



MESSENGER

Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Central States Synod

*The Church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.*

*We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.*

Text: Fred Pratt Green
ELW 729, LBW 433

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Area 5 Hymn Festival

Sunday, November 1

4:00 p.m.

Combined choir,
children's choir
handbells,
brass, organ
Dr. John Buckner, choral director

Light supper to follow – All are invited!

at Reformation Lutheran Church, 7601 E. 13th St. N.



Coming up... Area Ministry 5 Annual Meeting

Pastors and members of all 14 congregations in Area Ministry 5 are invited to the Annual Meeting. One pastor and 2 designated lay representatives of each congregation may vote. *Everyone* has voice and input. Look forward to a good time and important business together, including adoption a revised constitution, 2010 budget, Global Mission Formation Event report, planning ahead for Synod Assembly here in June, and more.

When: Sunday, Nov. 15, 3:00 p.m.

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church

“For Whom the Bell Tolls...”

A service of Public Prayer for law enforcement and firefighting personnel and remembering Sheriff's Deputy Brian S. Etheridge, his family and colleagues, will be held on Sunday, October 11, 4:00 p.m. The service is hosted by St. Paul's-Wichita, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and the Broadview Hotel. An offering will be received for the benefit of the deputy Brian Etheridge Memorial fund. All are invited.

Pr. Dave Fulton, St. Paul's, writes, “Last Wednesday, Sept. 30, Sheriff's Deputy Brian S. Etheridge was killed in the line of duty. This event has jolted our community. Rev. Dave Fulton, Randy wells, Cindy Galstad, Wichita police officers Steve Jerrill and José Salcido were working on a Weed and Seed grant application and were keenly aware of the unfolding drama on the east side of Wichita... The tragic events... are a call to prayer. John Donne commented on the practice of parishioners asking for whom the church bell was tolling, they asked “For whom is the bell tolling?” Donne answered in a sermon, “Send not to ask for whom the bell tolls, no man is an island unto himself, but all are a part of the main, therefore send not to ask for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee’.”



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World is celebrating 35 years of effective Christian advocacy for food and health

programs around the world. Begun by Lutheran Pastor Art Simon in 1974, his mission is reflected in his books *Bread for the World* and *The Rising of Bread for the World: An Outcry of Citizens against Hunger*. Pr. Sally Fahrenthold became a member of “Bread” after hearing Pr. Simon speak in 1975. Materials for a Bread for the World Sunday are available at 1-877-263-5475 or www.bread.org/sunday, including a scripture study by Rev. John Buchanan, a new sacred song by Marty Haugen, prayers, and activity ideas. President of Bread now is ELCA Pastor David Beckmann.



Fun for all at “Falloween Party”!

Saturday, Oct. 17, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The annual costume party and Halloween good times for all of Area 5, friends, and neighbors at St. Paul’s-Wichita will be early this year. All ages are invited (bring friends). Look for Spook House... Cupcake/cookie Walk... Games for all ages... food (hot dogs, chips & drink provided)...wear a costume for judging contest. Cost: One canned food each for local food bank. Many area youth will help (costumes welcome!) Questions, volunteers, & donations: Call Mike or Diane Harman, 722-7272, or Lynn Kreft, 788-5421.

The next week enjoy “Trunk or Treat” at Gloria Dei on Sunday, Oct. 25, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Jam Lock-In!

Middle School and High School Youth and Friends are invited to spend the night after the Falloween Party for “cool games,” food, prizes, — Cox Corn Maze, Dance Contest, scavenger Hunt, Sculpting, Movies, and more. Bring “Yourself, your friends, Bible, change of clothes, jacket, flashlight, tennis shoes, toiletries, sleeping bag w/pillow, and some dough (money).” Stay for breakfast and Bible study Sunday morning until 8 a.m., or stay for worship at St. Paul’s 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Chaperones are needed and appreciated! Cost: \$18 each. At St. Paul’s - Wichita, 925 N. Waco, phone 316-263-0810. For info, contact Pr. Natacha Kemp, Good Shepherd, 316-524-3401.



