

ANCHOR NEWS

Springfield Lutheran Church, ELCA, Newsletter

August 2016

Post Scripts

We turn to August now, a time of year that one of my fishing relatives described as "hopper-tunity month", that is, a time when you place a grasshopper on a hook and can use that as a sure bait to nab a fish...make sure you are NOT in a fly-fishing-only regulated use area though!

Jesus called disciples to fish for people. In our 70th year as a congregation, many have been "caught" by the bait of God's grace through the many aspects of ministry that have taken place here. It is our opportunity to do so, and in many ways we keep that continuity of "people fishing," too.

A recent statistic indicates that the average attendance for ELCA congregations is 70 per Sunday. When it is not summer, we at SLC are at or above that number. 70 is a "holy" number (7 indicates "completion" or "wholeness" in scripture), times ten! Even more important than numbers on any given Sunday, mid-week service, or special worship gathering, we have dozens of people throughout the week benefitting from our welcoming ministry here. It troubles many pastors when some people brag about how "big" their church is, and implying that we are somehow deficient compared to them. If you hear that, say something like "that's nice" or, "apparently your church has good attendance"—and *then say "come and see"* what wonderful differences are made with our 70+ people in our 70th+ year, seven days a week.

I try to remember things like this when I hear stuff like that mentioned above. Folks may mean well when they do this comparison/bragging routine, but I think "not so much." We have, at our best, a Holy Spirit-minded, inner-directed character, that moves in the way of being other-directed, with honor and humble service in Jesus' name. It is what we are about as a foundation for ministry. Prayerfully attend to that, and God will continue to lead us.

I close with some wise words from Lord Jonathan Sacks, former chief rabbi in the United Kingdom and recent winner of the Templeton Prize. This is an excerpt from his acceptance speech for the prize:

"To become inner-directed again. This means recovering the moral dimension that links our welfare to the welfare of others, making us collectively responsible for the common good. It means recovering the spiritual dimension that helps us tell the difference between the value of things and their price. We are more than consumers and voters; our dignity transcends what we earn and own. It means remembering that what's important is not just satisfying our desires but also knowing which desires to satisfy. It means restraining ourselves in the present so that our children may have a viable future. It means reclaiming collective memory and identity so that society becomes less of a hotel and more of a home."

In other words, let's be clear that it's always time for "people-fishing," that we use the right bait, and we remember whose fishing business we are in.

Peace. Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"The Seven Social Sins are:

Wealth without work.
Pleasure without conscience.
Knowledge without character.
Commerce without morality.
Science without humanity.
Worship without sacrifice.
Politics without principle."

From a sermon by Frederick Lewis Donaldson in Westminster Abbey, London, on March 20, 1925.

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The Giesekes

Meet & Greet Larry & Donna Gieseke

By Michelle Guillory—Alrighty then, first off the name...what do we do with all those vowels? We go easy on ourselves. Sure, spell it like you see it, but pronounce it “GEESE - KEY”. By now they answer to just about anything, but it’s always a pleasant surprise when people get it right...I should know, that U in my name confuses everyone...so, back to the Giesekes.

Well, Donna is 68 and Larry is 75. They have one living child each and Larry has two grown grandkids. Together, they own (ha!) Enu (EENOO) a tiny little thing that they found recently and she rules the roost. They got her to keep their grandpup (Gypsy) entertained and that didn’t work out like they planned (best laid plans and all that). But she’s a very nice dog and very mellow...good company. Her name means “Dog” in Japanese.

They are both retired. Donna was an Administrative Assistant for Allergan, Inc., for 33 years and retired three years ago. Larry was in the Air Force as a Chaplain’s Assistant for four years. He then worked 33 years with the US Bankruptcy court and attorneys in administering various bankruptcy estates in Chapter 7s, Chapter 11s and one Chapter 9 case. He then went to work with Wells Fargo Trust and Estate Settlement Services for another seven years before retirement.

