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The Synod Scene

A Newsletter of the South Dakota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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The First of Language Faith

THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD IS ONE OF THE ELCA SYNODS COMMITTED to The Book of Faith Initiative, which has been started across the ELCA. The key purpose and the heart of the Book of Faith Initiative is to encourage everyone to open the Bible and discover the new and many ways in which the Bible is a source and norm of our faith. This makes us—as a whole church, as individuals, as congregations, as programs, agencies, and institutions—talk *together* and to join in Bible-centered conversations.

Along with that, the Book of Faith movement will increase Bible literacy and fluency in the church and deepen our understanding of the Lutheran insight that grounds our faith and shapes our approach to the Bible. This whole church will become deeply engaged with the Bible on every level. Scripture is, after all, “the first language of faith.”

The ELCA has made available a growing number of resources that you and your congregation may use to come on board with the Book of Faith Initiative. The best place to start is online, at www.bookoffaith.org. There you will find information about the origin of the initiative; an invitation to “join the conversation”—which includes announcements, blogs, groups, videos, members, and more, including a social network; and ordering information for Augsburg Fortress resources supporting the Book of Faith Initiative:

Opening the Book of Faith, an introduction to the Bible and Lutheran perspectives that guide understanding of Scripture; *Opening the Book of Faith Course DVD*, discussion-starting video clips for the first three sessions of the course as well as a promotional clip to introduce the initiative to congregations; *Rediscovering the Book of Faith Course*, an introduction of the creation, collection, and canonization of Scripture; and other materials.

Please take a moment to look at the Book of Faith website, and register your congregation as a Book of Faith Congregation.

You will have an opportunity to learn more about Book of Faith in the South Dakota Synod yet this spring—watch for information and dates in *The Synod Scene*, on the website, in e-mail announcements, and via the synod’s RSS newsfeed. Jodi Hanson, AIM, and Suzanne Hansen, AIM, are the Synod Advocates for the initiative, and would be happy to visit with anybody about the Book of Faith. Please contact them by e-mail—jhanson@sdsynod.org or shansen@sdsynod.org—or call the synod office at 605/274-4011. S



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Opportunities for Growth and Renewal By Susan Marone, AIM, Associate to the Bishop

As we move into fall, the rhythms of ministry begin to take shape, and there is often a great sigh of relief that Sunday school and Confirmation teachers have been found (although many of them didn't know they were lost!), new groups have begun to get comfortable with each other, and so it goes! Off to the races!

What about growth and renewal for church leaders? As synod staff, we worship together at Augustana Chapel weekly, have devotions and prayer together, and fellowship over good coffee. Spending time together and asking the question *How are you doing?* creates an atmosphere of care and concern. We are fortunate to have a worshipping community so close by and I am grateful for the wonderful colleagues on our staff.

But what about others who are in our great state of South Dakota and don't have the proximity to such opportunities? We are partnering with Luther House of Study, Augustana College, and Sioux Falls Seminary to create clergy renewal opportunities along with continuing education. The program, yet to be named, will begin with monthly meetings of Colleague Groups, led by a trained pastor facilitator convening the two and a half hour sessions. They will gather together to give and receive support as well as to worship,

pray, study and build caring relationships. Groups will be self-selecting and may include ecumenical partners from their immediate area.

All participants in the program will gather together three times a year for a twenty-four hour seminar on the Augustana College/Sioux Falls Seminary campus. These gatherings will offer strong continuing-education opportunities. The gatherings will include ample time to connect with each other, worship with the college/seminary community, and enjoy some personal reflection time.

The Clergy Renewal Leadership Team with the Coordinator, the Rev. Dr. Karen Soli, will plan these events with input from the participants, often using faculty from the college and seminary, synod leadership, and visiting presenters as appropriate, affordable, and available.