Children of Faith Lutheran Church, Rochester, NY, collected 250,000 pennies (!) for the orphan girls of St. Marie’s, Ussurisk, Russia. They connected with children of Gloria Dei here who support this mission too, to help little girls on the other side of the world. As Jackie Volbrecht, Gloria Dei says, “God has no boundaries!”

Quilters bless and box blankets and kits.

Quilts stitched and tied by skilled and caring hands, made with remnants of clothes and fresh fabrics too, were given to Lutheran World Relief to travel to people in need around the world. Some will be blankets or ground cloths, cover from weather, or carriers for babies. Women of Christ-Wichita made 38! St. Paul’s reports 10 quilts, 27 health kits, 24 sewing kits, and \$ for shipping.

God’s Biggest Fans (G.B.F.) Youth

The youth groups and leaders of Good Shepherd, Cross of Glory, St. Paul’s-Wichita, and Lord of Life (and possibly Resurrection) are now working together as a team to share the Gospel and make disciples. Each month they plan and participate in community outreach projects and fun days. On Sept. 27 they made crafts to be sold at a sale to raise month for Breast Cancer Research.

Kids’ Kingdom children learning and growing...

Preschool age children at St. Paul’s Kids’ Kingdom are having good times in October. They will visit the Pumpkin Patch Oct. 9, have their second Family Picnic with parents Oct. 22, and enjoy a costume party on Oct. 30. They are taking part in worldwide reading promotion “Read for the Record” on Oct. 8: the book this year is Eric Carle’s timeless “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” Last year “Corduroy” was read to over 700,000 on the same day all around the world.

Reformation Confirmation Retreat at Camp Tomah Shinga

Fun & games, worship around the campfire, and a focus on the Apostles’ Creed will be featured for Reformation’s confirmation youth Oct. 23-24 at Camp Tomah Shinga.

This month congregations are taking the “Quarter Challenge” for the camp – quarters and paper money are welcomed for this Synod-wide fun challenge.

Did you know? Reformations quilt for the camp’s benefit auction brought more than \$1,000! It was beautiful (see earlier newsletter).



Women of the ELCA Fall Cluster Meeting

Women of area congregations will gather on Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-noon at Good Shepherd.

Anita Mansholt will speak on her experiences of the Holy Land Tour that she and Bishop Mansholt enjoyed with other Bishops and spouses. Stations of the Healthy Heart will be displayed in Fellowship Hall. Offering: in-kind items for the food bank. For lunch reservations, call Willie Cooper by Oct. 15 (316-524-8758). All are invited.

Newsletters reveal that many of our congregations’ women’s groups, circles, and guilds are studying St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, using the Bible study in Lutheran Women Today by Dr. Sarah Henrich. Pr. Sally Fahrenthold recently returned from Rome and feels very much “in touch” with those early Roman Christians and the site of St. Paul’s burial at Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

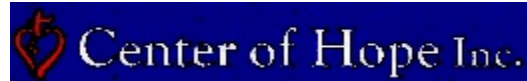
Church Women United World Community Day

Christ Women of many churches will gather on November 6, 1:00, for World Community Day at St. Paul’s-Wichita. This is an opportunity to meet a diverse group of Christian women as part of a world-wide fellowship. For info, contact Betty Ladwig, 722-5123.



CROP Walks for the Hungry

Walkers from Lutheran congregations and other denominations and faiths will join together this month in walks to help the hungry. Wichita's CROP Walk will be Sunday, Oct. 11 at Sedgwick County Park at 2 (sign-in and entertainment at 1 p.m.). Hutchinson's CROP Walk will be Oct. 18 at Rice Park.. These dates are chosen to be near World Food Day, a worldwide event to increase awareness, understanding, and informed, year-round action to alleviate hunger. This year St. Paul's Community Breakfast will receive a portion of the donations. Thanks, walkers!



"Offering Hope for Tomorrow"

Congregations are joining together this winter in special offerings and donations for Center of Hope Inc. to help people in need with utilities and rent assistance to prevent homelessness and strengthen families. Center of Hope is a major center for effective, compassionate help.

