



LIGHT TIMES

September, 2010

Lord of Light Lutheran Campus Ministry Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Worship: Sunday @ 11AM • Wednesday @ 8:30PM

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KRAMPHHELPERS



Those of you who are comfortable navigating Yahoo Groups are encouraged to find your way to **KrampHelpers** and sign up. If you do not feel confident in doing so, please email Melanie (mgsobo@gmail.com) or Pastor Sue (pastorsprows@comcast.net) and we will sign you up.

Other Ways You Can Help

As you can imagine, an organ transplant on an infant takes a toll on a family emotionally and financially. In the coming weeks, we will be raising funds to keep the Kramp family afloat during this time. In addition, here are some things you can do:

Sign up to be an organ donor

Lucy received the liver she desperately needed because a grieving family chose to bring life out of death. We are grateful beyond words for their decision. In gratitude, let us all show the same willingness to give.

Give Blood

While it isn't possible to give a directed blood donation to Lucy, she will likely need blood products along the way. We can help to replenish the blood supply (always low this time of year) by donating blood if we are able.

And always, pray

Please hold Lucy, Robbie, Katy and Eric in your prayers each day. Thank you.

Many of you know that 11 month-old Lucy Kramp is still in need of a liver transplant. During this time of great stress, Katy, Eric, Robbie and Lucy are in need of our support in a number of ways.

Melanie Sobocinski has established a Yahoo group called "**KrampHelpers**" as a means of providing updates on Lucy's condition and organizing help as needed. A list of specific needs is charted on a calendar.

- There is also a list of ongoing things folks can do to be helpful.
- Emily Sippola has created a helpful database to provide information about food allergies and the like.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ARC kick-off meeting	3	4
5 11AM Worship Noon Coffee hour/Brunch	6 Labor Day Observed Office Closed Noon-4PM Gayz Craze on Palmer Field	7 Classes start 12:15PM Mid-week worship in Michigan Union Room #2105B 7PM Images of Indians	8 7PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Mid-week Worship	9 10-4 Festifall on the Diag	10	11
Susan Salmeron on vacation						
12 11AM Worship Incl. Blessing of Backpacks & Briefcases Noon Coffee hour/Brunch Move furniture	13 Pastor's Sabbath 4-6 IPM CPJ Open House	14 9AM Carpet Cleaning at LOL	15 7PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Mid-week Worship	16 7PM LOL Council Meeting	17	18 2PM CST Rite of Reception for Prs. Hill, Frost & Zillhart Alleluia!
19 11AM Worship Noon Coffee hour/Brunch 5PM Bishop Hanson's Town Hall Forum	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 October Newsletter Items Due to Susan Salmeron	22 7PM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Mid-week Worship	23	24	25 7PM Practicing our Faith @ the home of Georgine Steude
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Music Ministry Highlights

For September

CHOIR TO RESUME REHEARSALS MOVE TO WEDNESDAY

The Lord of Light Choir will resume its weekly rehearsals **at 7pm on Wednesday, September 8th**.

Please note the change in day from last year for our mid-week rehearsal. As always, we will continue to rehearse before the Sunday liturgy at 10:30am and invite you to join us even if you can't make the mid-week rehearsal.

We are looking forward to another great year of music making at Lord of Light!

A NOTE ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LITURGY

During September, we will be using *Now the Feast and Celebration*, a Communion setting by Marty Haugen. A liturgical composer, workshop leader, performer, recording artist and author, Marty Haugen currently serves as composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ in Minneapolis. He is the composer of hundreds of songs, including: *Canticle of the Sun*, *Eye has Not Seen*, *Gather Us In* and *We Walk By Faith*.

In addition to *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen has composed *Mass of Creation*, *Tree of Life* and *Santo* (all GIA) and *Holy Communion* (Concordia) for use in Lutheran settings. He is also the composer of the beloved and widely used *Holden Evening Prayer*.



WELCOME OUR NEW KEYBOARDIST SHIN-AE CHUN!

We are pleased to announce that Shin-Ae Chun will be our new keyboardist, beginning September 8th.

Shin-Ae holds a doctorate in organ performance and a master's degree in harpsichord from the University of Michigan and has many years of experience in church music. Shin-Ae also performs regularly with the Toledo Symphony and gives concert recitals throughout the U.S. and abroad.

