

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

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Attend Town Hall on Race, September 18 at LSTC



The New Jim Crow: Town Hall on Race - A faithful conversation on race and criminal justice - will take place on Sunday,

September 18, 2011, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60615. For more information, and to register for this free event, visit www.mtselca.org/what/ministry/antiracism. Questions may be sent to info@anotherpebble.org.

Annual Youth Worker Breakfast Will Explore Faith Formation



The synod Youth Team will hold its annual Youth Worker Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, **September 17, 2011**, from 9:00 a.m. - noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. The

morning will begin with breakfast and fellowship followed by youth leader training and important ELCA Youth Gathering information.

Whether you are planning on attending the Youth Gathering or not, you won't want to miss out on this networking opportunity. This invitation is for all those who work with youth – rostered and lay leaders and all volunteers. The training will take a look at youth ministry as faith formation and how to build a stronger youth ministry.

If attending, please contact Penny Harney at pharney@oursaviours.org by **September 12, 2011**, with the number of individuals who will be attending. This will allow the team to plan for food and materials.

'Show Yourself...'



This year's Evangelism for Congregations Workshop, "Show Yourself," will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 1**, 9:00-noon, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1133 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, and **Saturday, Oct. 22**, 9:00-

noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn (Same workshop, two dates and locations).

Register online for this free event at www.mtselca.org/what/mission/evangelism_outreach. See more about this workshop on page two. All are welcome.



‘AN ACCOUNT OF THE HOPE THAT IS IN US’



You know how essentially important your faith is to you, but do you feel ready to tell someone else about it? You know the peace and comfort that come with knowing what God did for you in Jesus Christ, but do you think you'd be ready with the

words to pass that peace along to someone else who needs to know it, too?

We have two opportunities coming up to begin to expand our comfort level for sharing our faith stories, and maybe even move all the way to excitement about finding opportunities to “give an account of the hope that is in us” (1 Peter 3:15).

For everyone: Coming in October is our annual **Evangelism for Congregations** workshop. This year's workshop is titled “**Show Yourself...**” When you have an interaction with Jesus that changes *everything*, what happens next? In Matthew 8, Jesus heals a man with leprosy and, in so doing, gives us a powerfully personal directive to demonstrate his grace and power to the world. This workshop will look to Jesus' actions and directions for us as we experience his power in our own lives. We will also explore what we can do and add to our lives (2 Peter 1) to continue to impact those far from him.

Our presenters are **Brian Zehr** and **Bruce Hanson** of Intentional Impact, who coach leaders in churches and other organizations (including, currently, a group of synod pastors) on multiplying leadership through an apprenticeship model.

This workshop will be held twice: **Saturday, Oct. 1**, 9:00-noon, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1133 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, and **Saturday, Oct. 22**, 9:00-noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn. It's suggested that you come with a group from your congregation, if possible. There is no charge for this event, but please be sure to register at www.mtselca.org/what/mission/evangelism_outreach.

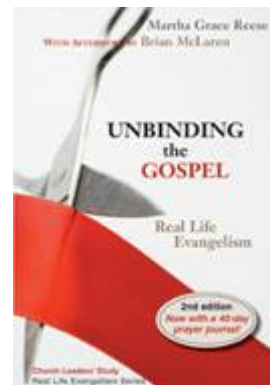
But wait, there's more...



Martha Grace Reese, author of the *Unbinding the Gospel*, etc., series, hosted a conference call with synod pastors in August to talk about the best ways to use the Unbinding resources to motivate and energize evangelism in our congregations. Funded by a

Lilly grant, Reese is offering coaching to groups of congregations beginning in January.

It was an inspiring and encouraging conversation, and she agreed to do it again on **Tuesday, September 6**, at 11:00 a.m., so that more pastors can participate in the call and think about how this might transform their own congregations.