Congregations serve the community many ways. This is a way we can together give warmth and light to neighbors.

Partners for Wichita, congregations working together for "Peace through partnerships," offers this special opportunity.

Oaks Indian Mission visitors at Reformation

Representatives and students of Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma will visit Reformation for worship and activities on Nov. 14 & 15. Oaks, affiliated with the ELCA, is a community of faith that provides children in need a safe and loving home while preparing them to be healthy, contributing adults. Reformation is collecting Angel Tree gifts, necessities, and clothing. In addition, the quilters of Reformation give their blanket quilts to Oaks.

Priscilla Payne grateful for Liberian support

Priscilla Payne sent an update on the Roland J. Payne Orphanage in Liberia, West Africa, which is a project of St. Paul's-Wichita's Women's Mission Group. She says, "Thank you soooooo much for your kind support 'financially and prayerfully' for this ministry. The staff and children join me to say a hearty 'thank you.'"

Salute to Veterans!

Good Shepherd and youth of 4 congregations along with Pastor Natacha Kemp cordially invite **all veterans** and their families to a Recognition Banquet. The youth of Good Shepherd, Cross of Glory, and St. Paul's-Wichita will host the event. Speakers include Chaplain (Col.) Dave Fulton, St. Paul's, and Pr. Maynard Peterson, Chaplain, Robt. J. Dole Veterans Medical Center. Special guest Curtis Waltermire will have a fun-filled and unique presentation of the Gospel using magic and music. Come for fun, delicious food, fellowship, celebration and encouraging words! Free!

When: Sunday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1451 E. 47 St. So., Wichita. RSVP by Nov. 5: 316-524-3401, or goodshepluth@sbcglobal.net

Christ's FREEDom Walkers for ALS



40 members and friends of Christ-Wichita joined others on Sept. 19 to walk and raise money to raise awareness and a cure for ALS. Christ's FREEDom Walkers do this in support of member Chris Freed with ALS. They raised over \$2400, matched by Thrivent with \$1600, total over \$4,000.



2-1-1 of Kansas

Thousands of nonprofit and government human services listed from ----- including programs not funded by United Way.

United Way 2-1-1 of Kansas is a community service accessible to everybody. Through the 2-1-1 service, agencies that provide literacy tutoring, elder care, food pantries, job training resources, and emergency services can be located. Also, volunteer opportunities can be found.

United Way 2-1-1 of Kansas includes info on agencies that may or may not receive United Way funding. **Two easy ways to find help: By computer:** Search 2-1-1 Kansas Online to locate services in your neighborhood. Helpful guides: Parenting resources, anger management classes, resources for elderly individuals, more.

www.unitedwayplains.org/211kansas.htm

By telephone: Dial 2-1-1 toll free across Kansas to talk with trained specialists to find help or to volunteer. All phone calls are confidential. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Craft and food festivals featured

Good Shepherd Craft Fair will be Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with many vendors and lunch. A popular event!

Lord of Life's Craft Fair was featured in the *Wichita Eagle* with a cover story and photos on Oct. 3. Artisans are turning hobbies into income in tougher times.

Resurrection's WELCA Fall Bazaar will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, featuring baked goods, Christmas décor, gift baskets, children's gifts, handicrafts, and lunch.

Resurrection will host its **"1st Annual Chili and soup supper"** on Saturday, Nov. 7, 3 - 7 p.m. All you can eat – vegetable, chicken noodle and potato soups, chili, pie, drinks, door prizes,. \$6 adults, \$3 ages 4-10.

Gloria Dei will host a "Chili Cook-Off" on Nov. 1.

St. Francis Day blessings

Gloria Dei held a Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 4, the day that commemorates St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was known for his loving way with animals – he even tames a wolf that was terrorizing a nearby town. St. Francis was a peacemaker, as his famous prayer indicates. He traveled to Egypt to meet with a Muslim Sultan during the era of the Crusades in the 13th century, to seek more peaceful relationships.



Barb Hanstedt, St. Paul's-Wichita, put finishing touches in the living room of the Juarez family's new home at 3306 N. Jackson Ct. The children will join other children in the popular playground across the street. Thanks to all who built and assisted in this new home! Dedication will be Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.



