

FAITH LUTHERAN ECHO FOR AUGUST



GREETINGS

The Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA will convene in the Cypress Ballroom of the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida on Monday, August 15 at 1:30pm and will continue for the next week. This is our Church in assembly and here in Florida.

Our Church includes 10,396 congregations in 65 synods, comprising 2,500,000 members, with 150 missionaries. Our Church includes 9 seminaries and 26 colleges and universities. We have numerous camping programs, schools, youth programs and outreach locations. Our Church produces social statements such as the recent statement on Genetics. Our Board of Pensions manages pension funds for seven separate church bodies. This is a big deal.

This meeting is important because these delegates and leaders report on and envision the future of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They will address issues such as “The 10 Trends to Watch,” according to the Lutheran Magazine (June 2011 p21ff):

1. **Declining church participation:** young people aren’t “joiners.” Reach them through Facebook?
2. *Growth in no religious affiliation:* Americans who don’t identify with any religion has doubled from 8% to 15% in the last 10 years.
3. **More “spiritual,” less religious:** People now search for a meaningful church experience without organized religion.
4. **A new state:** “Emerging Adulthood” a new life stage for 18-30 year-olds, those who lack typical markers of adulthood – marriage, financial independence, parenthood, etc.
5. **Changing Family structures:** Broken, merged, blended families, living together, all have changed families over the past 20 years. Church becomes family.
6. **Increased U. S. social, cultural and religious diversity:** In the past 10 years, U. S. grew by 9.7%, more than half of that was Hispanic. Asians grew faster than any other group.
7. **Influence of Hispanic/Latin faith:** Pastor Pedro B. Portillo of Iglesia Luterana Santo Marie de Guadalupe in Irving, Texas has seen 75% growth in church attendance in the past year!
8. **Influence on individualism:** Rejection of community, turning inward to find safety and protection; development of individual religious faith.
9. **Living in a digital world:** 95% of youth 18-29 use the internet, get their information digitally, including news and spiritual formation.

10. **Increase in adults 65 and older.** In 2050, one in 5 Americans will be 65 or older by 2050, a 147% increase from 2000. Never before have people of this age group had so many gifts, skills, talents, education and technical expertise. The challenge is how to tap those resources...

You may not want to drive to Orlando, if so, you may follow the proceedings through a variety of online channels, including live video streaming and social media. You may access live video of plenary sessions and for the first time, daily worship at <http://www.ELCA.org/assembly> with opportunities for online giving. Updates about the assembly will be posted on ELCA's Facebook page and released through Twitter.

Pastor Stacy

COUNCIL MINUTES

There was no meeting during July!

HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

“E” Group Discussions

The “E” Group gatherings on Sunday morning provided opportunity for great conversations. We talked about who the people of Faith are as a congregation and where we are going. The big question is, “What is God calling us to do?”

Let's continue to talk! I really want to hear your ideas. If you did not have an opportunity to join our discussions, let me know. In fact, I would be willing to come to your home to continue the conversation. Invite one or two or three or twenty friends and let's talk. I'll even bring the refreshments if you like! Call me on my cell at 407-620-8564.

Connie Schmucker

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE (Jeanette Vesper (Altar Guild), Marguerite Kull (Greeters), Lynn Beck (Readers), Jim Kreger (Music), Bob Wolfe (Communion Assistants), Jerry Emmel (Music), Damon Shelor (Drivers), Doug Patterson (Ushers), Melissa Welsh (Acolytes), Pr. Stacy, Liaison—Merrilyn Penegor) **WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT 7PM** TO DISCUSS AND WORK OUT ALL FACETS OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING QUARTER – September through end of Pentecost. Everyone is expected to be there for this important meeting.

CHOIRS

Regularly scheduled Sanctuary Choir and Handbell rehearsals will begin in September. These ensembles are open to anyone. Come to the first rehearsal and if you have fun and like singing or swinging a bell, you are welcome to come for the whole season. Rehearsals: Sanctuary Choir – Wednesdays 7pm; Handbell Choir – Thursdays 6:30pm.

TENTATIVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

August 28	4:30pm
50 th Anniversary Concert	
Gospel Choir from Miami with Local Quartet	
In Sanctuary	
(Tickets will be available later this month)	

SEPTEMBER

September	Tentative time TBA
Oldies 50's/60's Dance	
In Sweatlock Fellowship Hall	

OCTOBER

October	TENTATIVE
Family Fun Festival	

NOVEMBER

November 4 th 5 th & 6 th	Time TBA
3 rd Annual Book Fair and Craft Show	
In Sweatlock fellowship Hall	

DECEMBER

December 11 th	10:00am
Annual Advent/Christmas Cantata	
In Sanctuary during regular Worship time	

JANUARY 2012

January 13 th , 14 th &/or 15 th	Time TBA
50 th Anniversary Yard Sale	(Tentative)

FEBRUARY

(Prior to Lent)	
February 18 th	All Day
50 th Anniversary Fun Day at the Beach	
(Tentative)	

MARCH

March 24 th	10am Parade
Annual Spring Festival Parade	

50th Anniversary Float

Scout Troops, The Learning Village, WELCA, Bread Ministry, Church of God of
Prophecy, Christ's Redemption Ministries, ECT.

