

# The Spectrum



Saint Paul Reformation Lutheran Church



## Monthly News

September 2011

### RALLY SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 11th

Rally Day is our time to return to the Program Schedule for a new year and to introduce our theme for the coming 12 months – **“Graced for reconciliation in the world.”**

We begin with a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. (there is only one service on Rally Sunday). After church, there WILL be fun downstairs, with snacks and opportunity to sign up for Sunday School and Confirmation, learn how you can volunteer, be involved in social justice activities, and check out: The Chancel Stewards, Musical Groups, Wingspan, Global Ministries, Property, Adult Education, Stewardship, Endowment Fund and much more.

Our caring and skilled Sunday School and Confirmation teachers will be available to talk with prospective students and their families. Find out how you can be a part of St. Paul Reformation by checking out the different tables that highlight the activities that abound at our church. As usual, Rally Sunday will include a potluck lunch so warm up those recipes and plan on bringing a dish to share.

### TAIZÉ SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE, SEPT 11

On Sunday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. in SPR's sanctuary, we will hold a Taizé service for remembrance and peace to mark the 10 years since Sept. 11, 2001.

The service follows a simple format: contemplative singing, reading from Scripture, extended silence, and prayers of intercession. It is a Christian non-denominational service of quiet beauty and contemplation, a time of quiet and spiritual nourishment. This unique prayer comes from an ecumenical community in Taizé, France, dedicated to reconciliation in the world and contemplative prayer in action.

The music consists of lovely, simple but elegant short melodies, which are easy to learn and repeated often to memorize and internalize. The texts are often in Latin, regarded by the brothers as a neutral language for the thousands of international visitors each year.

### WINGSPAN MINISTRY TO HOST UGANDAN BISHOP IN SEPTEMBER.

Wingspan Ministry is honored to host Bishop Christopher Senyonjo and his wife, Mary, for one week during his fall UK-USA tour. Bishop Christopher, named one of Huffington Post's Ten Most Influential Religious Leaders for 2010, is in the U.S. to educate the American public about the difficulties facing GLBT people in Uganda and in 75 other countries where same sex relationships are criminalized. An Anglican Bishop in Uganda from 1974-1998, he now directs St. Paul's Reconciliation and Equality Centre for LGBTQ/Straight Alliance in Kampala.

Wingspan will be helping the Bishop connect to the Twin Cities' faith and GLBT community in a number of ways, including LC/NA leadership. Additionally, there will be a several opportunities for SPR members to meet and hear from the bishop about his work on behalf of essential services and human rights for GLBT persons.

Saturday, September 17, 4-6 p.m., Wingspan is hosting a fundraising reception at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (700 Snelling Ave. S., Saint Paul). As a sponsoring partner in the Bishop's work, we have committed to raise at least \$3500 to support one month of ministry at the St. Paul's Centre in Kampala. This event has a suggested donation of \$30, but we welcome everyone who wishes to hear from the bishop and encourage you to support his critical work in Uganda with a financial gift that is appropriately generous for you.

Sunday, September 18, Bishop Christopher will preach at both of our worship services and will join us for further conversation about his work during the Adult Forum between services. We will also be receiving a special offering during these worship services to support the Bishop. After the 10:30 worship service, Wingspan will host a coffee hour fellowship time with the bishop and his wife. And at 1:00 on Sunday we'll take them to brunch. If you'd like to join us for that brunch, be sure to sign up in the narthex after church on a prior Sunday; registration will be required.



# Co-Pastor Commentary

KEITH OLSTAD, CO-PASTOR

*St. Paul writes: “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to God’s own self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God’s own self,\* not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making God’s appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”*

*-- 2 Corinthians 5:17-20  
NRSV*

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We gear up for Rally Day with real excitement for what greets us this fall. Our young people return to a fresh Sunday School and confirmation program. Many adults go to engaging Sunday morning adult forums. Our music groups reconvene to sing songs, ring bells and play horns. This year we solemnly honor the tenth anniversary of 9/11 and we ponder what has come of the world since then. In almost the same breath, we welcome with open arms Bishop Christopher Senyonjo of Uganda to preach and lead the adult forum on Sunday, 9/18. His visit will help us consider ways we can reach across cultural, racial and geographic differences to ensure safety for LGBT people everywhere. We prepare to welcome shortly thereafter an October delegation from our partner parish in

El Salvador to spend two weeks with us here. We then send a delegation to our partners in Pella, Nigeria. We approach autumn caring for members and their families and simultaneously looking out beyond ourselves to relationships that span the globe.