If you'd like to be part of that call, please let Vance Blackfox know via e-mail (vblackfox@mtselca.org) or phone (773-248-0021, ext. 14). Call or e-mail Carol Breimeier with questions (773-248-0021, ext.13, cbreimeier@mtselca.org). (It's best to read *Unbinding the Gospel* before the call,

along with a “best practices” document that you'll be sent beforehand.)

Immigration Reform Seminar at St. Paul in Villa Park



Wayne N. Miller, Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA, will introduce the Lutheran church’s social policy

resolution “Toward Compassionate, Just, and Wise Immigration Reform” at a seminar on Saturday, **October 8, 2011**. The seminar at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 545 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, begins at 1:00 p.m. and is sponsored by Faith Lutheran in Glen Ellyn and Prince of Peace Lutheran in Addison.

Candace King, director of the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform, will speak about the recent demographic changes in DuPage County. A representative of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services has been asked to attend to highlight the church’s work with immigrants and refugees.

The seminar will conclude with Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Miller will deliver the sermon.

A copy of the social policy resolution can be found at <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Resolutions/Comprehensive-Immigration-Reform.aspx>.

All are invited and welcome. For more information, please call Kristen Rosenwinkel at **630-832-5580**.

Professional Leaders Conference to Be Held in October



This year’s Professional Leaders Conference will be held **October 10-12 2011**, at George Williams

College of Aurora University, Williams Bay, Wisconsin 53191.

The topic will be youth, young adults, and family ministry. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Nathan Frambach, associate professor of youth, culture, and mission at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. The program cost is \$120; meals and lodging are extra. For more information, and to register online, visit www.mtselca.org. If you have questions about the event, contact the Rev. Cynthia K. Hileman at ckhileman@mtselca.org or **773-248-0021**.

Take Part in a Conversation about Community Ministry

(Offered as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative)



On Wednesday, **September 14, 2011**, from 10:00-noon at Concordia Place, 3300 N. Whipple St., Chicago, IL 60618,

Nicolas Zook, pastor of Concordia, Chicago, and Brenda Swartz (president and CEO of Concordia Place) will talk about the process of building a community ministry at Concordia on Chicago’s Northwest Side – including decision-points along the way, hurdles, joys, and things they’ve learned. Daniel Schwick, Vice President for Church and Community Services for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, will also be there to talk about ministry partnerships between LSSI and congregations. There will be plenty of time for questions and conversation. Please contact Vance Blackfox in the synod office at vblackfox@mtselca.org or **773-248-0021** to let him know if you are attending this free event.

Divider Panels Available

Modernfold divider panels recently removed as part of a remodeling project are available for pickup. Door Model DVISIFLEX 301A/312A. Contact Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake at **630-365-6751** or general@graceoflilylake.com.

Register for Building an Inclusive Church Training



Building an Inclusive Church Training for Deepening the Welcome will take place on Saturday, **October 1, 2011**, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at United in Faith Lutheran

Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60634 (near Irving Park & Narragansett) – a handicapped-accessible facility with plenty of parking.

This three-day training is condensed into *one* day for congregational teams and interested individuals in the Chicago area to gain the basics of graceful engagement to Deepen the Welcome. Anti-bullying discussion will also be introduced.

The planning team is delighted to welcome back Emily Eastwood, executive director of Lutherans Concerned/North America, as the trainer for the event. Emily was the leader of the Beginning the Conversation workshop at our synod’s Deepening the Welcome resource day last February. The event is co-led ecumenically through the Institute of Welcoming Resources and sponsored by Lutherans Concerned-Chicago chapter and the synod Justice Team.

As the church engages rapid changes in society, this training will be useful for:

- Congregations just beginning conversation about explicit welcome for lgbt individuals
- Congregations who may be Reconciling in Christ but are looking to renew, refresh, or deepen their welcome and conversation about welcome
- Congregations that may be engaging in conversation about marriage policies, including the new Illinois civil union legislation

- Congregations or individuals who want to be further equipped to assist other congregations in site-specific or issue-specific training or have great experiences to share with those just getting started.

