenshine, DM, *Coming Home Collaborative*

Some are reaching across the world and across time to address the invisible injuries with which veterans return from war. Distinguished author, professor, and activist Robert Emmet Meagher has explored the internal conflicts of ancient Greeks and Northern Ireland combatants – as well as U.S. veterans – in forming his recommendations for healing in the aftermath of war.

Meagher's research has been broad. In both modern conversations and ancient writings, military veterans have talked about the death of their souls and the loss of their humanity. Yet, says Meagher, poignantly, "No one ever told them that in war what they were being asked to do was to put their souls at peril."

While talk of "soul" is unusual in the professional and vast federally-funded veterans services, "moral injury" has become a relatively recent research topic. The Veterans Ministry Roundtable has been exploring what moral injury is, and especially, the role of faith communities in helping people heal. As pastoral care providers, we do talk about cultivating the soul and how to heal from moral injury.

Meagher noted that caregivers of veterans also have shared with him how veterans are consumed with guilt and shame. In his experience, military moral wounding occurs not so much around the fear of death and witnessing devastation, but as a result of the exercise of power, especially killing.

Current research shows that killing is the greatest risk factor for incurring military Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). "We have to re-examine the categories we've used with respect to the morality of war," he urges. As a theologian (who taught at Notre Dame), Meagher critiques the church for differentiating between illegitimate and legitimate killing, or between murder and killing. "War and killing may be necessary, but we should never say that it is justified. Many veterans feel like criminals, but it is the essential criminality of war itself."

From his perspective of looking across centuries and cultures (many of them non-Christian), Meagher maintains that war has been seen as carrying a societal pollution. The ancient Greeks called the pollution of war *miasma* which was akin to guilt but carried no moral or legal connotation; it was just something by which you were tainted and for which you needed purification.

In order for veterans to heal, says Meagher, "We need to communalize the pollution of war." He is among those who claim that many of the ancient Greek dramas played a role in that healing. Sophocles, one of those playwrights, was also a general. Meagher explored these themes in his book, *Herakles Gone Mad: Rethinking Heroism in*



*an Age of Endless War.* He has been called "the finest living translator of Greek drama."

Meagher concurs with Rev. Bill Salois, a leader with the International Conference of War Veteran Ministers, in his claim that military veterans around the world – irrespective of government, era or side – universally suffer in the aftermath of killing, although the suffering can manifest itself in different ways.

In exploring Euripides's play about Hercules, the Greek's most beloved hero, Meagher notes that after combat Hercules becomes unable to tell his enemies from friends, and tragically slays his wife and children. This tragic storyline, more than 2,300 years old, has appeared in our current headlines. The second half of the play shows "the startling heroism required to come back more or less intact from the trauma of combat and to affirm life again." According to Meagher, Hercules [*Herakles*] finds healing through communalization, "the most essential craving of every veteran and the most fundamental obligation of the country they served."

Meagher has worked with the Veteran's Education Project and the Stories of War and Return Project. Anyone interested in ministry with veterans and their families is invited to hear him at the November Veteran's Ministry Roundtable, November 1, noon to 1 p.m., (not the usual second Tuesday). A simple lunch will be served at Our Saviour's Lutheran, 2315 Chicago Ave. S, Minneapolis.

Please RSVP to ListenToVets@comcast.net or 612-871-2967.

Mind Body Solutions will offer a free Yoga class for Veterans at their Minnetonka studio (17516 Minnetonka Blvd.) beginning Tuesday, October 4. The class runs from 3:45 to 5 p.m. through November 15. All veterans are welcome. Call 952-473-3700 or email [info@mindbodysolutions.org](mailto:info@mindbodysolutions.org) for more information.

# Bishops' Theological Conference provides time for fellowship and study

After six years at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, this fall the joint theological conference moved to Heartwood Conference Center and Retreat, September 25-27. A record number of participants attended the conference this year. If you were unable to make it this year, we hope you make it a priority next year.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a discount on facility use and thanks to three congregations who generously assisted in our efforts to create healthy leaders by providing a \$100 discount on the registration fees of up to 100 registrants from our synod. The congregations were Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove; and Lutheran Church of St. Philip the Deacon, Plymouth.