Political pundits bemoan the alienation that has come to characterize our political discourse. In Minnesota and across the US, the political landscape seems increasingly polarized, bitter and oriented to simple winning or losing with little room for compromise. That stark line-drawing urges us to fear those who are different from us—whatever “us” we’re referring to. Partisan ideologues want “us” to make sharp distinctions between who is “in” and who is “out.” Consequently there is little room for conversation about “the common good,” for what is best for all of us together. In so polarized a setting, God calls us to talk about how to create equity in educational opportunity for all our children—SPR’s children and children in our neighborhood—for everyone’s benefit? How can we affirm that any people in love can make promises to build a life together in marital union? How can we ensure that our own SPR seniors have access to health and safety, as should all seniors in our land?

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Into this context, Rally Day offers St. Paul-Ref a fresh start, an opportunity to begin anew. We mark this beginning with a new theme for the year: “graced for reconciliation in the world.” This theme has been worked

on by council, committees and staff. It claims our congregation’s call both in terms of our life together—how we understand our own relationships, our own living together, our own solidarity. At the same time, it articulates our call in God’s world—how we understand our role in our immediate neighborhood and in God’s whole creation. This is how together we approach a new year of ministry among ourselves and in God’s world: as agents of grace, seeking hopeful reconciliation among ourselves and for God’s whole world.

*-- Keith Olstad,  
Co-Pastor*

## Changes in the Delivery of the Spectrum!

We are now in the new mode of delivering the Spectrum electronically.

Here is what you can expect:

- This Spectrum and all subsequent monthly deliveries will be primarily by electronic distribution. Postal mailings will be made to the homebound and those who have requested this method. There will also be print copies of the Spectrum available in the narthex each month.

These changes will be environmentally friendly, visually and graphically attractive and mindful of limited resources.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please contact Jennifer at the SPR office, 651-224-3371 or [office@stpaulref.org](mailto:office@stpaulref.org).



# Sabbatical Leave

ANITA HILL, CO-PASTOR (SABBATICAL)

St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church has a wonderful sabbatical leave policy for pastors. I'm off until October 1, 2011 for rest, renewal, reading, family time, and vacation. In case of a pastoral emergency or for other pastoral matters, please call Pastor Keith Olstad at 612-940-1534, or send an email to [pastorkeith@stpaulref.org](mailto:pastorkeith@stpaulref.org) For church matters in general, please e-mail our office administrator Jennifer Walding at [office@stpaulref.org](mailto:office@stpaulref.org).

Blessings to you for a lovely summer. See you in the fall.

*-- Anita Hill, Co-Pastor*



# Council Corner

LAURIE HAMRE & DIANE AASE, CO-PRESIDENTS

**Hello to all SPR members,**

My name is Diane Aase and I am privileged to have been chosen co-president of this congregation. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you something about who I am.

My husband, Chuck, and I joined SPR in March of 2009. My husband is a retired Lutheran pastor and I am a registered nurse, retired. We moved here from beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, because our children and grandchildren all live in the metro area.

We served churches in Ohio, Missouri, northern Minnesota, Kansas, Idaho and back to Minnesota. As a nurse, I worked primarily in home health and pediatrics. We are so happy to be back in Minnesota and so close to our family.

After visiting many churches in the area without finding a fit, we stumbled upon SPR and felt at home with the style of worship and the friendliness of the members and staff.

Now, I join you in leading our congregation into the future with our continuing mission of welcoming all in worship, community building, practicing mercy and pursuing justice for all. Thank you for this opportunity and I ask for your prayers for the congregation and its' leaders.

*-- Diane Aase*

My name is Laurie Hamre and I too feel privileged to have been chosen to serve as co-president of the Congregation Council. I am very grateful for the opportunity to share this role with Diane.

My partner, Lisa Mueller, and I have been SPR members for about 12 years. We continue to be blessed by the welcoming atmosphere, sense of community and the diligent work towards God's just will. We have been involved in various aspects of SPR and Lisa previously served as a Council co-president.

Both Diane and I are pleased to serve this wonderful congregation. Please feel free to contact either one of us if you have suggestions, questions or concerns for the Congregation Council.