APRIL

April 27th

(tentative date)

Evening

Final 50th Anniversary Event (week following Easter)

Dinner in Sweatlock Fellowship Hall

WITHIN THE FOLD

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST

Jeanne Giddens & Rosemary Hensley

GREETERS FOR AUGUST

08/07 – Joyce Lindig & Merrill Gottschall

08/14 – Larry and Frances Vandivier

08/21 – Norm & April Erickson

08/28 – Tom & Phyllis Vonderhaar

ACOLYTES FOR AUGUST

08/07 – Natalie Peters & Marlee Shaw

08/14 – Emma & Abby Sokhanvari

08/21 – Nolan Jerriey & Samuel Ballinger

08/28 – Zachary Welsh & Bryan Natoli

READERS FOR AUGUST

08/07 – Lynn Beck

08/14 – Lynn Beck

08/21 – Linda Patterson

08/28 – Linda Patterson

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Douglas Patterson, Len and Laura Barney and Lorraine Schultz

DRIVERS FOR AUGUST

08/07 – Damon Shelor

08/14 – Quinn Jerriey

08/21 – Damon Shelor

08/28 – Richard Peters

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to:

Lolita Rohrbacher	08/04
Pastor David Stacy	08/04
Natalie Peters	08/05
Elizabeth Yeoman	08/06
Eleanor DeCantlice	08/07
Vincent Trosterud	08/07
Donna Layman	08/08
Faye Engels	08/12
Sam Williams	08/12
Emma Sokhanvari	08/14
Will Bronson	08/16
Rebecca Richardson	08/17
Bob Wolfe	08/17
James Brownrigg	08/18
Nicole Poidevin	08/19
Sgt. Nick Schmidt	08/23
Merrill Gottschall	08/24
Richard Hensley	08/25
Mike McDowell	08/25
Chelsea Dzurinko	08/25
Katie Harvey	08/25
Dean Warner	08/26
Felicia Duff	08/26
Damon Shelor	08/27
Edie Andrews	08/28
Galen Frantz	08/28
Bob Keck	08/29
Mike Schmidt	08/29
Barbara Snyder	08/30
John Short	08/30
Joyce Lindig	08/31

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings to:

Jeff and Holly Anderson	08/03
Robert and Jo Anne Borkert	08/04
Quinn and Laurie Jerriey	08/10
Joe and Tanya Kantenwein	08/12
Larry and Brenda Scheneman	08/22
Siegfried and Maria Biedermann	08/27

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24

MILITARY PERSONEL NEEDING YOUR PRAYERS

LCPL **Logan Raymond** USMC Reserves
LCPL **Hanna Frank** USMC—Mira Mar, California
LCPL **Trevor Frank** USMC—Afghanistan
Airman **Jennifer Iglesias**
Senior Airman **Kenny Brooks**—Mothan AFB, AZ
Senior Airman **Matt Hanning**, Homestead AFB
Sergeant **Nick Schmidt**, Denver, CO
Lance Corporal **Tyler Blum**, USMC—Cherry Point, NC
SN **David Pykal**, Naval Base San Diego

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. David Stacy, Interim Pastor

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

J. L. Kreger

OFFICE STAFF

J. L. Kreger, *Administrative Assistant*
Jo Anne Borkert, *Financial Secretary*
Linda Carter, *Webmaster*

Volunteers for Filing and Reception In our office

Dorothy Nelson, Marguerite Kull, Mariam Snider,
Mary Jane McArthur, Lois Duff,
Saundra Brandt. Nancy Eng, Frances Vandivier
Laura Barney (sub.), Diane Bernatz-Memorials

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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CHURCH COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lisa Peters, Dee Waigand, Suzanne Mojta, Melissa Welsh, *Liaison—Council at large*

EVANGELISM

Bob Wolfe. Connie Schmucker, AiM, Barb Lindroth, *Liaison—Richard Naus*

FINANCE

Betty Richards, Jo Anne Borkert, Barbara Snyder, Jerry Emmel, Pr. Stacy, *Liaison—Charles DiFelice*

LEARNING VILLAGE

Lisa Peters-Director, Barbara Emery-President, Jennifer Glassser-Secretary, Dee Waigand, Barry Moll, Mary Jo Howard, Bonnie Kintz, Donald Poidevin Pr. David Stacy, *Liaison—Richard Peters*

PROPERTY

Larry Vandivier, John Kintz, Damon Shelor, Len Barney, Laura Barney, Ron Shively, Larry Snyder, *Liaison—Doug Patterson*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Barbara Emery, Sheila Rogers, Jim Kreger, LaVon Koenig, *Liaison—Jerry Emmel*

STEWARDSHIP

Lorraine Schultz, Charles Emery, Barry Moll, *Liaison—Tom Nelson*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Jeanette Vesper (Altar Guild), Dee Waigand (Sunday School), Marguerite Kull (Greeters), Lynn Beck (Readers), Jim Kreger (Music Director), Bob Wolfe (Communion Assistants), Jerry Emmel (Music), Damon Shelor (Drivers), Melissa Welsh (Acolytes), **OPEN(We need a volunteer) (Ushers)**, Pr. Stacy, Connie Schmucker, AiM, *Liaison—Merrilyn Penegor*

YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS

Barbara Emery, Pr. Leon Dale (Christ's Redemption Ministries), Charles Emery, *Liaison—Don Poidevin*

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Hallie Jerome, Tom Nelson, Sheila Rogers, Barbara Emery, Mickie Shaw, Jim Kreger, Lisa Peters, Chairperson, *Liaison – Don Poidevin*

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE A PART OF ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES. CALL Don Poidevin @ 239-281-7133!