



# SUNDAY AND BEYOND

## The 12th Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA

The 12th Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, FLA. The Assembly included 1,025 voting members. The theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve."

### Summary of Actions

**ELCA malaria Campaign officially launched.** The assembly officially launched the ELCA Malaria Campaign under the auspices of ELCA World Hunger. Along with our full communion partners, ELCA members will join with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period. The assembly acknowledged

that gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are not intended to replace gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

**"Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted.** The assembly adopted "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," a social statement on genetics. The statement, described as the first by a North American church, develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research. It is the 11th social statement of the ELCA.

**Review Process for social statements adopted.** The assembly called for a review pro-

cess of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements. No new social statements will be considered until a review process has been completed and shared with the ELCA Church Council in the fall of 2012, followed by a report to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. During this time, the process for developing the criminal justice social statement and the justice for woman social statement will continue.  
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## Sunday School Has Begun!!

Sunday School Registration was held Sunday, Sept. 11th. We had an overwhelming amount of registrations handed in.

**Lords Prayer Challenge:** A challenge of learning the Lord's Prayer was handed to all Sunday School kids over the summer. We are looking for ideas on how to let them share this with the congregation. An idea was tossed out that maybe the kids could lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer on a Sunday. Your ideas are welcome. Ready? Set? Go!!

**Goals:** The Sunday School staff is working diligently on honoring the vision and mission statement of the Council. We are also working very hard this year to find ways to bring together the congregation and the Sunday School. Your help in spreading the word about the "awesomeness" of this program not only eases the minds of our congregation but also helps those that spend long hours preparing for class know that it is worth it!

I feel confident in stating

that this will not only be the largest Sunday School Class since I have been teaching but I truly believe that it will be the best! We had a great kick off with our Lutherdale trip and that momentum seems to keep building. Please keep the children, their families, the teachers and volunteers in your prayers.

*From September Council Youth Education Report*

*Jaime Lewellin*



## *Pastor's Message* Interim Pastor Jim Schwarz

Over the centuries of church history, congregations with similar beliefs have come together as denominations. On the one hand, this causes division in the Christian church as a whole, especially when differences between these denominations are emphasized more than what they have in common. In recent times the ecumenical movement has not resulted in one unified church throughout the world, but it has led to better understanding and cooperation among the various churches. In fact, in one sense denominationalism can be seen as a gift of God for the good of the church because it allows the great diversity among people to be formed at times into a remarkable unity. Each denomination has unique insights and gifts to share with the whole Christian community.



Pastor Jim Schwarz

At the end of this month we celebrate what is especially characteristic of Lutheranism. We are a confessional church. That is to say that we accept as true and normative for our congregations the statements of belief from the Reformation period included in the Book of Concord. Central in these documents is the "Augsburg Confession," prepared by Martin Luther's colleague, Philip Melancthon, for presentation to Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.

At the center of the "Augsburg Confession" is this statement: "We receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith." Luther once called those words of Melancthon "the article on which the church stands or falls."

But something often happens to this article in day-to-day comments about the Christian faith. People add more than we would care to say. For example, someone will ask, "What is real Christian faith?" The question implies that we cannot depend simply upon "faith." There must be "real faith" or "personal faith" in Christ. Not just faith in Christ but one kind of faith: born again faith, conservative faith, liberal faith, evangelical faith. Not just faith in Christ but strong faith that never cries, falters, or doubts. Not just faith in Christ but faith in the signs of a successful life— marriage, home, job, wealth, position in the community. Not just faith in Christ but "good" faith, as in, "A real Christian would not do that kind of thing but would do this kind of thing."

Our "Lutheran Confessions" will have none of this! Rather they trust faith in Christ alone and grace alone. A Christian is only a Christian. There is no such thing as a "real" Christian or a "good" Christian. There are only sinners who have been brought back to God in Christ.

