

The Atlantic Conference

CONNECTOR



Fall 2011

From the Dean's desktop:

Can you recall God's five guiding principles for the members of the Eastern Synod as we are called to be a people in mission for others?

- * practice spirited discipleship,*
- welcome diversity**
- demonstrate compassionate justice*
- encourage effective partnerships*
- establish a focused framework*

These principles are the principles that are currently guiding the church. That means that everything the Synod does, everything the Conference does, and everything churches are doing should be applicable to the guiding principles. I am excited about the events that are happening throughout the Atlantic Conference this fall; all are taking seriously the guiding principles. Please post this newsletter and pass along an open invitation to the events scheduled.

As we begin fall schedules, I am inviting you to schedule God-time focused around one of the guiding principles. Take time to pray and consider where God is leading you. Often we wait for the Synod, our churches, our communities, or our families to change. These things do not change by themselves. As Kelly Fryer repeatedly said, "Changed people, change churches." People are changed through experiencing God, working on relationship with God, engaging in ministry, and/or practicing a spiritually directed discipline. Let's get on with it. The kingdom of God is near.

*Blessings on your harvest festivals.
I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.
Kimber+*

STONE SOUP AND MUD PIES - (isn't that an intriguing title)

A fun-filled day for all women.

It is planned to be just that - fun and relaxation.

NO business or tight schedules.

Come enjoy a day of fellowship at Camp Mush-A-Mush

Saturday, October 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***There is no registration or fee, but we are asking those attending
to bring a toonie to help offset the costs.***

Fall Conference Gathering

Saturday, November 26, 2011

9:30 to 3:00

All Saints Lutheran Church, Newcombville

Bring a bag lunch. Beverages provided.

We will gather around the theme of

“ADVENT FOR YOU – US”

It will be the day before Advent begins and this will give everyone a chance to sing Advent hymns, hear scripture and stories and reflect on the meaning of this special season. Four leaders will guide us through the topics of time, respect, obedience and beauty as we meet as Lutheran of the Atlantic Conference.

Come join us!

Reformation Rally

Lunenburg County Lutherans
will again gather together in one place and time for worship.

Sunday, October 30

10:00 a.m.

At Park View Education Centre, Bridgewater,

Sandwich lunch to follow.

*Come and meet Katie Luther as she speaks
of the early days from a personal
behind-the-scenes perspective of the Reformation.
Catch her excitement and faith,
as we are propelled to continue living reformation
in an ever changing world.*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2012

The material for next year's Week of Prayer was prepared by Christians from Poland, using the theme "We will all be changed / Nous serons tous transformé." (1 Corinthians 15:51-58). As happens every year, the CCC's Week of Prayer writing team worked with the materials that were

received from the World Council of Churches and adapted them for the Canadian context. An electronic version of the bi-lingual flyer has been included in the Eastern Synod Newsletter. For printed copies as well as additional information, contact:

<http://www.councilofchurches.ca/en/default.cfm>

From St. John's, Mahone Bay

St. John's dedicated its newest stained glass window on September 25. The theme is Pentecost, depicting the mighty wind and flames of fire on the heads of the disciples, with the inscription, "All were filled with the Holy Spirit". This dramatic window was designed by artist Sue Obata, and constructed and installed by Sattler Stained Glass Studio, of Pleasantville, Nova Scotia. The window was given in memory of Calvin and Mildred Whynot by Terry and Sylvia Whynot and grandchildren Lisa, Dale, Greg, and Steven, and in memory of Albert St. Clair Young by Grace Young and sons David, Peter, Paul, and Michael.

A series of windows for the sanctuary with Biblical themes was started in the 1990s, designed and installed by Paul Blaney of P & B Stained Glass Studio in Saint John, New Brunswick. They depict creation, the birth of Jesus, Jesus' baptism, the calling of the disciples, the blessing of the children, the parable of the sower, the stilling of the storm, the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension. The most recent was installed in 2004, leaving two windows to be completed. Mr. Blaney retired shortly after the completion of the last window, so a new artist and studio had to be found. We were happy to have a local studio bid on the work and the results are wonderful. Pentecost is the next event after the ascension, so it seemed the logical progression for the next window.

The proposal for the last window depicts the vision of John in Revelation 21 and 22 with figures representing all races gathered around the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations, growing by the river of life flowing from God. This will complete the salvation history from creation to the new creation in stained glass surrounding the sanctuary. Several small gifts have been donated already toward the last window, so this will be an "all saints' window" with many names memorialized and will be completed when sufficient funds are received.

From St. Luke's, Rhodes Corner

MUSIC JAMS are hosted at St. Luke's Church Hall, 12713 Rhodes Corner, every 3rd Saturday of the month at 2-4PM or a bit longer, for any one who has an instrument or can sing or would like to just sit and listen. Admission: \$2. Canteen: hotdogs & burgers available. Info Cheryl 543-5871.

A FLEA MARKET on Saturday, October 29th at St. Luke's Church Hall, 9AM-1PM. Tables \$5. Luncheon: chili & a roll, burgers, hot dogs, fries, dessert & beverages. Bake Sale too! Info Cheryl 543-5871

A CHRISTMAS HOT LUNCHEON will be held Saturday, Nov.12th at St. Luke's Church Hall, 11AM-1PM. Menu: turkey noodle soup, corn & fish chowder and chili with rolls. Buffet desserts with beverages. Adults \$8, 5-12yrs. \$5 and under 5 FREE. Bake Sale too!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK, FOODBANK DRIVE & ENTERTAINMENT will be hosted by St. Luke's Church at St. Luke's Hall, on Sunday, Dec.11th at 5PM. Everyone welcome, bring your favourite dish, enjoy fellowship and get in the Christmas spirit! Great local talent to enjoy!!!! Info 543-5871.