Time together gave rostered leaders time to talk, compare notes, learn, and have fun.



Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson was one of the featured speakers at the Bishops' Theological Conference.



## Bishop Hanson extends support for Lutherans In Jordan, Holy Land

The presiding bishop of the ELCA, Mark S. Hanson, sent a letter on September 22 to Bishop Munib Younan and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), expressing the support of this church for a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Hanson drafted the letter in response to growing tensions in the Middle East as Palestine submitted a formal proposal for full membership in the United Nations. “As leaders of government debate Palestinian membership in the United Nations, we want you to know of our continued commitment to accompany you on the road to a just two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” Hanson wrote. He noted the ELCA’s commitment runs deeper than national interest and reflects “active engagement in Palestine and Israel as it is articulated in the ELCA Peace Not Walls campaign.”

Earlier in the week Hanson wrote to President Barack Obama, asking the United States not to block an initiative to admit Palestine as a member state of the United Nations. Such a move, the bishop observed, would be acting not only in the best interests of the United States, out of all people in the region.

Outbreaks of violence have been escalating in the region, especially around security checkpoints, which have raised concerns about the 14 ELCA church workers currently supporting the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Robert O. Smith, area program director for the Middle East and North Africa, and coordinator of the Peace Not Walls campaign, reported that the ELCA has been involved in security and contingency planning for several weeks.

“We are concerned not only for the safety and security of our ELCA church workers, but for the well-being of our companions in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and all persons who may be caught in potentially dangerous situations,” Smith said. “Our Young Adults in Global Mission are especially concerned for the safety and security of the Muslim and Christian children they accompany every day in the schools.”

Of the 14 ELCA church workers serving in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, five have long-term assignments, six are Young Adults in Global Mission and three are with The Lutheran World Federation program in Jerusalem.



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the ELCA are members of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion with 145 member churches in 79 countries representing over 70 million Lutherans.

“At such a time it is important to reach out to sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land,” said Hanson. “For the unity we share in Christ is stronger than all the forces that might divide us. That unity calls for our public witness as we join with other Christians, Jews and Muslims advocating for a lasting and just two-state solution for Israel and Palestine. It compels us to reject violence by any party to the conflict.”

The presiding bishop said, “It is my hope that ELCA members are praying for peace even as they deepen their awareness of the issues and advocate for a peaceful and just resolution. We join with Muslims, Jews and other Christians trusting it is God’s will to hold heaven and earth in a single peace.”

### Leipzig guests arriving soon

Minneapolis Area Synod congregations will be hosting 15 members from the Lutheran Church in Leipzig beginning October 14, for ten days of engagement, learning and relationship building around the theme of “Worship and Culture in the 21st Century.”

Thank you to the new host churches involved in the Leipzig connection – University Lutheran Church of Hope, Grace University, Edina Community, Mount Olivet, Redeemer, North East Community, Mount Calvary, Central, and Our Saviour’s. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

