



ANCHOR NEWS

Springfield Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Something Old, Someway New

By Michelle Guillory—Hello folks! Welcome to your friendly Anchor newsletter. This is going to be a new adventure for us all. We've had the typical "church newsletter" before...and at almost every church we attend, but we're doing something different with ours this time around. In addition to "audience participation" we are adding the technology element. It will be added to the website and to our Google+ page. For those of you not familiar with computers, that's okay as we will still have printed copies if you would like them...just let Michelle G. know you want one so she knows how many to print.

Meet the Press & Get the Details

By Michelle Guillory—Your primary Editor will be the Office Administrator, Michelle Guillory. Pastor Erik Post will be a contributor on a regular basis as will your Council President, Linda Loomis. Our "reporters" will be you, our readers, and feel free to make suggestions. As the goal of this newsletter is to give you as much information in one place as we can, to ensure that the newsletter achieves this goal, please send items of interest to the church office...either write it down and stick it in the Parish Secretary's box in the main hall or send an e-mail to SLCAnchor@gmail.com. The deadline for you to provide this information to the church office will always be 10 days before the end of each month...exceptions may be allowed, but will not be permitted to become standard practice.

Joke of the Month—

What did the snail say when he was riding on the turtle's back?

Wheee!

- Anonymous



Esme' Heikkila helping with the advertising

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Rei and Peaux

Photo Credit to Michelle Guillory

The Office Dogs

By Michelle Guillory—So, who really rules the roost? It's not Michelle or Pastor Erik. Meet Rei (pronounced rye or wry) and Peaux (pronounced Po or Poe). They are your unofficial security dogs/greeters. You'll find them in the office if Michelle is in the office, so primarily look for Peaux on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays...Rei only joins them on Dog Park days (Fridays) or when she can't go to her own church to offer protection and greetings.

As an FYI, they are friendly and have never bitten anyone...it's death by kisses around here, but Peaux and Rei will go into Guard Dog Mode if necessary. So think happy thoughts and prepare for the Lab Lean with Peaux. He's 9 and has this loud ferocious baritone bark, but be prepared...he's a 75 lb. lap dog.

Rei is more timid, so don't be surprised if she growls and barks, she's a talkative puppy (just over a year) and we're working on that. Actually, it's kind of funny...she pulls that routine with Erik, but not with most other people...he just can't figure out why she won't love him like Peaux does (or his own 3 dogs)...I'm still laughing about it...Anyway, tell her "No Kisses" if you don't want your pants licked. The other commands she's pretty good with are Sit and Settle...well, there are more, but those are the one's you'll likely need.

As for treats, please only give the ones provided in the office. They're on the desk behind the monitor. Thank you. And if you ever notice any presents in the yard, let me know where to find them, as I try to scoop them when they drop them, but sometimes they grab a chance when I'm juggling the door. I have baggies in every purse, bag, jacket, and vehicle I own. I am more than willing to be responsible for their land mines...um, presents.

In the future, I'd like this space to be about you...not my dogs. Each month I'd like to introduce someone, anyone, to the readers. I don't know most of you and there are new members to this congregation who don't know you as well...not to mention the folks you only "think" you know. If that type of article doesn't happen, that's okay, but we'll need to have a different idea for the page.

Wise Guys

So if you would like to join a men's Bible study and share your insights with like-minded folks, join the Wise Guys at Elmer's out at Gateway on the last Tuesday of each month. This month it is October 27. Every month it's at 1:15.

Come. Join. Learn. Share. Drink coffee. Tell bad jokes. Have a good time.

Quilters

Regardless of gender or skill, we have two quilting groups that are happy to welcome any and all to come participate.

Our longest running quilt group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9am and makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Then, twice a year we ship them off and they are sent to crisis centers around the world.

Our newest group meets every other Wednesday at 9am and its primary focus is on quilts for local children in Foster Care. The dates for October are the 14th and 28th.

We welcome you in any capacity whether you can sew, or iron, or donate, or pray. Join us.



LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to www.lwr.org for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/ Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230



The Breakfast Club

Photo Credit to Pastor Erik Post

God's Work, Our Hands. Success!

By Michelle Guillory—On September 12, there were four churches (Central, Emmaus, Our Redeemer, and SLC) in our Emerald Cluster that hosted a number of events that more than 30 Lutheran volunteers of all ages from all around our Cluster participated in. It was successful in many ways. “Why?” you ask. “How?” you ask. Good questions!