The problem with all of our definitions is that they trap us into never having, doing, or being "enough" of whatever it is we have to be. We don't have enough material goods. Our language is not inclusive enough. Our attitude isn't pious enough. We aren't strict enough. We aren't tolerant enough. Never enough!

The "Confessions" tell us to "stop it!" We can never do enough. Christ has already done it all for us. We live the life we have been given. This is the good news we will be celebrating again on Reformation Day and throughout the church year.

In Christ,

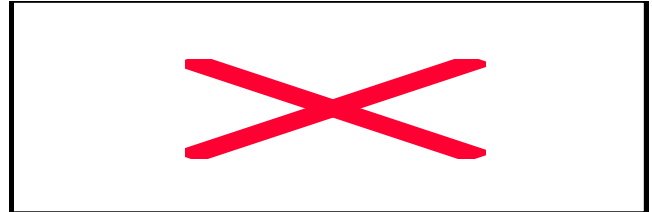
Pastor Jim Schwarz



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### **Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted**

There were resolutions put forth by the ELCA Church Council and the Living into the Future task force, designed to set a course for the ELCA's future and to consider this church's structure and relationships.



- Churchwide Assemblies will transition from a biennial to a triennial cycle, starting after the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.
- The assembly also approved recommendations that focus on strengthening connections within and across the expressions and partner ministries of this church.
- Voting members of the ELCA Church Council shall include the four churchwide officers and the chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops. Thirty-three members will continue to be nominated by their synods; the council may not exceed 45 members. Additional members may be nominated by the Church Council to ensure diversity and expertise. All will continue to be elected by the Churchwide Assembly.
- The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit of the churchwide organization will review a recommendation for ministry with mentally and physically "handi-capable" children and adults.
- The assembly invited members of the ELCA to initiate collaborative work by congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, institutions of the church and others to create and support diverse non-legislative forums and events that bring together leaders of this church to participate in theological study and reflection, foster leadership development and enhance the interdependence of this church.

The assembly provided a means to continue the work assigned to the Living into the Future Together task force in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops.

### **ELCA budget proposals adopted**

The assembly approved a 2012 current fund spending authorization of \$61,792,900, and approved a 2012 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000. This vote included approving a 2013 current fund income proposal of \$61,939,400, a 2013 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000, and authorizing the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.

### **Memorials adopted**

The assembly adopted a variety of resolutions to expand multicultural ministry, acknowledge the International Year for People of African Descent and work to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence.

- The assembly supported immigration reform and the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, which would provide a path for citizenship for undocumented high school graduates.
- The assembly received memorials related to investment for positive change in Palestine, and encouraged members, congregations, synods and agencies of this church to achieve a deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The assembly also recognized and celebrated Lutheran Campus Ministry and the central role of farmers and ranchers in providing an abundant supply of food and fiber for our nation and the world. The assembly declined to change governing documents that would increase the number of voting members to Synod Assemblies and Churchwide Assemblies who are layperson.

### **Constitutional amendments adopted**

The assembly moved to change ELCA governing documents related to Living into the Future Together, the redesign of the churchwide organization and other matters.

### **Resolutions from the Reference and Counsel committee**

The assembly considered and approved a variety of resolutions on topics ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration, from youth-related matters to mission support.



# Church Council



September Council Meeting  
Oct. 18, 2011  
6:30pm

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August Council Minutes were published in the September Newsletter.

## Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

Treasurer ~ Holly Loomis

Income, August 2011 ~ \$12,032.80  
Expenses, August 2011 ~ \$13,811.21  
Income, Year to date ~ \$113,547.21  
Expenses, Year to date ~ \$132,635.56



## Skaalen Fall Festival

400 N. Morris St., Stoughton

**Resident Bazaar & Pie etc. Sale**...Friendship Room  
**Craft Fair**...Chapel

**Tuesday, October 11**  
**10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

**Open House**  
**1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

**Raffle Drawing**...Friendship Room.  
**4:00 p.m.**

Tickets available Sept. 20 until the drawing.  
Need not be present to win  
All proceeds benefit Skaalen Residents