We are seeking grants and funding sources for this project to make it more affordable for participants. Please contact me at the synod office, 605/274-4022, or smarone@sdsynod.org if you are interested in this program, as a participant or funding source. S

CALENDAR

November

- 1-2 - Faith Builders: Faith and Human Development. Contact: Jodi Hanson, AIM
- 2 - Lutheran Memorial, Pierre, 125th anniversary
- 5 - Synod staff meeting
- 10 - Multicultural Committee, Augustana Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, 7:00 P.M.
- 12-13 - Region 3 Retreat, Alexandria, Minnesota
- 13-14 - Advanced Peer Ministry Training, synod office
- 14 - Support to Ministries
- 27-28 - Synod office closed for Thanksgiving

December

- 6-7 - Augustana Board
- 11-12 - Dependable Strengths (synod staff)
- 24-January 2- Synod office closed for Christmas

A Note from Bishop Dave Regarding Conference Chaplains

As most of you know, we have had some conversations around the synod about “conference chaplains” who would make themselves available to counsel and provide pastoral care to other rostered leaders in their conference—a “minister’s minister” who would not be a member of the synod staff and thus completely independent.

After some considerable thought and consultation with others, here’s what emerges:

- S Each conference must be free to develop its own plan for a conference chaplain, if the conference so desires.
- S Because of the need for such a chaplain to be independent, it is not possible for any synod funds to be used as stipends, reimbursements, or other payments.
- S The conference chaplain position would have to be completely voluntary.

I encourage each conference to determine for itself what its needs and desires are, and to develop its strategy for best meeting those needs—you are, after all, in the best position to make those determinations. The executive staff here at the synod office will be more than happy to offer whatever advice and suggestions we can; please let us know if there’s any way in which we can help.

Blessings to one and all,



Bishop Dave



FROM THE BISHOP

South Dakota Synod Congregations in Transition

Pastoral Openings

Aberdeen, Bethlehem (associate)
Aberdeen, Good Shepherd (senior)
Aberdeen, Holy Cross (solo)
Aberdeen, Northern State University
Armour, East Lake Andes
Badger, Badger/Lake Norden, Trinity (solo)
Bryant, Our Redeemer
Canova, Immanuel
Clear Lake, St. Paul’s (solo)
Colton, First/St. Jacob’s (solo)
Custer, Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Edgemont, Trinity/Hot Springs, St. John’s
Garretson, Zion (solo)
Hermosa, Our Savior’s
Hill City, Community
Hudson, Hudson
Kennebec, Kennebec/Presho, American/Vivian, Vivian

Madison, St. John
Madison, Trinity (senior)
Pierre, Lutheran Memorial (senior)
Rapid City, Faith (solo)
Rapid City, Lord of Life (solo)
Sioux Falls, Messiah New Hope (senior)
Spearfish, Our Savior’s (part time)
Stickney, St. Paul (solo)
Webster, St. John’s

Calls Extended

Salem, Salem
Scotland, Zion

Installations

Rhonda Wellsandt-Zell, Bethany,
Woonsocket/Forestburg, Forestburg
Greg Myrmoe, Emmanuel, Beresford

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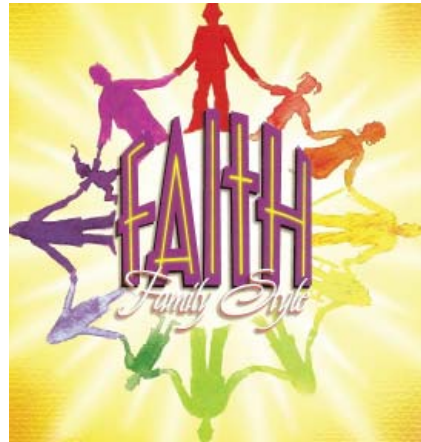
Peer Ministry?

I have been visiting with a number of congregations lately about what “Peer Ministry” is and why it should be an important part of their congregation’s youth experience.

Peer Ministry is not a job, it is an attitude. Youth and adults who become Peer Ministers develop communication skills that allow them to reach out to effectively help those around them. Also, Peer Ministers learn ways to develop welcoming and accepting attitudes and become aware of the hurts and needs of others by becoming a caring listener. Peer Ministry is not just about “youth group”; it is a way that pastors and congregations

support, uplift, and equip kids for living a dynamic, vibrant faith.

