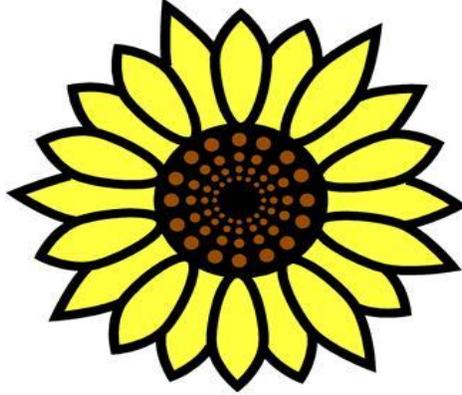


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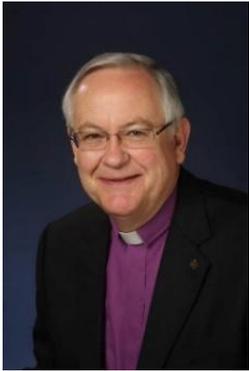
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This Changes Everything

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NW Washington Synod / ELCA

From the August 2018 edition of *The Spirit*

It was my joy to attend the National Youth Gathering with 276 young people and adult leaders from Northwest Washington. We gathered under the theme: THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING. What changes everything? Discovering the love, grace, and hope that has come into the world in the name of Jesus.

Thirty-one thousand students, all in brightly colored t-shirts bearing the gathering logo, took Houston by storm. Our first day was our synod congregations' Service Learning Day. I joined up with students from a few of our congregations and folks from a couple other synods in the Midwest. We were sent to a local Houston park where we spent time on three projects: reclaiming a sand volleyball court that had been invaded by deeply rooted weeds; gathering up trash around the park; and sweeping out all the picnic shelters.

It was steaming hot outside, with many of our young people experiencing major humidity for the first time in their lives. Fire ants were another first. But, this didn't stop them. They grabbed their working tools and took on the challenge. Sweat was dripping off our brows. For some it got so hot they cut the sleeves off their t-shirts. For those of us who didn't know what end of the shovel to use, the farm kids from Minnesota offered us a demonstration. Three hours of hard work and not a single complaint. Around the greater Houston area, other church groups were painting murals to lift the spirits of some the oppressed neighborhoods, cleaning up schools, helping at non-profits, and preparing thousands of book donations for distribution.

Our second day was spent in the Interactive Learning Center - which had activities to appeal to every young person's interests - inviting our students to: **"encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences."** You could do everything from building a picnic table, riding bumper cars, sailing on a zip line, participating in a coloring book prayer exercise, learning active Bible Story tell to chilling in Hammock Village. (You can find out more about these interactive learning stations here: www.elca.org/YouthGathering/details/interactive-learning.)

Day Three was our Synod Day. It was a day to spend time in scripture and to explore how God sends to us messengers who are, more times than not, strangers. We unpacked the story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus where they discovered the stranger to be none other than Jesus. We asked the question how is Jesus showing up as stranger in our world?

Every evening we gathered in the NRG Stadium for music and inspirational speakers. Many of the kids will tell you the speakers were the best part of the event. They understood the challenges facing our young people and knew how to relate to them. There were, shouts, tears and many standing ovations.

I must tell you what impressed me most was the young people themselves. I told our Synod youth they made me so proud to be their Bishop. I was deeply moved by their deep desire for justice, their care for their neighbors, and their ability to articulate the kind of world they want to see. The Holy Spirit is indeed moving among the young people of this church.

Their behavior is to be applauded. I spoke to police officers, Metro employees, bell hops and complete strangers who commented on how wonderful our young people were. It was powerful for me to witness how they cared for one another. They worked hard to see that no one was left out and comforted those kids who were having a hard time being away from home or facing the realities of what is happening in their own lives. I was moved by how comfortable and committed they are to inclusiveness. I left Houston with a renewed sense of hope for the church knowing God is forming a new generation of disciples who are well-fit to be the church now and into the future.



Scripture Readings

August 5 - 11 Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4; 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 12 - 12 Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 - 13 Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 26 - 14 Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES AT IMMANUEL:

- **August 5 & 19: Fundraiser Brunch after worship.**
- **August 12**– Church Council meets after worship service.
- **August 18** - Pinochle

August Birthdays

8/2 Freddy Delgado

8/4 Dennis Workman

8/4 Jeff Larson

8/5 Susie Finsrud

8/10 Russ Swanson

8/12 Pastor Barden

8/14 Mike Brewer

8/14 Carolyn Enzler

8/15 Chuck McInnis

8/16 Allyann Bargewell

8/18 Joan Rinard

8/23 Jones Pattison

8/25 Jordan Gassman

8/27 Gregg Newton

8/30 Jim Hawley

8/31 Jeanne Chadwick



August Anniversaries

8/1 Ron & Julie Roman

8/3 Scott & Tone Piper

8/7 Mark & Sue Ohlswager

8/17 Jan & Jerry Hunter

8/20 Bryan & Margot Noe

8/21 Don & Linda Anderson

8/22 John & Darlene Bayer

8/26 Jeff & Diane Monsen

8/31 Jim & Helen Freeman

8/31 Scott & Tone Piper

Breakfasts for a good cause!