**Resident Bazaar Featuring...**  
hand crafted items, seasonal crafts...by residents, volunteers, & staff.

**Pie & Sweet Bread Sale**  
**Featuring...**fresh-baked apple, pecan & pumpkin pies...all kinds of breads, & snack mixes

**Craft Fair Featuring...**area crafters & artisans, seasonal crafts, wearable art, etc...

**Cinnamon Roll Sale...**10:00  
11:15 a.m. (or sold out)...fresh and warm directly from the oven, yum!

**Lunch in the Stue...**11:00 a.m.  
- 1:00 p.m. Famous Nine bean soup and a roll.



# *The Life of Your Marriage/Marriage Basics*

## **The Life of Your Marriage / Marriage Basics: A Pre-Marriage/Marriage Seminar**

Presented by Lisa Hecht, LCSW, clinically trained Christian therapist  
of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin [LCFS]

LCFS provides faith-based mental health counseling, family life education, birth options education and adoption services. We help individuals, couples, and families improve their lives through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

## **Two different sets of premarriage seminars will be offered one in Fall 2011 and the second in Spring of 2012**

### Fall 2011 Seminar

*Please Register by Monday, October 3, 2011*

Dates: Mondays: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Place: Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 2833 Raritan Road, Fitchburg (Madison)

Cost: \$240.00\*; \$100.00 for returning couples

To Register: Call LCFS' Administrative Office at 800-291-4513.

Ask to register for the Madison area pre-marriage/marriage seminar, and arrange payment.

### Spring 2012 Seminar

*Please Register by Monday, March 5, 2012*

Dates: Mondays: March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> & March 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Place: Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 2833 Raritan Road, Fitchburg (Madison)

Cost: \$240.00\*; \$100.00 for returning couples

Do you feel you can't make heads or tails of your marriage? Feel like you didn't get the manual on this marriage stuff? Never had good role models for a healthy marriage? You are not alone! Come to learn and discuss some marriage basics in a fun, non-threatening, Biblically based environment. Come with an open mind and get re-grounded on the path toward true love and a life-giving marriage.

To Register: Call LCFS' Administrative Office at 800-291-4513.

Ask to register for the Madison area pre-marriage/marriage seminar, and arrange payment.

### **Topics**

- The essential elements of a great marriage
- What a wife needs/What a husband needs
- Divorce-proof your marriage (research based)
- How to communicate, listen, and keep it positive
- Blending two separate lives into one (money, parents, holidays, etc.)
- Capturing the beauty of differences in marriage

And MORE!!!

### **Questions?**

Please contact Lisa Hecht directly at 608-516-5598.

\*The Pre-Marriage Seminar is important preparation for a lifetime commitment. If the cost is a concern, please speak with your pastor or members of your family about possible financial help.



# Kids Page

## A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



### What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

## HOW TO GIVE

We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...

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... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...

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Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver



# EKLC Supporting our Community

## *Cambridge Elementary School Needs*

In this time of budget cuts and downsizing we are looking at various ways we can be of help in our local communities. Many area schools are accepting items for use in the classrooms.

Cambridge Elementary School is accepting the following items:

- Disinfectant wipes
- Kleenex (boxes for classrooms)
- Expo markers and/or erasers, multi packs/colors
- Crayola, jumbo size crayon for beginning students
- Crayola, any water colors



There will be a collection box in the narthex for the local schools. If you are in another school district, check with your district office to find out what their needs may be.