*-- Laurie Hamre*

# Groups & Committee News

## SPR YOUNG ADULTS

SPR Young Adults will visit the Science Museum of Minnesota for one of its “Social Science” events on the evening of Wednesday, September 21. “Social Science” is a new adult night at the Science Museum of Minnesota, welcoming those 21 and over to grab a drink, enjoy the museum, and experience innovative programming.

**The September 21st event explores the science of beer brewing and wine making!** From fermenting yeasts to hops that add depth and flavor, to grapes hardy enough to survive Minnesota winter, we’ll be exploring all that has made these beverages loved throughout the ages. The event begins at 7 p.m. Watch for future bulletin announcements for more details, but save this date on your calendar today!



## ISAIAH MOVING FAITH TO ACTION – FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

*A sustained effort to create health and opportunity for all in St. Paul. Together we will create communities that are healthy, stable, equitable and powerful.*

As people of faith, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. In this campaign we will: Act on our core faith values; Build leaders; Engage public officials; Develop leadership skills; Join together and demand

In a series of monthly meetings we will learn and do the following:

**September 15 we will prepare for our second action with a local official. Focusing on understanding what we have learned so far and how we are compelled to act. Meeting time is 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting place is to be determined. Please watch the weekly e-mail and Sunday bulletins for notice on meeting place.**

## ISAIAH MEETING: EQUITY AND EDUCATION IN MINNESOTA

Because members of St Paul-Reformation are committed to justice, to integration, and to education, many of you no doubt noted with dismay the report of the results of the most recent statewide math tests that 11th graders took in this spring. Only 17 % of students of color passed. 56% of white students passed.

The causes of the considerable discrepancies between the achievement rates of white students and students of color on standardized tests are many and complicated. But we cannot allow the complexity of the problem to paralyze us. Perhaps the first action we need to take is to educate ourselves about the problem and the way Minnesota is planning to address it.

If you want to learn more and perhaps sign on to a campaign to support our schools, especially in addressing the racial achievement gap, join me and other members of the St Paul-Ref Core team at an event focused on this problem. Indeed, you will have an opportunity to hear from an expert, Minnesota’s Commissioner of Education Brenda Casselius.

Commissioner Casselius will be the featured speaker at:

ISAIAH’s Third Leadership Action Day  
Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 7025 Halifax Ave., N. ,  
Brooklyn Center

Forty percent of students of color in the St. Paul school systems do not graduate in five years. St. Paul cannot prosper if so many students fail to graduate high school. Hope to see you in Brooklyn Center on 17 September.

If you have more questions contact, Core Team Chair, Roger Mackey at [mackeyrc@comcast.net](mailto:mackeyrc@comcast.net) or Art at [awalzer@umn.edu](mailto:awalzer@umn.edu)

-- Art Walzer

Core Team, St Paul-Ref



# Groups & Committee News

## TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE HAS ITS FIRST MEETING

The Technology Task Force has been convened to develop some short and long-term plans for upgrading and expanding technology use at SPR. The task force members are Pam Peyton, Brett Bowman, David Matenaer, Craig Schardt and Mark Doerr. Initially the task force will inventory SPR's technology, then they will evaluate the inventory and develop some recommendations for upgrading and replacing technology, and maybe recommend some new processes. The task force had its first meeting on 8/15 and a lot of great ideas came out of the brain storming session. If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the task force members.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH TEAM IS RAMPING UP FOR NEXT STEPS

The Music Director Search Team met again on 8/10 after taking a couple months off. The team is moving on to the next steps for hiring a permanent music director for our church. The search team includes Pastor Anita Hill, Bob Tyler, Pastor Keith Olstad, Margaret Schuster, Mark Doerr, Pam Peyton, Sharon Baker, and Victoria Smith. The team's first steps will be to update the music director job description. If you have any comments for the music director search team, please contact one of the members.

## FUNDRAISER FOR GLOBAL MINISTRY DATE SET

Mark your calendars now for a lunch and silent auction to be held Sunday, October 9, 12:00 noon following the second service. A 5-star lunch will catered by Manana Restaurant. The silent auction will include donated gifts of weekend getaways, dinners, art, and lots more! Funds raised will be used for travel scholarships to El Salvador and Nigeria and for church members there to travel here. Tickets for the lunch will be sold starting Sept. 18. Gifts to the auction may be given to Deanna Sande or Sandy Iverson.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

My name is Judy Grauer. This year I will be the Sunday School Coordinator, and I am looking forward to working with the children and parents. We are excited to have a smooth transition including the return of many teachers and the continuation of the successful SPARK curriculum. We are thrilled that our Interim Music Director, Cynthia Moore, will be providing musical activities for the children each Sunday.

