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Pastor's Corner

Our very own Austin Danula served as a delegate from our synod to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly that just met in Philadelphia. Following is a news article summarizing the actions taken at the assembly, most notably, the election of a new presiding bishop. Austin will be giving a report to us soon during our worship service about his time at the assembly.

Peace,

Pastor Kristina

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ELCA NEWS SERVICE

August 20, 2013

ELCA assembly makes decisions to move church forward

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CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Voting members of the 2013 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church. The assembly, the chief legislative authority of the church, gathered Aug. 12-17 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

The 952 voting members:

- + Elected the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, as ELCA presiding bishop. She will be installed Oct. 5 in Chicago and will begin her six-year term Nov. 1.
- + Elected the Rev. Wm Chris Boerger as ELCA secretary. Boerger, currently on leave from call, was installed during the assembly's closing worship Aug. 16 and will begin his six-year term Nov. 1.
- + Adopted "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" -- a social statement on criminal justice -- and its supporting implementing resolutions. The statement calls ELCA members to ministry and compassion through practices including: hearing the cries of those affected, accompaniment, hospitality and advocacy. It asks members of this church to recommit themselves to visiting the prisoner; correct the flawed criminal justice system and participate in God's work with hands and hearts.
- + Approved a proposal for the ELCA's first major fundraising campaign. The five-year campaign, to begin in 2014, is designed to increase this church's capacity to renew and start new congregations, educate and develop its leaders, bolster its global mission efforts and expand the impact of its relief and development work. Voting members approved two more campaign initiatives -- encouraging and forming lay youth and young adult leaders and support for disability ministry.

+ Approved the ELCA churchwide organization budget for fiscal years 2014-2016. The budget includes current fund spending of \$70,541,740 for 2014, \$68,552,280 for 2015, and \$67,920,675 for 2016. It also approved ELCA World Hunger income proposals of \$19,000,000 for each year 2014-2016, and authorized the ELCA Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.

+ Elected ELCA members to serve on the following: Church Council, Portico Benefit Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, Nominating Committee.

+ Adopted a series of amendments to the ELCA Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.

+ Moved to continue the Book of Faith initiative that invites the 4-million-member ELCA to become fluent in the first language of our faith -- the language of Scripture -- and to be renewed for lives of witness and service.

+ Considered memorials - resolution from the ELCA's 65 synods -- on topics including Holy Communion, immigration reform, the Middle East, pastoral ministry among to same-gender couples and their families, the Uniting American Families Act, community violence, gender identity, immigration detention, hydraulic fracturing, fossil fuels and more.

The assembly will transition from a biennial to a triennial schedule with the next assembly meeting August 2016 in New Orleans.

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

Our Savior's Lutheran Congregational Council Minutes August 13, 2013

Meeting was brought to order at 6:40pm with a prayer and devotions. Present: Pastor Kristina, Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Karen Maron, Ken Tanula, Doug Thyberg; Rozie Maki, excused; Tammy Sipsas, absent.

Secretary presented minutes from the June 2013 and July 2013 meetings for approval. Doug motioned to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

Treasurer presented the financial report subject to audit. Ken motioned to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Howard. Motion carried.

Sandy gave the president's report and said that Jane Jensen would like to help financially with the bathroom remodel project. Thanks Jane for the generous offer.

Pastor's report noted that she and Jonathon spent three days at camp with our confirmation students. She took some time off to assist Jonathon after his surgery. The VBS kids sang at the talent show Thursday evening and all attended but one. There were as many as 37 kids in attendance. Thanks to Mary Berube and John Schrock for lending the use of their cabin to the counselor's teaching VBS. Pastor reported she attended a burial service for Bernice Philby and enjoyed getting to know the family. The Bi-Annual assembly is currently going on in Philadelphia. Austin Danula is a national delegate. Look at full streaming of the proceedings at www.elca.org.

Finance Committee: The committee did not meet. Doug requests that all committees requiring budget line items please have their requests in to him by October 20th.