In addition to her musical talents, Shin-Ae is a delightful person who has a strong faith background. We are extremely grateful that we are able to welcome such a highly gifted musician and caring person into our community.

For more information about Shin-Ae, please visit her website at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/shinaechun/>

LOOK FOR LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY @ THESE STUDENT ACTIVITIES FAIRS

Gayz Craze on Palmer Field
Monday, Sept. 6th from Noon – 4PM



Celebrate the last day of summer vacation with the LGBT Commission of the Michigan Student Assembly! Gayz Craze is one of the University's largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally directed events. Aside from having a blast playing games, listening to our DJ and eating free food, attendees can pick up a bunch of information from LGBT friendly organizations on and near campus!

Festifall on The Diag
Thursday, September 9th From 10AM – 4PM



Festifall is an opportunity for all campus organizations and university departments to showcase what they have to offer to the greater student community. This seemingly chaotic but totally fun event occurs every fall on the Diag. It's an excellent way to recruit new members and to publicize all that Lord of Light Lutheran Campus Ministry (LOL/LCM) has to offer. Sadly, there will be no cocker spaniels this year as the Administration has nixed their presence. Grrrrrrrrrr...



BRUNCH COORDINATORS NEEDED!

September means the return of students and our weekly Sunday brunches!

To bring some order to this undertaking, we would be blessed to have one or two people willing to coordinate brunch each week.

Brunch coordinators are charged with finding people to shop, cook, set up and clean up.

It's a great task for those with the gifts of organization and administration.

If you feel called to help, please contact *Pastor Sue or Susan Salmeron in the church office: 734.668.7622.*

God bless you!



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & BRIEFCASES

Plan to bring your backpack, briefcase, laptop case (or anything else that's central to your daily vocation) to church on **Sunday, Sept. 12th at 11AM** when we will bless you and offer prayers for the beginning of a new academic year. We can all use an extra blessing now and then, can't we?

PRACTICING OUR FAITH

The POF group will meet **on Saturday, September 25th at 7PM** Georgene Steude's home, 2801 Aspen Rd. in Ann Arbor. For more information, please call Barb Hayworth at 734-482-7056. All are welcome.

A Pastoral Letter from Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On a recent morning walk I reflected upon familiar words from Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, NRSV). As I walked, I prayed and pondered about this time in the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). It is my prayer that we use this time for discerning and engaging; for repenting and reconciling; for restraint but not timidity; and for rejoicing.

A Time for Discerning and Engaging

Throughout the ELCA I hear people asking, "Is my voice heard? Will my voice be respected as we seek together to discern God's purpose for us?" The answer is yes. Nevertheless, people of deep faith and a desire to be part of this church wonder: Do we mean it when we say we can preach, teach and hold divergent views on sexuality and be full participants in the ELCA's life and witness? Again, the answer is yes.

My confident "yes" is predicated upon our shared commitment to be engaged together in discernment. This discernment is hard work. It must be grounded in the witness of the Scriptures and the Confessions, and it needs the voices of all the baptized. It calls for the Holy Spirit's guidance and our prayerful, disciplined and respectful listening to one another.

Even more, the source for my confident "yes" is God's gracious "yes" to us, spoken through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The "yes" of Jesus empowers us to be passionately engaged. It frees us to ask questions, have difficult conversations and uncover differences and tensions. It calls each of us to be everyday evangelists, discerning together what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the world and for our common life.



Let our shared commitment be that our discerning together always will serve our proclamation of Jesus Christ in word and deed and our engagement in God's mission for the life of the world.

A Time for Repenting and Reconciling

The most powerful moment in the recent assembly of The Lutheran World Federation occurred when Lutherans asked for forgiveness from God and from Mennonites for the violence done to Anabaptist Christians in Reformation times and through the continuing legacies in Lutheran teachings. This public act of repentance, with many delegates on their knees, was a powerful witness to the healing of wounds in Christ's body, the church.

With tears in our eyes, we heard promises of God's mercy in Christ and words of forgiveness from Mennonite sisters and brothers as we received and shared God's gift of forgiveness and healing.

This experience of reconciliation is underscored for me in the fifth chapter of 2 Corinthians: the powerful announcement that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

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This new creation rises from Jesus, who died rather than be in the sin-accounting business.