Donna was raised Presbyterian and Larry was raised Missouri Synod Lutheran. Donna is head of our Altar Guild and Larry claims to be “just a member” of SLC...Ha! Like any of us are “Just A Member”. Donna is a delight. I see her almost every Friday to set up for Communion. Larry is her set of muscles...he helped her bring in the new fridge for the Sacristy and a couple of big boxes of supplies off the Church Wish List, but sometimes he comes to hang out with her as well...He’s a nice guy. Rei likes him, which says a lot. Peaux’s not very discerning, he likes anyone who’ll pet him.

Donna’s favorite charities are related to cancer research since her daughter, Denise, passed away from a Neuroblastoma in 1985 at the age of 11. Larry’s first wife passed from complications with arthritis, so his favorite charities include arthritis research.

They both cook and enjoy simple, but very good, recipes for any type of food. They both like Mexican food and are definitely carnivores. They both enjoy camping and hiking. Larry was a Boy Scout Leader for seven years. They like traveling around the US and have been to several states for vacations. They both like gardening and birding at home, but won’t pass by anything fascinating on the road. Their favorite bird is an Eagle. As for favorite plants? Anything bright and colorful.

They both like NCIS, Criminal Minds and anything to do with law for TV shows. They both like the Jason Bourne series of movies, although Larry’s favorite is North by Northwest...good taste! Their house is a mix of the Oregon Ducks, the Minnesota Vikings and the Denver Broncos...eclectic.

Thanks Giesekes for the interview.

SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

The SLSS meets Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. On the odd weeks (1st and 3rd) we will be meeting to learn a new pattern. On the even weeks (2nd and 4th) we will practicing what we learned the previous week. The last week, well, read the article on the next page!

Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.

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
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Baltimore, MD 21230



Springfield Lutheran History

By Michelle Guillory—July 7, 1946 was officially our first Sunday together. In the Office, we have been going through our archives enjoying the journey SLC has taken in its 70 years. We recruited Dorothy Carlson and Anita Carter to go through old photos and put names to faces. I have a box of newsletters, and not just the ones I've worked on either! We've been looking through the giant book of facts. We've been looking at old hymnals...that's what caught my attention recently.

I find the hymnals particularly interesting as I was not born and raised a Lutheran...gasp! I know, I married into it. My introduction to Lutheran music was the green LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship). I have since experienced WOV (With One Voice) and ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006) and Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer...but what? There's more? Yep.

I've been digging around in the Office and the Sanctuary and finding all sorts of things. By the piano in the Sanctuary, I found an old black hymnal from 1935. It was presented to SLC by the Board of Home Missions of the ELC in Minneapolis, MN. It is titled "The Lutheran Hymnary" and was published by Augsburg Publishing House...it's by "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America."

Pastor Erik mentioned there were two (2) black hymnals...I found the other one. "The Concordia Hymnal" was published in 1932. I found a 1988 GIA Publication of "Gather" and I think that's not Lutheran, but I could be wrong as we've got a copy...There's the GIA Publication of "Hymnal Supplement 1991" and that's where we get "Now the Feast." In 1999, Augsburg Fortress published "This Far By Faith" as an African American Resource for Worship. In a similar vein, I found music for the choir...or so I think...I found "Dancing at the Harvest" from 1997, "Worship & Praise" from 1999, and a bunch of other books full of music.

I find hymnals to be very interesting. They're not just music. They include our creeds and catechisms and prayers and lectionary (list of Bible readings) and liturgical settings... technically, we don't need bulletins on Sunday morning. That's what the settings in the book are for! (Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere and neither are your bulletins...but it's kind of cool that we don't need them!)