Memorial Committee did not meet.

Outreach and Evangelism met and filled in a schedule to work the breakfast provided during food shelf distribution. They discussed and made a plan to paint the highway signs for our church. Discussion about playground equipment led looking for grants for these items. They discussed the blueberry float. The committee decided they would like to take the lead for the congregation if the council recommends we go ahead with Malawi sister congregation.

Vibrant Faith team did not meet.

Education will meet on the 19th. Pastor did meet with Nancy Thyberg to discuss a curriculum and teachers for this upcoming Wednesday Bible School.

Property Committee did not meet but the replacement window is here.

Stewardship Committee have not met.

Executive Committee have not met.

Worship Committee met and reported they have hymns selected through early September. Polka service is set for August 25 at Moon Lake Park. There will be six baptisms at Moon Lake that day. We will switch to setting five literagy on September 8th.

Food Shelf Committee reported they are serving between 71 and 75 families per month.

Landscape committee reported that the pump in the fountain needs replacing. We are having a dedication for the front entrance area that is newly landscaped September 24th.

Mutual ministry met and discussed their mission statement.

Cindy made a motion to accept the committee reports as presented. Seconded by Howard.
Motion carried.

Old Business: Motion by Cindy that the council move forward with having a sister congregation in Malawi and that the Evangelism committee prepare presentation to the congregation. Seconded by Ken. Further discussion followed asking why the synod chooses Malawi. Pastor explained that they match up different synods with different countries. It just happens that our synod has Malawi. The group further discussed the synod guidelines regarding having a sister congregation. Many felt it was important to continue our Honduras support. We thought it would be favorable to ask Marie Mattson to again address the whole congregation about her experience with her church and their sister congregation. The congregation as a whole will be given a presentation on this project at a future meeting.

Motion carried 6 yes, 1 nay.

Old Business: We discussed as a group what the best way to approach non-attending members. Pastor would like to send out a post card followed up with a phone call. There are approximately 30 families that are not attending, communing or giving. Howard was in favor of having the council make the contacts. Pastor will begin this by calling on families we pray for weekly.

New business: The fig leaf has given us \$1500.00 contribution from their business. Motion by Ken to appropriate \$500.00 of that money to Pastor's discretionary fund. Seconded by Cindy.
Motion carried. The balance to be discussed next month.

Discussion regarding the Harvest Dinner for this fall and the date of October 2nd was decided. Further discussion on this will continue next month.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, seconded by Doug.

The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hipsher



Volunteer Schedule September 2013

Prayer for Families

We will continue this year to include three families or individuals in our Sunday morning prayers. I know there are many of you that pray for individuals and the needs that we know of, but there are many times we don't know when someone is in need of a prayer. This is one more way for us to care for each other placing them in God's hands.

September 1

Chris & Shelly Olson
Jim & Nan Olson
Charles & Beverly Patterson

September 8

Beverly Patterson
Jerry & Julie Peck
Jim & Ginny Pedersen

September 15

Bill & Linda Pepping
Lois Peterson
Gail Plaster

September 22

Brice & Judy Pohjonen
Ken & Bonnie Rantala
Jim & Sandy Rau

September 29

Dick & Kathy Rewalt
Bob & Roberta Ruef
Shirley Saker

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
September 1	Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti	John Joseph	Volunteer Needed
September 8	Rita Collins & Bonnie Rantala	Jim Pedersen	Julia Collins
September 15	John Schrock & Mary Berube	Himma Santtiko	Volunteer Needed
September 22	Rick & Jody Forsythe	Rozie Maki	Nancy Thyberg
September 29	Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel	Linda Hultman	Volunteer Needed

Monthly

Ushers: Sept 1-15 Wayne & Lynette Smith
Sept 22-29 Ken & Linda Watters

Greeters: John & Donna Kramolis

Altar Guild:

Acolytes: Sept 1- Luke Drougas
Sept 8- Chloe Sipsas
Sept 15- Andrew Hanson
Sept 22- Allison Luoma
Sept 29- Shane Sipsas