The events were part of a nation-wide, ELCA coordinated, annual dedicated day of service as an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This was a great way for Lutherans to show that we are one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Also, the Oregon Synod has been trying to get our congregations to work closer together in ministry via the Area Ministry Strategy Team with both Clergy and Lay folk involved. Our Emerald Cluster has been having meetings to try to develop a variety of ministry opportunities that we can work on together in partnership. You are welcome to join them. See the E-Anchor and Sunday bulletins for dates and locations.

Here in the Emerald Cluster, these efforts coincided when four congregations hosted a variety of events that had participation from Lutherans around the area in service to our communities and the world. There were LWR projects for the school backpacks and quilts; for food pantries; for the Fire Fighters' Wish List; for the Community Breakfast; and a joint Service of Thanks at the end of the day over at Emmaus.

All events/projects were hugely successful and we look forward to doing them again. Please join us next September for another round of “God's Work, Our Hands”.



The SLC Steeple

Photo Credit to Katie Yow

From the Pastor

My favorite time of year is here: the autumn! Many of you have expressed these sentiments to me, too, over the years. Crisp weather. Gorgeous leaves. Football. Halloween. Thanksgiving. Yes, even "hunting camp" (with or without an actually deer or bird to bring home). Take a moment and add whatever you may find "special" about this time of year, something that is pleasing and fine.

We have begun our "regular" yet, in its own way, "special" schedule here at SLC after what seemed to be a very LONG summer. My encouragement for all of us is to gauge the time ahead, and make special time for the things of faith practice and service, things that only a community of faith can offer. In theory, there is no special season for that, but with autumn upon us we now have some specific things to look forward to, take part in, and pray about.

First, thanks to all of you for your support of me as pastor here. On September 1, I began my 13th year as your pastor. I have asked before, and ask again, your forgiveness for my blunders and missteps along the way, and will "covet" your prayerful support for our time together now. I do miss the folks who are no longer with us, yet welcome those who have come on board, and are contributing in positive ways to who we are now, and to what we are to become in the future.

Moving forward, we will have an "Appreciation" dinner October 24 to say "thank you" to many who have blessed us with their participation in life together here. Quilts and kits will be sent and prayed over to help Lutheran World Relief. Another Free Community Breakfast on Veteran's Day Sunday will be on tap. We will remember our faithful departed loved ones on All Saints Sunday. We will find ways to partner with our Emerald Cluster churches in shared ministry efforts. We will explore ways to set up a financial endowment option for people to contribute to the ongoing and future ministry needs of this congregation. We are hopeful to add education hour on Sundays...

And yes, there will be a joke book; no foolin'!

Please join with me to pray for, and find ways to work together--all of us--for the sake of the Gospel here in this time, this place. Here's a scripture to ponder: "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." -- Matthew 9:13 NIV

Book Group

Do you like to read? Does your reading lack direction? Are you stuck looking for your next book?

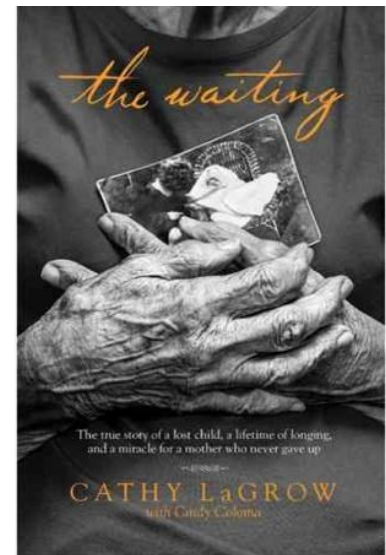
Well, have we got something up your alley...SLC has a great group of readers who meet every 6 weeks or so to discuss a group-selected book.

In October, our book will be The Waiting by Cathy Lagrow. We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 21 to discuss and select our next book. Our discussion will take place at 11:30 am at The Heritage.

For December, we will be reading The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd and there will be a gift exchange of homemade or inexpensive items. This will take place at 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 2, at Indulge.

All are welcome to join.

Contact Darlene Wood for details. She can be reached at darlenewood1.dw@gmail.com.