Please join on August 5 and August 19 for very special breakfast fundraisers following worship service.

These breakfasts, organized and cooked by Carolyn Enzler, are raising money for the septic system. Thank-you Carolyn!



August 5, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min: Laura Hookham
Greeter: Muriel & Shelly
Ushers: Mike & Karen Brewer
Readers: Doug Proctor/Salvador Estrada
Com. Asst': Linda Anderson
Communion Set-up: Linda Anderson
Flowers: Jackie Bailey

August 12 9:30 a.m

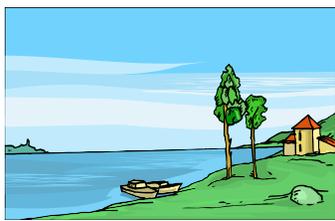
Ass't Min: Sara Murdock
Greeter: Pam/Kathee
Ushers: Pam/Kathee
Com. Ass't: Karen Harkness
Communion Set Up: Belia Estrada & Karen Harkness
Readers: Dennis Workman/Salvador Estrada
Flowers:

August 19 9:30 a.m.

Ass't. Min: Don Anderson
Greeters: Hunters/Brewers
Ushers: Hunters/Brewers
Reader: Kim Roe/Salvador Estrada
Com. Ass't: Linda Anderson
Communion Set Up: Valerie & Linda
Flowers: Bill & Carol VanderYacht

August 26 9:30 a.m.

Ass't Min. Karen Harkness
Greeter: Freemans/Wagners
Usher: Freemans/Wagners
Com. Ass't: Kathee Toivola
Communion Set-up: Kathee Toivola
Reader: Dawn Durand/Salvador Estrada
Flowers:



If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone that you can either switch an assigned Sunday with or sub for you.

A big thank-you to all the helpers; you are greatly appreciated and needed!

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*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
– Isaiah 41:10*

Synod Happenings:

Bonhoeffer Lecture Tuesday, August 28, 1pm at Pacific Lutheran University. Two renowned Bonhoeffer scholars will join in presenting at this special lecture event: the Rev. Dr. Renate Wind from Heidelberg, Germany will speak on the theme "Bonhoeffer: The Man, the Myth, and the Martyr" and Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker of Portland will present "For Love of the World: Bonhoeffer's Theology of Resistance and of Hope." Co-sponsored by Pacific Lutheran University and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, there will be a reception hosted by PLTS Rector Ray Pickett at both events which are free to the public. For more information, www.plts.edu/events/4267/

Hymn Festival Friday, July 27, 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood Free and Open to the Public. More:
[www.facebook.com/ events/787360198116643/](https://www.facebook.com/events/787360198116643/)

Women Of Immanuel News

Thursday August 2nd the ladies of Immanuel are invited to join us at the Olive Garden Restaurant at noon. We will have a short business meeting. Please let Penny McInnis know if you are coming.

August 14 – WOI Bible Study at Carol VanderYacht's.

We are procuring baskets for the Fall Festival in September. Baskets need to be made by our members. We hope to put baskets together for the following people:

- pre-school boy
- teen boy
- teen girl
- pre-teen girl
- school age girl
- religious basket

Or if *you* have an idea for a basket let Penny know.

There will be a list of items we need for the baskets on the bulletin board and we will be collecting those items during the month of August. If you have any suggestions of what each basket will need and would like to help assemble a basket let Penny know.

This is our biggest fundraiser for the projects and assistance we give to Lutheran World Relief, local foodbanks and charities that need help.

We will have a garage sale the beginning of next year so the items we want for "This n That" should be almost new. If you are talented and can do crafts please consider donating something to the fall festival.

We will have a bakery, food court, a silent auction, drawings throughout the event and a "This 'n That" section (no books or clothes) and a vegetable stand. Let Penny know if you would like to help in any of the above areas.

Greetings from Lutheran Community Services Northwest:

I am excited to announce that the North Puget Sound (NPS) Fundraising Luncheon is on **Sunday, October 21, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood.**

The afternoon begins with a social hour at 12:30 pm, followed by a lunch and program at 1:30 pm.

This year's theme is **Real People. Real Solutions.**

LCS is very grateful for your continued support and dedication to our organization, and the success of our annual fundraising luncheon relies on fantastic table hosts like you! **Are you interested in attending, and hosting a table this year?**

Money raised at this event benefit NPS' services such as foster children, refugees and immigrants and struggling families.

If you have any questions, please call me at [253-298-9170](tel:253-298-9170) or email me at jmalloy@lcsnw.org.

Again, thank you for your support and dedication to LCSNW. We are grateful for your partnership.

Sincerely,

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