My experiences working as an elementary school teacher have provided me with the skills that are important to assist our children with their Lutheran spiritual development.

We invite all of you who are interested in the children to meet with the skilled and dedicated Sunday School and Confirmation teachers on Rally Sunday, September 11 after the service and to enroll your children in their classes.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

The families and children of St. Paul Reformation need you. Experience the joy and fun of helping children grow in their Lutheran faith. Celebrate the community of St. Paul- Reformation by working with the Sunday School staff, the music director, parents, volunteers and co-pastors.

Don't be shy or hesitant, the coordinators will supply you with the materials and curriculum you will need to share the faith journey with the eager, talented and much loved children of our church. **You will be teamed with experienced and veteran teachers; both regular classroom teachers and substitutes are needed.** The teaching schedule is flexible but usually entails one hour fifteen minutes a week on Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

To find out more about this great opportunity call Judy Grauer,(651-303-3141); Tina Proctor,(651-731-0982); Kay Bonczek (651-341-5325) or Lee Lundin (651-341-2328)

# Music and Worship News

## Calendar

Wednesdays, 7pm, Choir rehearsals, in the sanctuary  
Sun., Sept 11, 9:30am ~ Rally Sunday  
Sun., Sept 11, 6:30pm ~ Taizé service for remembrance and peace

## Choir rehearsals

The choir is back in session, **Wednesdays, 7pm**, in the sanctuary. No auditions. If you are age high school to age 99, the door is open! If you are shy about your voice, talk to me. Remember the miracle of choir: voices join together to form a greater whole. See you Wednesday!

## Taizé service for remembrance and peace

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Handbell Choir - 2010

## Liturgical music

*“Music is a servant of the Gospel and a principal means of worshiping God in Lutheran churches. Congregational song gathers the whole people to proclaim God’s mercy, to worship God, and to pray, in response to the readings of the day and in preparation for the Lord’s Supper.”*

## The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament

Music can have powerful associations: your favorite song, a piece meaningful for you and your partner, children singing ‘Happy Birthday’, the playing of ‘Taps’ when my dad’s ashes were placed the State Veterans Cemetery. We know this.

Music in liturgy, basically, is a channel for our praise, prayer and thanksgiving. It is also about joining our voices with others corporately. It is also about accompanying and serving parts of the ritual, like singing before cutting the cake.

But, more importantly, when music grows out of the Scripture readings--that is, when we sing what we’ve heard--very potent things happen. And when the sermon is added, a moving three-part link is formed that can’t be beat. Breath-taking!

My job is to do my best to make that happen, on the musical side, to try to get out of the way, so that I may be the channel. Which brings me to the next point: we are servants. More next month.

Cynthia Moore  
651 224 3371, ext. 14  
[music@stpaulref.org](mailto:music@stpaulref.org)

# Congregation & Community News

## WELCOMED TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

**Mikko Per Matala**, son of **Brad and Sarah Matala**, who was baptized on Sunday August 21.

## CONDOLENCES AND CARE TO:

**Kylie and Peter Kuhlman**, on the death of Kylie's uncle, Kent Christensen.  
**Deb Johnson and Mary Greene**, on the death of Deb's mother, Donna Johnson.

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### Archer Family News:

**Brandon Archer and Megan Geraets** were married on July 16, 2011.

**Jaeda Grace Archer** was born to Phillip and Crystal Archer on July 22, 2011. Jaeda was 7 pounds 11 oz and the first baby girl in the Archer family in 48 years. Sure to be spoiled by her **Great-Grandmother Lucille, Grandmother Sandy and Auntie Mary Louise**.

**Sara Swenson-Seleen's** fast pitch softball team went to nationals and took fourth place. Congratulations Sara and her Roseville teammates!

## BROADEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE, EXPAND YOUR WORLD BY JOINING THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUMS

As we start a new academic year, adult learners are invited to gather Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m., in Tidemann Hall, for an eclectic offering of topics including sacred, political, societal issues and more. The rich variety of presentations will include St. Paul-Reformation's Global Ministry relationship with sister parishes in El Salvador and Nigeria; current issues facing the ELCA; topics of concern in our state and nation; social service opportunities; scripture and theology studies and more.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11 – RALLY DAY AND SERVICE OF PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9 – GLOBAL FIESTA – LUNCH AND FUNDRAISER

View the full church calendar at: <http://stpaulref.org/calendar>

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ST. PAUL-REFORMATION  
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# Dates of Note

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER TO:

09/01 Janice Boyer  
09/03 Heather D'Evelyn, Landon Lawrence  
09/07 Kasarah Archambault, Casey Damberg,  
Lynette Huhn, Leslie Judd  
09/08 Alan Bloemke, Mike Hagedorn, Lynn Mickelson,  
Lucas Sundelius, Kathy Westlund  
09/09 Roger Kahler, Cheryl Larson, Phyllis Zillhart  
09/10 Julie Brabender  
09/11 Janice Fowler  
09/12 Sherry Berdahl, Anthony Rinaldi  
09/13 Earthy HillGivens  
09/14 Katherine Blaine  
09/15 Keyon Archer  
09/16 Paul Chindvall  
09/17 Lillie Eiken, John Reimer  
09/18 Jacquelyn Dinusson, Aimee Smith  
09/19 Jakob Allrich-Osano, John Johnson  
09/20 Dorothy Gjerdrum, Tony Stauning  
09/22 Keith Olstad, Laura Pejisa, Tina Proctor  
Jared Sande-Martin  
09/23 Eric Beckman, Signe Harriday  
09/24 JaPaul Harris, Sara Ibis, Jeff Kopseng  
09/25 Cheryl Caumiant, Shirley Heyer,  
Samuel Stauning, Alexander Taylor  
09/26 Gianni Washington  
09/27 Paul Grauer, DeeAnn Kohn,  
Alexander Sword, Ryan Young  
09/28 Cynthia Fay, Linda Maday, Brian Olson,  
Lois Snook, Sharon Torkelson  
09/29 Jill Aughey, Solveig Harriday,  
Cynthia Peyton

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER TO:

09/02 Jan Bailey and Emily Eastwood  
09/03 Gary and Deanna Sande  
09/04 Maren and Randall Koncilja  
09/05 Diane Martin Hushman and John Hushman  
09/06 Judite Flugler and Vicki Ostendorf  
Lois and Richard Wintersteen  
09/07 Carla Hagen and LeRoy Sorenson  
09/09 Diane Pearson and Dan Ostrowski  
09/11 Jodean Thronson and John Riemer  
09/13 Susan Corbin and Karen Lueck  
09/15 Mary Coyne and Laura Secord  
09/18 Pat Bloomquist and Debra Henrich  
09/19 Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart  
09/20 Lynn Erstad and Teresa Tate  
09/23 Wes Doolittle and Chet Ritchie  
09/24 Katie and Jason Swanson  
09/25 Darlene and Al Bertke  
Heather Whatley and Kristi Woolitz  
09/26 Lois Quam and Matt Entenza  
09/27 Amy Hamlin and Paul Flindt  
09/29 Michael-jon Pease and Christopher Taykalo

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

### September 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers/Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Lector: Mark Sandberg  
Communion Set/Clean-Up: Shirley Schaefer  
Council Communion Assistants: Mark Doerr  
Nursery Attendant: Debbie Thomas  
Coffee/Treats: Volunteer Needed  
Counters: Pat Graham- John Whalen

### September 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day

Assisting Minister: Paul Chindvall  
Ushers/Greeters: Beth Benson  
Lector: Beth Benson  
Communion Set/Clean-Up: Joan Duke  
Council Communion Assistants: Mark Doerr  
Nursery Attendant: Debbie Thomas  
Coffee/Treats: Libby Olstad  
Counters: Ron Sundberg, Teresa Tate and Lynn Erstad

### September 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am service volunteers to be determined  
Assisting Minister: Volunteer Needed  
Lector: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Volunteer Needed  
Council Communion Assistant: Paul Chindvall  
Communion Set/Clean-Up: Mark Doerr  
Nursery Attendant: Debbie Thomas  
Coffee and Treats: Volunteer Needed  
Counters: D Livdahl/B Benson-

### September 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am service volunteers to be determined  
Assisting Minister: Volunteer Needed  
Lector: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Volunteer Needed  
Council Communion Assistants: Jim and Marilyn McGowans  
Communion Set/Clean Up: Mark Doerr  
Nursery Attendant: Debbie Thomas  
Coffee and Treats: Volunteer Needed  
Counters: Julie Richards-