Your Council Members for 2015:

President:
Linda Loomis

Vice President:
Bill Maack

Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

Budget:
Bill Maack

Property/Maintenance:
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Kevin Heikkila

Stewardship:
Katie Yow

Hospitality:
Alicia Fisher

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire



President's Corner

Hello All. Your Council met on September 20th. Here's the gist of the meeting:

- Your President opened the meeting.
- Minutes for the last meeting were read and voted to accept.
- The President reported that she received information on the AED. At this time we will not be buying one due to finances. We will bring it up at another time.
- Michelle Guillory will now be logging the amount off the offering envelopes and preparing the quarterly statements.
- The Treasurer reported that all bills are paid and up to date.
- Pastor reported that "God's Work, Our Hands" was a success. A big thank you to Bill and Teri Maack for heading up the breakfast, and Linda Heikkila for the firefighter boxes. October 26-28 Pastor will be attending the Bishops Convocation and will be out of town. **Monday bible study started on 9-28.**
- Social concerns reported that we will be helping the "Family Shelter" again this year. This will be in mid-October. If you are interested, please contact Susan Squire.
- Property/Maintenance reported that we are working on different projects in the church.
- Worship is working with Pastor on hymns. We are still in need of Lay Readers and Greeters and Communion Assistants.
- Hospitality is working towards having a Heritage dinner. More information coming. In December, we will be hosting a concert featuring a group of Mennonites. They are very good.

That's all for now. Have a great month.

Linda Loomis
President
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OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12 noon AA	2 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	3 Camp Lutherwood's Oktoberfest 11:00 Sylvia Whit- field's Memorial 12:30 AA
4 Pentecost 19 Pet Sunday 1:00 Nar Anon Potluck 2:00 Crop Walk @ Alton Baker Park	5 Office Closed 12 noon AA 6:30 Bible Study	6 9:00 Quilting 9:00 Tai Chi 12 noon AA 5:30 Nar Anon 7:00 Hope's AA Group	7 9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar Anon 3:30 Sr. Circle Yoga 5:30 AA 6:45 Mid-Wk Worship	8 9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA	9 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	10 12:30 AA
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Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- Monday Night Bible Study topics—October 5 - Ruth; October 12 - No Study; October 19 - Jonah; October 26 - No Study.
- Camp Lutherwood's Oktoberfest—Saturday, October 3, 2015, 3-7pm. The event will include dinner, live auction, live music, and much more! Celebrate Camp Lutherwood Oregon's amazing 2015 summer season and look ahead to the big plans that are in the works for the ministry of Camp Lutherwood Oregon! Check the website for pricing and more details.
Lutherwoodoregon.org
- Pet Sunday—October 4, 2015, there will be a blessing of the animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Well behaved pets are welcome. More nervous or excitable and unpredictable pets may be represented by photos or some other object. If someone has significant allergies, please talk to Pastor about what can be done to minimize exposure.
- Crop Walk—October 4, 2015, at 2pm at Alton Baker Park. The Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger is again sponsoring this year's CROP Hunger Walk. Registration begins at 1:00 pm. Join Michelle G. and other Lutherans from our Cluster. It would be great to have representation from SLC joining Faith, United, Emmaus and the others. All monies donated are given to charities (25% goes to Food for Lane County). There are 1 and 3 mile options.
- Columbus Day is celebrated on October 12 this year.
- Shelter Care Week—October 12-19. We are coordinating with Ebbert Memorial for their Shelter Care Week once again. There are volunteer forms in your bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. This annual event takes lots of volunteers, please consider joining us. Contact Susan Squire with questions.
- Reformation Sunday is October 25...remember to wear red!
- Quilt Sunday is October 25.
- Pastor Out of Office—October 26-28 at the Bishop's Convocation. Pastoral care will be arranged, please call the church office if you have a need during this time.
- Bazaar News—Emmaus is holding their bazaar on Saturday, November 14.

Reformation

By Pastor Erik Post—On October 25, we at SLC will keep a tradition of celebrating the Reformation at worship. The actual day connected with the Reformation was October 31, 1517. Martin Luther famously nailed 95 points of debate ("theses") to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He, like others before him, had some "issues" with practices within the Roman Catholic Church. Little did he know what he would set in motion! This little column doesn't allow even a decent introduction to the religious, political, and "personality" forces of his time. Yet, we *can* say that some of the events associated with this time were powerful and enlightening (the Augsburg Confession), others were ugly and brutal (the Thirty Years War).

Rev. Bruce Modahl's article, "Why Bother with the Reformation?" (Christian Century Magazine, Oct. 20, 1999, p.995) is one place to start:

Jesus says, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free." Jesus thinks there is some objective thing that is the truth. He is it. Telling this truth is why we should bother with Reformation. The Reformation principle is that the church is always being reformed. We are always in the process of being formed by the Holy Spirit around Jesus Christ.

Copies of this full article, and other resources, will be available for you in the coming weeks. As an ELCA congregation, we will join the national and international celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. "Soli Deo Gloria!" ("To God Alone be (the) Glory!")

Springfield Lutheran Church Anchoring You In Christ.

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