Eric Olson - 1st
Tammy Sipsas - 4th
JoAnn Forsythe - 5th
Donna Trautt - 6th
Beau Sipsas - 8th
Beverly Patterson - 8th
Nan Olson - 9th
Linda Pepping - 10th
Bob Ruef - 10th
Barbara Carlson - 11th
Lois Peterson - 11th
Marge Lahti - 11th

Jim Rau - 11th
Jane Joseph - 12th
Patty Lehman - 14th
Krista Grunderman - 14th
Jim Brandmeier - 16th
Jim Anderson - 16th
Chloe Sipsas - 18th
Wayne Smith - 24th
Chuck Buran - 26th
Fred Baue - 28th
Tracy Olson - 30th



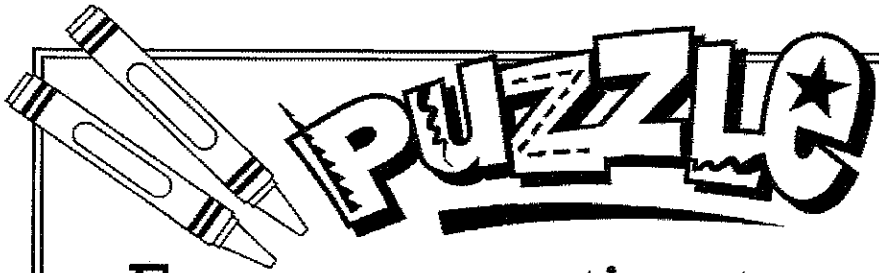
Jim and Sandy Rau - 8th
Lauri and Lorraine Lind - 11th
Rick and Jody Forsythe - 29th

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September 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned peas	2 Office Closed For Labor Day 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon	3 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga Choir Rehearsal	4 9:30 Bible Study	5 11:00-2:00 CARE luncheon	6	7 12:00 Yoga
8 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Oatmeal or other "hot" cereal	9 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 6:30 Education @ the P. Parlor 5:00 Worship 7:00 AI-Anon	10 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	11 9:30 Bible Study Fig Leaf meeting	12 Choir Rehearsal	13	14 12:00 Yoga
15 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Peanut butter	16 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon	17 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	18 9:30 Bible Study 5:00 Wednesday Bible School Kickoff Party @ Moon Lake Park —weather permitting	19 Choir Rehearsal	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
22 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned fruit	23 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon	24 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	25 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School	26 Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Food Share 12:00 Yoga
29 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Cereal	30 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon				Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday- Thursday 9:30-1:00 Call 715-372- 8701 or 715-813- 0830 to reach the Pastor.	Secretary's Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30

Save the date: OSLC Fall Fest Dinner, October 9th.



From generation to GENERATION

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words	3-letter words	4-letter words	5+ letters
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Add up the total number of words you found. >>> _____

Answers will vary.



Psalm 46:10

Sometimes our lives are so busy that we cannot seem to fit another thing into the day! But there is something very important that we need to do each day.

Find the answer using the code below.

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D E	H I	M N	S T	W Y

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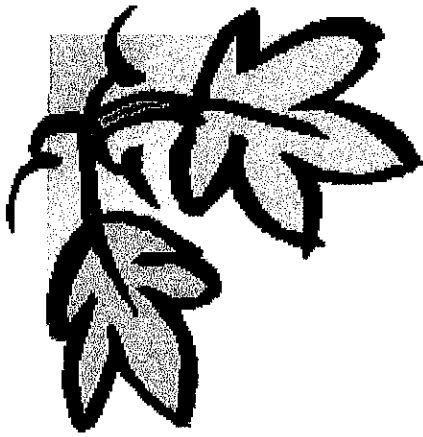
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We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God."



**Our Savior's
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Annual Fall Fest

**Roast Beef & Pork
Dinner**

Take-outs available

**Wednesday,
October 9, 2013**