The sheer amount of effort that went into the hymnal's creation is daunting when you think about it. This is a HUGE project. The people that created the original music, the translators, the people who tracked down the copyright information, the people who went through all of our church liturgical history to create the various settings that we use each week (that are different in each hymnal), the shoppers (for pens, paper, computers, printers, etc... remember pre-computer times? That list would be a lot longer!), the lawyers, the accountants, the professional printers (not just someone in an office somewhere pushing a button, but a real publishing printer), the proofreaders, the typists, the editors, the warehouse folks and the shippers; are you catching on to how awesome just one element of our Sunday worship is? And then to repeat it every few years, and have it be an almost entirely new work? Mind boggling! I bet they've started on the replacement for the ELW already...I wouldn't be surprised at all.

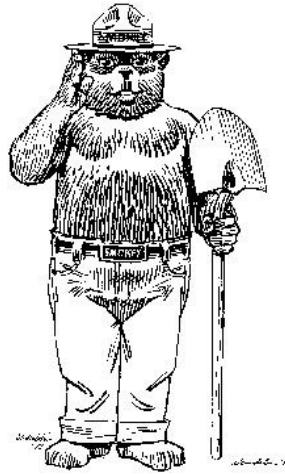
This is just the start. There's 70 years of SLC history! What other areas of ministry and fellowship have we experienced together? Drop us a note in the Office if you want to hear about something specific and we'll see what we can dig up.

We are going to celebrate this fall with an event that highlights our history. How grateful we are that we come from such a rich tradition and full heritage. In the next month or two, we will start displaying these treasures for you all to review. We would love more participation in the creation of these displays of our combined history and in the planning of our celebration event. Contact the church Office if you'd like to contribute in some fashion.

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

Springfield Lutherans are going be putting care boxes together for our Forest Fire Fighters throughout the summer. They could use some small comforts while protecting us. Some of the items we are asking to be donated here at church (there’s a basket in the Narthex) include the following:

- Lip balm,
- Goldbond powder
- Deodorant,
- Merino wool socks,
- Tooth brushes & paste,
- Moleskin and medical tape,
- Antibiotic cream/Neosporin,
- Insect sting relief swabs
- Hydrocortisone/anti-itch cream,
- Individual (one use) vials of eye drops,
- And handkerchiefs/bandanas.



Our goal is to continue our collection throughout the wildfire season. We will be divvying these items up for easier distribution by the BLM, Forest Service, and Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF).

More information is coming. If you have questions, please call the church office at 541.746.2403.

President’s Corner

There was no meeting in July, so there won’t be much to this report. There’s been no major red flags popping up and most things have been fairly quiet...however, as usual, there are a few items that are ongoing and always worth a mention:

- Money...things have been going very well so far this year, however we were short in June and July. We would appreciate your consistent giving throughout the summer. Keep up the good work!
- 70th Anniversary of SLC...This fall, after everyone is done camping and whatnot we will get together to celebrate. Contact the church office if you have ideas and want to help with our efforts.
- As we have no “official” musician on staff, we have entered a hiring process that involves “test Sundays” where they play for a Sunday or two. As such, we will be having guest musicians for the foreseeable future. Please pay attention to how they play and if they work well with Pastor Erik and the assisting ministers. Be sure to make your opinion heard by giving your feedback to the church office. Whether it is by e-mail or calling, your input would be appreciated.

That’s all for now...so, get out there and enjoy your summer!

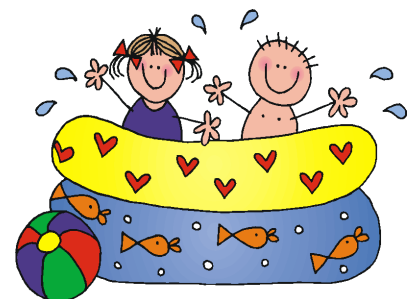
Linda Loomis
President
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Camp Lutherwood Wish List:

In addition to the listed items, they accept in-kind donations as well as financial gifts to purchase the items listed below — or check out their [Amazon Wish List!](#)

- Ping-pong table
- Foosball table
- Ear protectors (for noise)
- Heavy duty string trimmer
- Beverage dispensers
- Gardening tools
- Wooden Adirondack chairs
- Iron and ironing board
- Portable Generator (7000 watt)
- 6” vise with pipe jaws
- Pressure washer (2600 PSI)
- Gas powered chipper for limbs and leaves
- Shovels and rakes
- Small tools
- Rototiller for garden beds
- Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Canopies
- New vehicle (for year-round and summer transportation of staff)

Contact the camp for more information. The web site is www.lutherwoodoregon.org and their phone is 541.998.6444.