# Financial Update

## FINANCIAL REPORT As of August 28, 2011

Income	Actual	Budgeted
Current and Benevolence	186,785	218,066
Building Maintenance	13,840	26,666
Other	40,190	52,295
Totals	240,824	297,027
Expenses		
Totals	254,106	297,027

**Worship Attendance**  
**Average Sunday**  
**Attendance in 2011 to**  
**date = 139**

These include only expenses paid to date  
Outstanding bills as of 08-28-11 = \$ 37,100

## GOING ON VACATION? GOING TO THE CABIN?

If so, please remember to continue your pledge payments. Payment can be mailed in using your pledge or other envelope. Payment can even be made when you are on road or at the lake – go to [www.stpaulref.org](http://www.stpaulref.org) and find the donate button on the lower right hand corner of the home page of the website.

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## SPR CARING LINK: HELPING ONE ANOTHER VIA ONLINE EXCHANGES

Do you know of someone in need of a particular item (chair, bed, dishes, etc.) or service (caretaker, pet watcher, ride to appointment, etc.)? Do you have an item (red chair, twin bed, everyday dishes, etc.) or service (volunteer hours, love of pets, car with empty seats, etc.) you could offer someone else?



SPR's private group on Facebook called the "SPR Caring Link" is the place where you can post notices of needs for you or a member of our broader SPR community. It is also the place where you can offer goods & services to meet particular needs already posted or to offer to the wider SPR community.

It's easy to join the SPR Caring Link. Simply send an email to [SPRCaringLink@groups.facebook.com](mailto:SPRCaringLink@groups.facebook.com) and a group administrator will add you to our private group!

# Member Stories

## Holden Village: A Place of Renewal and Transformation

JIM MCGOWAN

A 3000 mile round trip to go to camp? Why would you do that? To find the answer, you would have to talk to each one of the twenty-two folks from SPR who spent a week at Holden Village August 20-27, and you would more than likely receive twenty-two very personal replies. It's that kind of place.

The 3 1/2 hour boat ride up Lake Chelan, followed by a 40 minute bus ride traversing the hairy switchbacks to the transformed abandoned copper mining village is a forecast that something special is about to happen. Your world is suddenly digested down to a simple community of rustic buildings, new friends and inspiration galore.



Linda Thorson and Jeanne Heer, SPR members who are working at Holden for two years, were waiting for us as we pulled into town. It is common practice for the entire camp population to turn out at the arrival and departure of the daily bus. It was good to see their smiling faces and know we were in good hands for the rest of the week. They hosted our group in their quaint mountainside chalet overlooking the village.

Holden Village is surrounded by the Cascade Mountains and most of us took advantage of the variety of hiking trails. All of us enjoyed the path of the Holden experience. Just what is that "experience" you might ask. Here again each one of the campers would give their own answer.

At Matins on our last full day a fellow guest summed up the experience by referring to Holden as a "Place Apart" - a place where we give ourselves permission to be transformed and to continue that transformation when we return home.



We have learned we can:

- Initiate meaningful conversations
- Look at scripture through a new lens
- Experience "wilderness" where ever we are
- Consume less meat and less media
- Have fun every day
- Smile at strangers
- Celebrate more.

The gifts go on.

The campers have returned, and it is our hope that we can share the Holden experience with you. Catch us in the narthex! We all have stories to tell.

*"My favorite things about Holden are the youth activities, the mountains, scenery, deer and the food!!" Casey Damberg*

*"Holden is an enchanting place and I'm so glad we got to experience its profound beauty with SPR friends. No wonder everyone wants to return!!" Kristen Damberg*



## Bible Matters: September Lectionary

Because the Bible does matter, you are invited to engage the Book of Faith with the Bible Matters Group. Use these lectionary readings for each week at home and join an engaging group weekly on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at church with Co-Pastor Keith.

### September 4 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### September 11 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 14:1-12  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### September 18 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-6

### September 25 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

## HALLIE Q. BROWN NEEDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Summer is nearly at an end as evidenced by the shelves and shelves of school supplies in the stores. Hallie Q Brown Food Shelf is again collecting school supplies that will go to children in our neighborhood. Please consider purchasing extra school supplies when you are at the store completing your own children's school shopping list or when you are at the store doing your shopping.

Bring the items to church on Sunday and place in the shopping cart in the narthex or bring to the food shelf during the week. For more information on items needed contact Hallie Q Brown Food Shelf at 651-251-9015.