# River of Life kitchen remodel finally complete

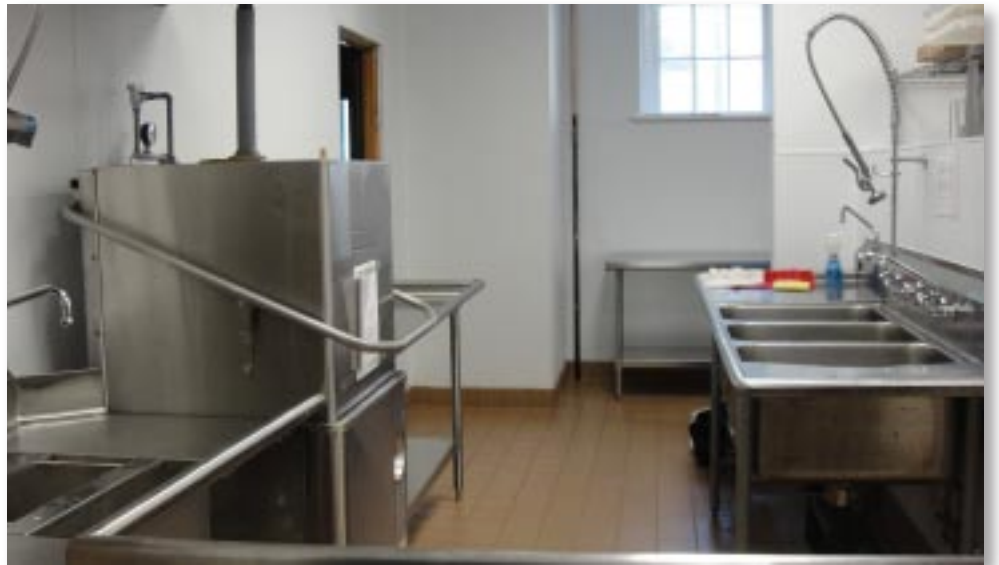
The kitchen at River of Life (formerly Bethlehem) Lutheran Church has hosted Loaves and Fishes in north Minneapolis since 1983. Five nights per week this non-profit's staff supervises a volunteer serving group from either a church or corporation, prepared to feed between 100 and 300 hungry people. Whether the teams have been coming for one or 27 years, they all know one thing: The 1929 kitchen needed a major remodel!

Thanks to very motivating matching grants from the Otto Bremer Foundation and the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, and grants from the General Mills Foundation, Open Your Hearts to the Hungry and Homeless, Cub Cares Community Foundation, and North Mpls and West Hennepin Thrivent chapters, we reached our fundraising goal and finished remodeling this summer.

Thank you to all who sacrificed this summer, and especially to the 16 churches, including eight ELCA congregations from the Minneapolis Area Synod, whose contributions made the 2011 kitchen remodel at River of Life possible.

Servant of Christ Lutheran, Champlin  
Advent Lutheran, Maple Grove  
House of Hope Lutheran, New Hope  
Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran, Robbinsdale  
Cross of Glory Lutheran, Brooklyn Center  
Peace Lutheran, Coon Rapids  
Valley of Peace Lutheran, Golden Valley  
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Brooklyn Park

Over the years the number of volunteer teams preparing and serving the meals grew to its present total of 35. In 2011, we begin a new chapter of the story. Now that this kitchen is up to modern standards, it could indeed be used for another 20 community events and feeding ministries. Thanks be to God!



## 2012 Nigeria trip planned

Are you excited to see where God is active in the world and then to partner with God's family in another place? Then the 2012 synod partnership trip to Nigeria is for you! The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria is an amazing church comprised of approximately 600 pastors serving nearly 2,500 congregations.

Cost of the trip per person is approximately \$3,500 which covers all airfare, transportation, lodging, meals, visa and tips. For further information, contact the synod's companion synod coordinator, Kris Perry, at [k.perry@mpls-synod.org](mailto:k.perry@mpls-synod.org). The first orientation session will be held November 5, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with subsequent orientation sessions held May 3 and September 6, 2012, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

# Our Synod in Mission

## Summer youth program transforms lives

Children, youth and families in the urban core were blessed through unique and creative ministries this past summer, thanks in part to generous funding from Minneapolis Area Synod congregations, individuals and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The Minneapolis Area Synod's Summer Youth Program Consortium, now in its 29th year, links the generous giving with the tremendous needs for kids and families in the city and the congregations serving them. For more information on how to support these ministries in the summer of 2012, contact Jo Mueller, youth and family ministry coordinator, at [j.mueller@mpls-synod.org](mailto:j.mueller@mpls-synod.org).

Here is one story about the summer ministries made possible through both mission support and extra mile giving:

### Redeemer Lutheran Church and Jordan New Life, Minneapolis

by Kent Goodroad

In late June, elementary and middle school students from Redeemer, River of Life, Messiah and Jordan New Life Lutheran Churches spent three wonderful days on campus at St. Olaf college participating in Vacation Bible School. The students learned about the campus, slept in the dormitories, enjoyed the amenities, ate all the delicious campus food, as well as learned about God's love.

As part of the experience, the students chose three classes to attend during the day. This is intended to simulate choosing classes in either high school or college. The



Students selected three classes each day.