The South Dakota Synod has a number of adults who are trained to facilitate youth in becoming Peer Ministers in their



individual congregations. If you or anyone you know is interested in hearing more about how this youth ministry works, please contact me at shansen@sdsynod.org or 605/274-4011—I would love to share more details with anybody about this wonderful ministry! S

Come and Unwind at NeSoDak

NeSoDak’s Pastor Unwind Weekend
October 26–27 at NeSoDak, on Lake Enemy Swim,
Waubay, South Dakota

- Read
- Relax
- Partake in Fellowship
- Sightsee
- Fish
- Hunt
- Enjoy Recreation
- Study
- Pray

Cost: \$30
To register:
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Waubay SD 57273
605/947-4440; 605/947-4379 (fax)
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A Busy Season

By Jodi Hanson, AIM, Director of Faith Builders

All kinds of Faith Builders events are coming up in the next few weeks and months. Make sure you clear your calendar so you can take advantage of these important opportunities! And please share this information with people whom you think will be interested in what Faith Builders has to offer!

Faith and Human Development, November 1-2

This course will be a great assistance to anyone raising kids, teaching Sunday school, working with youth, or being an aunt, or uncle, or grandparent. That covers a lot of us! Vicki Goplin, adjunct faculty at Luther Seminary, St Paul, will be our instructor. Vicki is an experienced Christian educator and an enthusiastic teacher. This course is also one way to participate in the Book of Faith Initiative as we consider how different people and ages learn and how we can pass along faith and encourage reading the Bible.

For brochure on this class and a bulletin insert, go to <http://special.augie.edu/~faithbuilders/> NOTE: This is a slightly different web address than our previous Faith Builders address. Please change this in your web browser bookmarks.

Upcoming events

Healthy Congregations

January 17, 2009 — Workshop 4: *Relationships in Healthy Congregations* — Cost: \$35

April 25, 2009 — Workshop 5: *Healthy Congregations Develop Generous People* and Workshop 6: *Spiritual Care of Healthy Congregations* — Cost: \$50

These workshops will be held at three different locations on the same day, via videoconferencing. More details coming.

Faith Builders—Lifelong Learning Opportunity

Ten Commandments: The Adult Version.
Instructor: Bishop David Zellmer.

Friday evening, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, 2009 —

Thunderstick Lodge, Chamberlain

— Cost: \$135, limited to 35 people.

It is easy to think of the Ten Commandments as something that Sunday school kids and confirmation students learn about, but the Commandments aren't just a rule book for kids. The Ten Commandments are guides for healthy relationships with God and with others for all of us, no matter our age. This class is a

great way to be a part of the Book of Faith Initiative. Bishop Dave is excited for the opportunity to teach!

Introduction to Christian Thought and Ethics

Faith Builders
Spring Core Course
— March 2009
(weekend to be announced) — Sioux

Falls, Aberdeen, Rapid City (by videoconference) — Cost: \$67 plus books.

Please contact me at 605/274-4031 or jhanson@sdsynod.org if you have any questions about Faith Builders, or would like to be added to our mailing list. S



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Look for the 2008-2009 South Dakota Synod Handbook to be published later this autumn.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joys and Concerns are
online at www.augie.edu/sdsynod/jc.html

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the Family and Friends of

- S Larry Baesler, Rapid City, is the father of Pastor Chris Baesler, Rapid City. (9/08)
- S Dorothy Radmacher, Sioux Falls, the mother of Pastor Heidi Kvanli and mother-in-law of Pastor Lon Kvanli, Sioux Falls. (9/18)
- S Pastor Steven Mark Hanson, Bakersfield, California, formerly of this synod. (9/19)
- S Wade Fischer, Sioux Falls, a member of the family of Pastor Solveig Hendrickson, Dell Rapids. (9/26)

Prayers of Healing for

- S Retired pastor Don Salberg, Sioux Falls, recovering from gallbladder surgery September 15. (9/19)

Prayers of Thanksgiving for

- S Parker Lynn Nath, the granddaughter of Bishop Dave and LaDonna Zellmer, Sioux Falls. (9/26)
- S Aubrey June Gallipo, born September 22, granddaughter of Pastor Wayne and Debbie Gallipo, Watertown (9/30)

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