Muriel Slater in the news

Muriel Slater, Gloria Dei, appeared as the cover story for the *Wichita Eagle's Healthy Living* October issue, entitled "Music & Therapy: A time to give back." Muriel is nursing administration secretary at Via Christi Regional Medical Center and accomplished flutist. She has played for patients in various ministries for years, currently at Harry Hynes Hospice, Via Christi Home Health Center, and St. Francis Campus. She has organized a series of Sunday evening weekly concerts at Via Christi Rehabilitation center – Our Lady of Lourdes, featuring her or other musicians. The article quotes Muriel "This has been a dream come true. It's a ministry for the patients, but they're not the only ones who get ministered to. Every volunteer that plays gets blessed. It's really cool." Muriel is the mother of the Rev. Jeff Slater, former Choir Director for Christ-Wichita and now United Methodist minister.

Emanuel Senior VIPs learn insides of police work

Patrolman Bryan Carey, son of Pastor Tim and Jean Carey, spoke at Senior VIP Club at Emanuel on Sept. 9. A graduate of Wichita State in criminal justice, Bryan has been with the Hutchinson police force two years. He answered questions about patrolling the streets and police training.

Make a difference for a youth

Family Group Conferencing is a program of Episcopal Social Services in which trained volunteers facilitate conferences with youth, families, and victims in a youth diversion program for restorative justice. It helps a first time young offender grow and be re-directed for the future. Training sessions help volunteers learn how to facilitate sessions. Time commitment is about 6 hours per case, flexible hours. Pr. Sally Fahrenthold is a volunteer currently. Training sessions Friday Nov 6 and Saturday Nov. 7. Call Margarita at 269-4160 for info.

Lutheran Heritage Day at Sedgwick Park

The churches of the NW Wichita chapter of Thrivent will participate in a Lutheran Heritage Day on Sunday afternoon, October 18, Sedgwick County Park shelter House (Sunflower Building). Gather at 3:00. Dr. John Buckner will speak about Martin Luther and our heritage. A picnic supper will follow at 5:00 (bring dish to go with meat & drinks provided).

Cancer survivor visits on cross-country bike trip. Joe Iverson visited Emanuel, Christ-Wichita, and Christ-Eureka on his cross country tour to raise awareness and funds for cancer awareness. Survivor of a brain tumor, Brian re-started his previous tour in Great Bend. He answered questions and entertained with camp songs.

Sacred music concert with John Leavitt

John Leavitt, Reformation, noted musician, composer and choral director, will present a concert of sacred music in celebration of Immanuel Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m., where he served as music director for many years. The concert will include music on the Reuter Pipe Organ, oboist Cindy Thompson, and the Jubilee Festival Singers, Dr. Leavitt's recording choir. The free concert, open to the public, will be at 909 S. Market, Wichita.

An interesting book study

Reformation is in the midst of a 7 week study of William P. Young's bestseller *The Shack*. The book wrestles with the question, "Where is God in a world filled with unspeakable pain?" The study group is discussing challenging questions, exploring how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are represented in the book, and providing insights into the Trinity.

Synod Assembly in Area 5 June 3-6

A planning team is at work beginning planning for the 2020 Synod Assembly at the Airport Hilton Hotel. Dr. Diane Jacobson of Luther Seminary will lead Bible studies, and Jonathan Rundman will offer music. Many ideas are being considered. Volunteers will be needed, especially for the hospitality room, floors team (assistance for voting members), worship planning, preparing an appeal and meaningful environment, hosting youth voting members, and more. Our Area 5 also is seeking persons to serve on the Resolutions Committee, Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee. See Donn Bischoff or a member of our Area Executive Committee for more info.



Takin' care of business at church

Managing the church worship and ministry facilities is a way to honor God and one another, a kind of stewardship. Here are some challenges, plans, and successes in our congregations this month:

Gloria Dei will decide on plans for new windows, including stained glass, and carpeting.