-Bonnie Ehrke

## *Cambridge Food Pantry Needs*

Thank you for your continued support of the Cambridge Food Pantry, Garden and Resource Center. Your caring and sharing continues to assist over 100 families living in need, within the Cambridge School District. School is now in session and the number of families shopping the pantry is on the rise. When out grocery shopping, please consider tossing in an extra item or two, for donation to the food pantry. **Items the pantry is in need of are: ravioli, tuna, ramen noodles, crackers, beef soup, cereal and toilet paper.**

A few upcoming food(fund)raisers for the pantry are turkey baskets for Thanksgiving and Holiday Ham Baskets in December. Information on both events coming in early October. All ages are welcome to assist with these exciting projects. *Stay tuned for details..*

The Cambridge Food Pantry and Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop the pantry every other Monday. Pantry shoppers must be a resident of the Cambridge School District. Donation hours at the pantry are Monday 9:00 to 1:00 & 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Thursday 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information or volunteering at the food pantry or garden, please contact Wanda at 423-8142 or [foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us](mailto:foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us).  
Happy Fall!

Wanda

Cambridge Food Pantry/Garden Coordinator





## EKLC Homebound Members

- Alvin Hammen** ~ Carrington House ~ 1221 E. Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589  
**Verna Vethe** ~ Willowbrook Nursing Home ~ 901 Mulberry St., Lake Mills, WI 53551  
**Agnes Goodrich** ~ Wellington Meadows ~ 525 N. Memorial Dr. #3, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538  
**Earl Ellickson** ~ 415 Jarlsberg Lane, Cambridge, WI 53523  
**LeRoy Egre** ~ Our House ~ 201 W. Madison St., Cambridge, WI 53523  
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**Art Johnson** ~ Extend A Care ~ 313 Stoughton Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534  
**Roger Olstad** ~ 1040 Bliven Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534  
**Erna Rude** ~ N2081 Rockdale Road, Edgerton, WI 53534  
**George Staff** ~ 1379 Hwy 73, Edgerton, WI 53534

### Updating Veteran Display

We would like to update the Veterans Board and invite you help us with the name(s) of your family members. Please contact Kurt Klemp 423-4392 or the Church Office 423-3017 if you or a family member should be included, or if you would like to assist with this project.



### **WELCA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

SAVE THE DATE FOR DECEMBER 3RD.  
 EKLC WELCA WILL BE HOSTING A  
 CHRISTMAS BRUNCH.

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!!**



- Thank you to everyone who came to my party and helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. Thanks for remembering me. ~Janette Klemp
- Thank you to Linda Mathison, chairman and Sue Repyak for your faithful service on the Decorating Committee. Linda and Sue are stepping down from their positions. If anyone is interested in volunteering on the committee please contact Diane Luginbuhl, East Koshkonong Lutheran Church WELCA Communicator. ~ Diane Luginbuhl
- The family of Harland H. Hoesly would like to thank everyone for their many kindnesses and prayers. Also thanks for the cards, memorial gifts, food, plants and flowers. Thank you to the Joy Circle for serving lunch after the funeral. Special thanks to Judy Rusch for playing the organ and to Pastor Jim Schwarz for his prayers and his very meaningful funeral service.
  - ~Bette Hoesly
  - ~David Hoesly
  - ~Dan Hoesly
  - ~Amy Barketallah
  - ~Angela Baker
- Thank you for your support with a coffee hour! Our team raised \$30,898 this year! The walk was a success with rain on last night into next day. Thank you! ~T.R.P, Diane Luginbuhl

**Wanted:** EKLC is in need of a lawn tractor with a snow blower attachment. After many years of service to our church, our Simplicity lawn tractor is dead, may it rest in peace. If you or anyone you may know has a lawn tractor with snow blower to sell, please contact the church office. We are currently monitoring Craigslist and other internet boards for a possible deal. Thank you for your help!!




**Meals on Wheels**

The last 2 week schedule for our church is from Sept. 26-30th and Oct. 3 thru 7th. Call me (Wilma Furseth 423-3194) if you are able and willing to help. Meal pickup is at Family Restaurant at 11:15 daily (no weekends). A big thank you for sharing about an hour of your time to help those in need.