St. James, Branch LaHave

St. James in Branch La Have will be having their annual Soup and Chowder supper on Sunday October 23rd at the Branch La Have Community hall. Adults \$8 and children under 12 \$2; under 5 free.

Atlantic Lutheran Campus Ministry - ALCM

Campus Ministry is about the people of God "keeping promises made at the font". A congregation is asked in the sacrament of Baptism: People of God, do you promise to support _____ and pray for them in their new life in Christ? The response is: We do. When young adults begin studies at colleges and universities they often have to leave their communities (church and family) to attend classes. This is a time in life when the absence of community can be difficult, especially with so many changes going on around and within an individual. Campus Ministry Chaplains are on the front line, offering presence, helping students to access required supports, and making a connection.

Clement Mehlman, Chaplain at Dalhousie, is not about recruitment, or bugging people to go back to church. Clem is interested in fulfilling the baptismal

promise of support and prayer. He does this through having an open door where students are invited in for conversation about their studies, faith, or whatever is on their minds. He makes a point of marking birthdays with cards, sending a note here or there throughout a year. He reminds students they are not forgotten.

The ALCM committee asks of congregation members, of you, to think about the children who have been baptized over the years in the church you attend, perhaps take a walk through the record book. Remember the children who are now grown and are off at school. Many of the pastors in the Atlantic Conference come from away and were not present at the baptism of those who are young adults today; this means the onus is on you to speak to them about young people who have gone off to school so that a connection can be made. Also, because pastors can be forgetful, it would be helpful for you to ask permission of families with young adults at school if you can pass their name and contact info. on to the Campus Chaplain cmehlman@dal.ca. ALCM also has a web-site address to pass on to young adults:

www.lutheranstudentsatlantic.com.

Halifax Lutheran Hospital Chaplaincy -HLHC

For those of you who are unaware, Rev.Les Skonnord, current hospital chaplain, has been called to be part of God's kingdom, serving with a church in Gimli, MN. The HLHC committee would like to offer Les our deepest thanks for his years as chaplain. We will miss his compassion, attentiveness, sensitivity, and most of all - him. We wish Les blessings

on the journey.

As you know, HLHC is made possible through a relationship with the Anglican Diocese of NS. Over the past few years those who have been in the hospital have seen one of two chaplains, Pastor Les (at QEII), or Pastor Keirsten Wells (VG site). Those with longer memories would have met a third chaplain who was part of the team, Pastor Andrea McIntyre. Due to budget cuts the third job disappeared. Pastor Andrea has agreed to fill Pastor Les' position in a temporary capacity from Oct.1-Dec.31, 2011. At that time a chaplain will be hired in consultation between HLHC and the Anglican Diocese, providing that budgetary concerns are met.

On this note, you can help secure the importance of chaplaincy. If you or a family member has been in the hospital and were visited by a chaplain, your story could make a difference. HLHC is looking for letters to be written to Bishop Sue Moxley and the Diocesan Council reflecting what it meant to have a chaplain present, how they helped, and what the difference would have been if they were not present. Letters of support for this ministry can be sent via email to Pastor Keirsten who is making a file to present to the bishop and diocesan council. keirstendewells@gmail.com

You are reminded that if you are in the hospital and wish to see the chaplain, please ask for a visit, either by telling your own pastor, or phoning the chaplains: at the QEII 473-2220 x1420 (Pastor Andrea), or at the VG 473-2220 x2911 (Pastor Keirsten); the rehab site has a site chaplain as well - speak to your nurse.

HLHC would also like to thank St. Lukes and Mt. Olivet Lutheran churches for hosting a supper with proceeds being given to HLHC. The community raised

\$2400! Thank-you for being In Mission For Others in this way!

***Joint Anglican Lutheran Service
October 16th, 2011
in Moncton, New Brunswick***

Bishop Michael Pryse of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Claude Miller of the Fredericton Diocese will be presiding at a joint Lutheran Anglican Service in Moncton, New Brunswick at 11:00 a.m. on October 16th. It will be held at St. Philip's Anglican Church at 30 Lynch St. Following the service there will be a potluck and discussion starting at 1:00 p.m.

At this service we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the "Waterloo Declaration—Called to Full Communion" – which mutually recognizes each other's rites, services, sacraments, and clerical orders. We will be affirming this partnership which allows us to reach out to members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada who have come to the Moncton area who are searching for a church home.

Moncton is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and many people are moving to Moncton to work or study. Because of the Waterloo Declaration agreement, Lutherans are welcome to worship in Anglican Churches. We want Lutherans across Canada to be aware of this and to take the opportunity to

worship at Anglican Churches when they are in Moncton.

“We are so grateful to the Anglican community in Moncton for taking these steps to provide a home for ELCIC Lutherans in their beautiful city, and hope that those with friends and/or family members in Moncton would invite them to be part of this wonderful day!”

Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod

Pastor?

Ever thought of being a Pastor or do you know someone who has appropriate skills? In Celebration of the Eastern Synod's 150th Anniversary and the 100th anniversary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, first year M.Div. seminary students are receiving full tuition for this coming school year. If you have questions about being a clergy person or have suggestions of people who might be future pastors, please speak with your pastor. For more information about applying go to the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Web-site

http://www.wlu.ca/homepage.php?grp_id=12516

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