The implication for us of the gospel's transforming power is that we become ambassadors for Christ. God has entrusted to each of us the message and ministry of reconciliation.

As yet another Lutheran church body forms, we must ask how this separation in the body of Christ will serve the ministry and message of reconciliation entrusted to us by God.

The ELCA has and will continue reaching out to others for the sake of the gospel and serving our neighbor. Standing together, we are known as a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problems, the church that is catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Our strong ecumenical relationships and global partnerships testify to that commitment. Yet before the ELCA can undertake any such efforts with a new Lutheran church body, I believe we must commit to obey the commandment against bearing false witness and commit to live its meaning in every setting, both private and public: "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light" (The Small Catechism, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p.1161).

A Time for Restraint but not Timidity

We live in a world that is plagued by incivility, willful misunderstanding and hurtful caricatures of those with whom one disagrees. Let us declare that such behaviors will stop with us. There is room in this church for lively conversations and disagreements about questions of faith and life. There is room in this church for vigorous dialogue that witnesses to faith without rushing to judgment and closing off discussion.

Let us be restrained in our judgments and speak charitably with and about one another. Let us not be timid as we boldly proclaim Jesus Christ and participate in God's healing of the world. Let us generously, faithfully and courageously respond to the groaning of the creation and the cries of humanity.

A Time for Rejoicing

Even in the midst of great challenges in the economy and in the church, we can rejoice because the ministry in which we are engaged is a ministry of God's mercy and reconciliation in Christ. Our ministry is not about us, our shortcomings or our problems, for we proclaim Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the forgiveness that God offers at the font and the table, in public proclamation and personal assurance. We celebrate the reconciliation from God that breaks down every dividing wall of hostility and unites humankind in the bonds of Christ. We delight in the promise of the new creation that God is bringing to life in Christ. We joyfully embrace the world and all its inhabitants in love and service. What a cause for rejoicing!

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 75)

In God's grace,



The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Continue the Conversation With Bishop Hanson

If you could ask Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson a question about the ELCA, what would it be?

You are invited to submit your question at our next online Town Hall Forum with Bishop Hanson on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 5PM EDT.

Participating is easy and convenient:

- Watch the event live from 5-6 p.m. EDT at www.elca.org/townhall
- Log in to post questions online
- Post comments using Facebook Connect
- Tweet about the event using the hashtags #ELCA and #BishopHanson
- View open captioning

Whether or not you have a question to ask, you'll be part of a nationwide conversation with other ELCA members about issues that matter to all of us. What a remarkable opportunity! Save the date and join in. Here's your chance to make your voice heard.

ICPJ'S NEW OFFICE OPEN HOUSE MONDAY, SEPT. 13 FROM 4-6PM

The Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) recently moved into new offices at Northside Presbyterian/St. Aidan's Episcopal Churches at **1679 Broadway** on the north side of Ann Arbor. They are very excited about their new, larger space, and invite you to come by to see it for yourself on Monday, September 13th from 4-6PM. There will be appetizers, a tour of the offices and building and the opportunity to meet ICPJ's new staff.

YOU ARE INVITED

To an ELCA Rite of Reception for Pastors Anita Hill, Ruth Frost & Phyllis Zillhart

You're invited to attend an historic service of worship and celebration! An ELCA Rite of Reception to the clergy roster of the ELCA for Pastors Anita Hill, Ruth Frost, Phyllis Zillhart will be held on **Saturday, September 18, 2:00 p.m.** at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 N Dale St., St Paul, Minnesota. Party after the service at the church. (You aren't kiddin'!)

The Reverend Peter Rogness, Bishop, Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA, will preside. The Reverend Barbara Lundblad, Union Theological Seminary, New York, will preach.

Clergy and rostered leaders are welcome to vest and process. Green is the color of the day.

A WORD OF THANKS

Words truly cannot convey my appreciation to all of you for your prayers, cards, visits and gifts of meals, transportation, company and more.

It will take some time to get the personal notes out to everyone (thanks for your patience yet again) but I didn't want another moment to pass before I said THANK YOU to the whole community.

Special thanks to Casey Francis, coordinator extraordinaire, to Perry Francis for preaching and presiding and to Dani Lugo for preaching.

Yours in Faith,
Pastor Sue