~Wilma



# *Worship Helpers for October 2011*

## ***Organists ~***

Shelly Frank ~ 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Judy Rusch ~ 2nd and 4th Sundays

## ***Assistant Ministers~***

10/2 ~ Gloria Fruit  
10/9 ~ Arvid Mathison  
10/16 ~ Gloria Fruit  
10/23 ~ Karen Hayes  
10/30 ~ Carolyn Lien

## ***Acolytes ~***

10/2 ~ Sydney Currie and Taylor Evenson  
10/9 ~ Steven DeForest and Eli Rawinski  
10/16 ~ Reese Parker and Carson Kaashagen  
10/23 ~ Veronica Wipperfurth and Maggie Loomis  
10/30 ~ Matthew Kaare & Thomas Stach

## ***Greeters~***

10/2 ~ John & Bobbie Rawinski  
10/9 ~ Bob & Lynette Swenson  
10/16 ~ Orin & Joan Kaare  
10/23 ~ Lane & Judy Taylor  
10/30 ~ Joy Graffin

## ***Ushers~***

Justice Circle

## ***Lay Readers~***

10/2 ~ Ruth Bovre  
10/9 ~ Beverly Lien  
10/16 ~ Jane Furseth  
10/23 ~ Ken Rockney  
10/30 ~ Trudy Spike

## ***Communion Set-up/Take-down~***

10/2 ~ Justice Circle, Wilma Furseth  
10/9 ~ Justice Circle  
10/16 ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn  
10/23 ~ Holly & Jeff Loomis  
10/30 ~ Gloria Fruit & Marge Stach

## ***Communion Assistants~***

10/2 ~ Ruth Bovre & Jean Carlson  
10/9 ~ Joanne Gyland & Bea Householder  
10/16 ~ Andy Christensen & Bobbie Rawinski  
10/23 ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison  
10/30 ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

## ***Nursery Attendants~***

10/2 ~ Sabra Jacobson & Brenda Schroeder  
10/9 ~ Sonja Christensen  
10/16 ~ Natasha Amundson  
10/23 ~ Gina Reese  
10/30 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

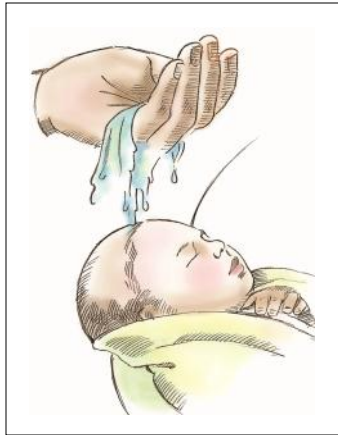
## ***Offering Counters~***

10/2 ~ Joy Graffin & Lois Zerkle  
10/9 ~ Jean Carlson & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel  
10/16 ~ Carroll Ehrke & Andy Christensen  
10/23 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl  
10/30 ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

**Please contact the church office  
(608-423-3017) if you would serve East  
Koshkonong Lutheran Church in  
ministry as a Greeter, Communion  
Assistant or Reader.**



# OCTOBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 3pm Ronald Nelson & Kristi Miller Wedding
2 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School hosts coffee hour	3	4	5 6pm Confirmation Session	6	7	8
9 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Coffee hour hosted by EKLC Choir	10	11 5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting	12 6pm Confirmation Session	13	14	15 Family Focus Event @ Sperle's Halloween Bash
16 9am Worship Rockney Baptism 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holly Loomis & Jackie Zahn Host Coffee	17	18 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	19 9am Peace Circle @ Marge Stach 6pm Confirmation Session	20 8am Men's Breakfast	21	22 Ruth Holden & Chris Ellis Wedding
23 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Justice Circle Hosts Coffee hour	24	25	26 6pm Confirmation Session	27	28	29
30 9am Worship 50th Anniversary of Confirmation Class 1961 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Council Hosts Worship Committee	31					

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## **WELCOME BACK CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1961!!**

On Sunday, October 30, 2011 we will be welcoming back the confirmation class of 1961. Cake will be served at Coffee hour in their honor hosted by the Worship Committee.



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