Your Council Members for 2016:

President:
Linda Loomis

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Stewardship:
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Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

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Bill Maack

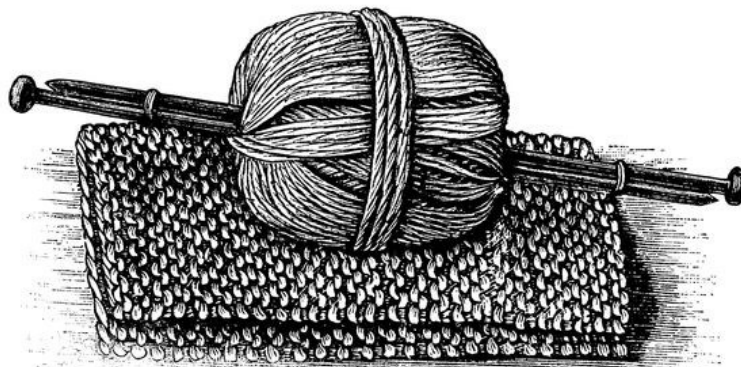
Financial Secretary
Liz Hurley

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Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Open

Hospitality:
Alicia Fisher

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire



Giving Opportunities

By Michelle Guillory—I've been thinking about this article and sometimes it's hard to come up with something to write about...other times it lands in your lap. Andrea Scofield, of Camp Lutherwood, has been trying to follow through on the camp's theme this year of "Follow the Leader" and she has been connecting various "leaders" of various activities/crafts/skills with her campers.

I was tasked with teaching knitting to 20 campers...I'm more comfortable teaching crochet (I've been doing it since I was 12), or tatting (for 10 years and only ever as an instructor), or sewing (since I was 5), or cooking (again, since I could see over the counter), or gardening (since I could pull a weed)...but knitting?

Yes, I knit. However as my Norwegian friend, Kine, informs me, I'm slow and I have an extra motion...others agree. I don't want to pass that habit on, and so that led to some research and one-on-one time with someone I consider an expert knitter...which led to improving my own skill level.

On another camp note, several years ago, I went to the Lutherwood Women's Retreat and they asked us to count our blessings. The lists included kids and husbands and homes and cars...for some reason I chose to list skills. If my nice car went away, I could ride a bike. If I ended up with my family visiting, I could provide for them (cooking, cleaning, shopping, driving, etc.) If I couldn't go shopping, I could sew something needed or grow something in the garden or cook something I canned. My list was long when I broke it down...it was reassuring.

Every one of the skills I listed (and many more) were taught to me by someone...My mom did most of the domestic teaching (except cooking, she's lovely, just not a good cook). My grandmother taught me to crochet. My dad taught me to change my oil and give an old car a tune up...and to take new cars to the shop. My friend, Magda, taught me to knit. My husband taught me computers. Alves taught me tatting. Food TV taught me to improve my cooking. YouTube and Kine helped improve my knitting...you get the idea.

Now, I will say this about teaching middle school kids to knit...most weren't focused on learning and just wanted to play (it is summer camp, after all!). They were surprised at how difficult it was (and because of their lack of attention it was more difficult than it needed to be.) but all I was teaching these campers was how to knit a dishcloth. A small, quick, portable project that is forgiving when it comes to mistakes and useful no matter how "pretty" it may be...it's the first thing most knitters learn. Some kids just gave up and visited quietly with their friends, but others really tried and camp staff were willing to allow for some YouTube time to watch more instructional videos during quiet time. I ended up with 6 new knitters out of 20 students. That's not too shabby for a first effort.