Young people from Redeemer Lutheran Church and Jordan new Life spent three days at Vacation Bible School at St. Olaf College.

classes included piano, art, acting, soccer, capeirora, rapping, poetry, singing and Spanish.

One of the many highlights included a high school leadership cohort of 10 students facilitating games and activities for the younger students. It was a beautiful example of young people leading young people. One of the young men came alive those three days in ways I never knew possible. He has had some trouble in the past, but was without question one of the strongest student leaders during the experience. He took his leadership to another level.

Another highlight was all the students preparing either a song or a skit for the closing worship on the last day. Each student had something unique to offer.

Probably the most memorable moment transpired at the first worship service. One of the adult leaders was giving an evening talk about the importance of reading the Bible, and challenged the students to see who knew the most Bible verses. A few students shared, and then out of the blue an 11-year-old young man recited just about half of a chapter out of the Psalms. Everyone was totally amazed! He hadn't really said much up until that point. Needless to say, he won (to the glory of God)!

This is at least the eighth annual collaborative Vacation Bible School we have been able to hold at St. Olaf College, and it would not be possible without this support. Thank you!

## Ordination services

It has been my privilege this fall to participate in the ordination services of the following first-call pastors:

**Rev. Wolfgang W. Laudert**, ordained August 28, 2011, to West Union Lutheran Church, Carver, pastor.



**Rev. Jonathon Lund**, ordained August 11, 2011, to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis, associate pastor for children, youth and family.

**Rev. Derek J. Tronsgard**, ordained August 27, 2011, to Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Wayzata, associate pastor in children's youth and family ministry.

**Rev. Stephen Grove**, ordained September 13, 2011, to Christ English Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, pastor.

**Rev. Jacqueline Thone**, ordained September 18, 2011, to Saint Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, associate pastor.

The ordination service of our first call pastoral candidates is a joyful and celebrative occasion. I wish that these services could all be scheduled more often at times other than Sunday mornings to allow clergy and lay representatives from neighboring congregations to attend. I am pleased to say that all of the ordinations this fall have been scheduled so that a good representation of clergy and guests from synod congregations could be present. Those attending represent the whole church as they respond to the questions to receive the candidate as a messenger of Jesus Christ, a servant of Christ, to pray for the candidate, and to live together in the peace and unity of Christ. Those assembled offer acclamation with applause that is heard throughout

the church. In the laying on of hands and prayer for the candidate, the clergy present join in the biblical tradition of setting apart one called by the church to be a pastor in the church.

I am always deeply moved by this service and give thanks and praise to God as I drive away from the church for raising up another servant of the Gospel. As a pastor/bishop serving in this church, soon to be 50 years, I am filled with hope for the future of this church as these brothers and sisters affirm their vows to be faithful pastors in this church.

I ask you to support these new pastors with words of encouragement, prayer and acceptance.

One of the great blessings of serving as a synod bishop is the privilege that is mine to pray for and support wonderful rostered leaders and lay church workers. Thanks to all of you. You are appreciated. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this church.

It is with joy that all of us in the Minneapolis Area Synod welcome these newly ordained pastors to serve with us. God's blessings and our thanks go with you.

*Interim Bishop Glenn Nycklemoe*

**YOU ARE INVITED**



**Minneapolis Area Synod's 5th Annual**

# Global Companion Celebration

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011**

**House of Prayer Lutheran Church**  
7625 Chicago Avenue, Richfield MN 55423  
612-866-8471

**6:00 – Dinner**  
(\$5.00 for optional dinner)

During dinner, those attending will sit at tables by clusters with others who are in companion relationship in the same global area/continent

**6:40 – Worship and MAS updates**

**7:00-8:00 – Program**  
Choose one of two panels made up of synod members who are experienced in global relationships within their congregations

**Panel 1: Engaging the Whole Congregation**  
**Panel 2: Communication Troubleshooting**

RSVP by October 31 to: [globalmission@mpls-synod.org](mailto:globalmission@mpls-synod.org)

Your choice –  
Come at 6:00 for dinner  
(\$5.00) then stay for the  
meeting or come at 7:00  
for the meeting only