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS 2011-2012

Diane Aase	Marilyn McGowan
Danette Allrich-Osano	Steve Robertson
Beth Benson	John Johnson
Mark Doerr	Deb Wilson
Judy Grauer	Anita Hill, Pastor
Anna Korinko	Pastor Keith Olstad
Laurie Hamre	

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011-2012

Co-President – Diane Aase  
Co-President – Laurie Hamre  
Co-Pastor - Anita Hill  
Co-Pastor - Keith Olstad  
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# Educational Opportunities

## LUTHER SEMINARY – LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY – FALL 2011 COURSES

### **Love Stories from the Bible September 26 - October 24**

Course Time: MONDAY AFTERNOON 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

“Love” is a huge word in the Bible. Film and television makes us think of romantic love, but love in the Bible is much more. It all begins with God’s love for us, but biblical love also includes married love, love of friends and -how radical! - love for enemies. The course will also consider how these stories have been told in many ways through the centuries. Seminar Leaders: Michael Rogness, Professor Emeritus of Preaching; Eva Rogness, Former Chaplain, Abbott Northwestern Hospital

### **The Gospel of Mark (webcast available) September 26 - October 24**

Course Time: MONDAY EVENING 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mark’s Gospel is the first story of Jesus that was written down for believers. It is short, intense and often hard to understand. Yet Mark wrote this story so that early Christian communities would understand - and become more faithful disciples. Known both as a master of surprise and a challenging teacher of discipleship, the evangelist Mark has given us a version of the good news that speaks honestly to the world as he and now we experience it. We will spend our five weeks together looking closely at Mark’s story of Jesus and imagining this surprising and challenging teacher speaking also to us. Seminar Leaders: Patricia Lull, Executive Director, St. Paul Area Council of Churches; Faculty: Sarah Henrich, Professor of New Testament

### **The Holy Spirit September 26 - October 24**

Course Time: MONDAY EVENING 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Who is the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit present and active in our lives, in the church, and in the world? In this course, we will reflect on these questions drawing primarily on Scripture but also on other sources, both classical and contemporary, including the ways we have experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. Faculty: Lois Malcolm, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology

### **Lay School of Theology**

The Lay School of Theology at Luther Seminary is a program of informal, non-credit classes taught by seminary professors for lay persons who want to learn more about matters that relate to their Christian faith and life. The Lay School curriculum includes courses on Old Testament and New Testament, as well as the Holy Spirit, Martin Luther and the Apostle Paul. Most classes meet on the Luther Seminary campus during five consecutive Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Northwestern Hall, on the northwest corner of Hendon Avenue and Fulham Street. The daytime class meets in Stub Hall Lounge from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **New Online Courses!**

A limited number of courses will be webcast. To attend via webcast you will need a high speed Internet connection.

Register online to attend at [www.luthersem.edu/layschool](http://www.luthersem.edu/layschool)

View these online course instructions to check system requirements and get set up for online courses.

You may register for webcast courses as an individual or host the course for a group.

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## 16th ANNUAL AUGUSTANA HISTORIC LUTHERAN WORSHIP

The 16th Annual Augustana Lutheran Worship using the Hymns and Liturgy of the Augustana tradition will be held on Sunday September 25 at 2:30 p.m. at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina. The Service with Holy Communion includes inspiring hymn singing and an uplifting message from Guest Preacher: The Rev. Marbury Anderson – retired pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. The Organist is Dr. John O. Swanson. There will be refreshments and fellowship hour following the service celebrating the women of Augustana and their ministries. All are welcome. Bring your friends. For more info or directions call 952-929-1697.

## MANY VOICES, BOLD VISIONS

### AUGSBURG COLLEGE CONVOCATION SERIES 2011-12

The Bernhard M. Christensen Symposium September 26-27, 2011

**Walter Brueggemann**, Columbia Theological Seminary Professor emeritus of Old Testament, Minister of the United Church of Christ. His work focuses on the relationship between the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian faith.

**Accumulation: The Lust for Domination and Monopoly – Monday September 26, 5 p.m.**

**Community: Food Practiced as Astonished Gratitude – Tuesday September 27, 11 a.m.**

Both events are held in Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center at 625 22nd Ave S, Minneapolis. Events are free and open to the public. For more info or special requests, call 612-330-1104. Website: [www.augsburg.edu/conv](http://www.augsburg.edu/conv)