To wrap up, my students weren't the only ones to learn from this experience. I learned that it was okay to be slow and sometimes I needed to be even slower for demonstration purposes. And for Pete's sake, I'm not saying that I improved overnight as that extra motion doesn't want to go away...but I'm still practicing. It was a pretty good experience.

This month, give a skill...or learn one and give someone the opportunity to learn to teach a skill...Thanks Andrea!

Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed 12 noon AA	9:00 LWR Quilting 9:00 Tai Chi 12 noon AA 5:30 NA	9:00 SLSS Quilting 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar Anon 2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga 3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga 5:30 AA	12 noon AA	12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	12:30 AA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pentecost 12	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Pentecost 13	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Pentecost 14 11:05 Council Meeting @ Loomis home	22	23	24	25 Women's Circle Retreat @ Betty Richardson's	26	27
28 Pentecost 15	29	30 1:15 Wise Guys @ Hole in the Wall BBQ	31 11:30 Book Group @ McGrath's Fish House			

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—

- **Summer Schedule Alert**—It's June, so we're on our Summer Schedule now. Please be aware that there is NO Monday Bible Study or Midweek Worship and that there is ONLY ONE Sunday Service at 10:00 am. The regular schedule will resume in September.
- **Nursery Update**—Darlene Wood is needing a partner to help her update the nursery...It's needed attention for a while now and she would like to tackle it this summer. So, if you'd like to reminisce about the fun times you had as a kid playing with those very toys while reviewing what's there and needs cleaning, replacing or tossing, give Darlene a call.
- **Scandinavian Festival**—Aebleskivers...mmm...Aebleskivers... Would you like to learn how to make them? Faith Lutheran in Junction City runs the Aebleskiver booth and could use volunteers for 3 hour shifts throughout the festival. Contact Michelle G. in the office if you'd like to help a fellow church and have fun doing it. Festival runs **August 11-14**.
- **Council**—meets Sunday, **August 21** after church at the Loomis home.
- **Women's Circle**—The annual retreat will be Thursday, **August 25**, at Betty Richardson's home.
- **The Wise Guys** are scheduled for Tuesday, **August 30** over at the Hole in the Wall BBQ joint at 1:15 pm
- **The MCCB's** meeting on **August 25** at 7 pm. Speak to Pastor Erik about the location.
- **Book Group**—The next meeting will be held **August 31** at 11:30 am over at McGrath's Fish House. Mark your calendars. The book is The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht. Darlene Wood is your contact for this group.
- **The CROP Walk** is back. The 2016 Eugene-Springfield CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, **October 2**, beginning at 2:00 pm. It will, once again, be at Alton Baker Park. This is a walk to raise funds for programs that feed hungry people, both locally and internationally. More information will be coming.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

LWR's Impact is Interesting

It's amazing to see how a little bit here and there makes a big impact:

- In 2015, we helped reach more than 674,000 people in 19 countries with \$12.9 million of LWR Quilts and School/Health Kits...(there are other kits that we could do in addition to the two we choose regularly.)
- In 2015, together we reached more than 4 million people in 36 countries through 126 projects with 104 partners. There are more statistics that can be found at lwr.org/impact.

Just imagine what 2016 will bring...we've already donated a bunch of quilts and kits for the Spring Ingathering, but the Fall Ingathering is coming. Let's see if, together, we can donate even more this year!

The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For June, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **Grocery List**—What? Well, it's a list of **items that are good for Food Pantries**. Non-perishable items that are healthy and keep well and are good movers at Food for Lane County and the various pantries that it serves. Take one if you feel you need ideas.
- **Shopping List**—Another one? This one's different. It's **for the Wildfire Fighters** and it's small things that we are hoping to gather to provide them as thank-yous for their service to our great state of Oregon and that they keep us and our homes safe. If you've got the list, bring the items to the wicker basket next to the table.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide it for folks who do not have internet access or those want a quick read while waiting. If you have access to the internet, please leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.

Contact Us

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