Reformation will decide whether to contract with a firm to do a major diagnosis and analysis of the roof leaks that have plagued the building since construction in 1996.

St. Paul's-Wichita replaced HVAC systems for many classrooms, sanctuary and Fellowship Hall last spring, and replaced windows in west classrooms. Barbara Klingman reports that utility bill savings the first five months have been about \$2,298, reducing costs almost 40%. Other areas lack efficient windows and insulation, but grants from the ELCA Mission Investment fund, the Wiedemann Fund, and members have already made a big difference.

Praying for one another in our ministry together

St. Paul writes, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

Oct. 11: Christ, Wichita, Pr. Michael Clark

Oct. 18: Cross of Glory, Derby, Larry Frank, PMA, preacher

Oct. 25: Emanuel, Hutchinson, Pr. Tim Carey and Pr. Phillip Vickers

Nov. 1: Seminarians and preparing for ministry: Caleb

Crainger (Zion, Seminary of the Southwest), Quinn

Gorges (Reformation, doctoral studies); Katy Harder

(Christ; intern, LSTC), Jessica Harren (Lord of Life);

Tim Meyer (Reformation, Luther Seminary distributed

learning); Chris Deines (Reformation, Wartburg

Seminary); and all Saints and saints

Nov. 8: Gloria Dei, Wichita, Pr. Peter Jacobson

Nov. 15: Good Shepherd, Wichita, Pr. Natacha Kemp

Nov. 22: Lord of Life, Pr. Garry Harris.

Nov. 29: Our Saviour's, Pr. Larry Blue

Dec. 6: Reformation, Wichita, Pr. Lowell Michelson; Pr.

Kristin Neitzel, Marlene Hallstrom AIM

Let us pray daily for our ELCA, our Synod, and our ministry together.

Pastoral updates

Larry Frank, Parish Ministry associate, is preaching regularly at Cross of Glory.

Pr. Tamara Keen's phone number is cell phone 655-3306. She is not using email currently. Pr. Keen is available for supply preaching.

Emanuel begins its annual World Hunger Challenge, in response to a member's offer to match up to \$7,000 given for ELCA World Hunger Appeal Oct. 18-Nov. 22.

Christ-Wichita approves safety and disaster plan

In the spirit of "preparedness," Christ-Wichita's team chaired by member Pr. Larry Cross, has expanded plans. They already have annual tornado and fire drills, as well as training in CPR and use of their defibrillator. With guidance from members Jerry Manuel, a police officer, and Ted Thompson, retired Highway Petrol officer, the church will have ways to secure the sanctuary, have video surveillance, and ushers trained for awareness.

Economizing with lights and heat

Several church newsletters are encouraging members to turn off lights in rooms not being used and to limit heating and air conditioning to spaces in current use. This will reduce energy using and impact on the environment, and be wise stewardship for the ministries of the church.

All for mission and just for fun!



At the mission fair and celebration of gifts and talents "Midway at Emanuel," Turkey Hill provided ice cream, iced tea, and the huge dairy cow float. Here Pastors Phil Vickers (left) and Tim Carey imagine dipping into the big ice cream box.

Area Ministry Calendar for all

- Oct. 11, 1:00 sign in, 2 p.m. CROP Walk, Wichita
4 p.m. "For whom the bell tolls prayer service
- Oct. 13, 9: a.m. Clergy/AIM/PMA gathering &
Neighborhood Adventure, St. Paul's, Wichita
- Oct. 17, 9 a.m. WELCA Cluster meeting, Good Shepherd
5 - 7:30 p.m. Falloween Party, St. Paul's
7:30 Youth Jam Lock-in, St. Paul's
- Nov. 1, 4 p.m. "Sing with All the Saints in Glory
Hymnfest, Reformation
- Nov. 3-5, Bishop's Convocation, Lake of the Ozarks
- Nov. 10, 9 a.m. Clergy/Aim/PMA gathering at Christ-
Eureka
- Nov. 15, 3 p.m., Area 5 Annual Meeting, Lord of Life
- Dec. 2, 9 a.m. Clergy/Aim/PMA gathering at Reformation

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