

Opportunities

MUSIC AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contemporary Worship Leader
– Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Lake (PT).

Organist/Accompanist – Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, Chaska (PT).

Music and Worship Director/Pianist
– Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Lakeville (PT).

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Youth and Family Director – Celebration Lutheran Church, Sartell (FT).

Youth Director – Alleluia! Lutheran Church, St. Michael (PT).

Youth and Family Ministry Assistant – St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul (PT).

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry – Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto, Calif. (FT).

Director of Youth and Family Ministry – Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake (FT).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER POSITIONS

Adult Discipleship Minister – St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove (PT).

Development Associate – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis (PT).

For more job opportunities, visit the synod Web site, www.mpls-synod.org.

Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal Available

The new guide for church leaders, *Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal: Pastoral Care and Ministry with Service Members Returning from War* is now available and receiving good reviews.

Notes Bishop Craig E. Johnson, “Our congregations have not always done their most exemplary work in welcoming members back from wars. I believe the reason for most of that neglect is that pastors and congregations are not sure what to do for returning veterans. This volume is a wonderful primer for understanding the needs of returning veterans to their communities and communities of faith. Committees and pastors would do well to utilize this book as they look to welcoming the baptized home from wars.”

The book addresses church leaders and pastoral care providers who have the opportunity to improve the re-integration experiences of military service members returning from war. The book is being distributed as a ministry of Elim Lutheran Church

of Blackhoof, Minn. Simply e-mail mailing information to welcmeim@aol.com. Donations of \$10 are solicited as a “pay it forward” ministry. Elim Lutheran Church of Blackhoof is located at 2077 County Road 6, Barnum, Minn.

Gary Schoener, executive director of the Walk-In Counseling Center in Minneapolis, observes: “The richness of this book is exceptional. As a psychologist who has worked with veterans from many wars I found the insights and formulations and recommendations incredibly valuable. This needs to be in the library of all churches who have a social mission and commitment to healing. Pastors and volunteers alike will find it invaluable. Packed with wisdom and practical advice, this guide is for those who care about veterans and want to help them and their families manage the transition to civilian life. This book is succinct and to the point but bursting with helpful practical advice and guidance. The sections on

psychological problems are masterfully done and will be helpful to clergy and laity alike. Beyond the extraordinarily

useful information and guidance in this book, it provides an outstanding guide to other resources.”

Four authors bring a variety of expertise to the guide, including local diaconal minister Amy Blumenshine, and former Minnesota National Guard chaplain and parish pastor John Sippola of Duluth.

The book features explanations of the common deployment-related symptoms and reactions, including combat operational stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, traumatic brain injury, moral and spiritual distress. A significant section provides guidance on pastoral care tips related to working individually with veterans.