Participants will be equipped with a tool-kit for assessing the congregational timeline and readiness and trained in graceful engagement techniques that would be helpful for any congregational conversation that involves deep listening and reconciling. Consider how your congregation might send a core team this October. The synod Justice Team is offering a limited number of scholarships for congregations able to send teams of three to the event.

Cost: \$30 for individuals, \$60 (third member free) for core teams of three from a congregation or institution. Lunch and materials are included.

Register as soon as possible at <http://welcomingresources.org/communityorg.htm#chicago>.

For more information on the event *or for instructions on how to register while utilizing the core team scholarship*, contact Kim Beckmann at kimbeckmann@gmail.com or **773-697-4612**.

Consider an Omaha Adventure



Omaha Adventure is the fall trip being planned by Grace Roadrunners (Grace, Lily Lake) in September. There is room

in this trip for interested adults. Visits to the Strategic Air Command & Space Museum, the Omaha Zoo, and Swedish and German dinners with programs are all part of this five-day trip leaving **September 19, 2011**, from Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake (5N600 Hanson Rd., St. Charles, IL 60175). Contact Grace for more details **630-365-6751** or general@graceoflilylake.com.

Employment Listings

*(More complete listings are available online at
www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment)*

Music Director - St Mark Lutheran Church, Mt Prospect, Ill.

In cooperation with the pastoral staff and Worship and Music Committee, Music Director works to disseminate the word of the Lord to the people of St. Mark through the use of music. His or her contribution of specialized knowledge and expertise enhances the worship experience and expands the participation possibilities for God’s people of St. Mark.

The position of the Music Director is a part-time, salaried position requiring approximately twenty (20) hours per week, including some evenings and all Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive a full job description for this position please contact Nancy Hundley at **nhundley@stmarkmp.org** or **847-253-0631, ext. 12**.

Part-time Organist and Music Coordinator

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Chicago is seeking a part-time church organist and music coordinator. We are a lively and diverse congregation with music as an important part of our worship. We seek someone with church music experience, good organizational skills, and openness to creativity in the context of liturgical worship.

This job is 15-20 hours a week. A full job description is posted at **www.bethlehem-chicago.org** under the “Worship” tab. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Pastor Jennie English (**jennie.english@ameritech.net** or **773-445-7558**).

Music Minister

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2328 Central Road, Glenview, IL 60025, is seeking a part-time Music Minister; 20 hours weekly (\$420 per week), beginning in September 2011.

Please send resume and letter of interest to **HolyTrinityMusicMinisterSearch@gmail.com**.

We are a Lutheran congregation with a liturgical tradition supported by a strong music ministry for the glory of God.

Director of Music

Grace Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill., is currently looking for their next Director of Music. This part-time position (approximately 10-15 hours per week) will involve creative worship planning (with pastor and other staff) as well as leading of choral and special music programs. The Director of Music will also supervise and direct other music staff (organist and choir accompanist).

Grace Lutheran Church, a congregation that has been growing over the past two years, is energetic and excited about their future. We are interested in someone who will help us develop and grow into the future that God has for us in service to the world. This is both a musical leadership position and a spiritual leadership position.

If qualified and interested, please send your resume with contact information to: **rlikeness@graceglenellyn.org**, address: Grace Lutheran Church 493 Forest Ave. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Attention: Pastor Richard Likeness, phone: **630-469-1555, ext. 14**.

Employment Listings

(More complete listings are available online at www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment)

Music Director - Gloria Dei, Downers Grove

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515 is seeking a Music Director.

This position may be held by one person, salaried at a ¾ time level. It may also be divided between two people, of whom one will have the administrative responsibilities associated with the position.

This is a ministry leadership position that bears primary responsibility for the music program of the church as it pertains to worship. All staff persons are expected to have a degree in music or church music, and a demonstrated knowledge of Lutheran theology, liturgical practice, and the use of music in worship. Each staff person must have the ability to work well with others, and participate collegially with other staff, pastors, and congregational leaders. All staff persons are expected to contribute positively to the mission and ministry of the congregation, striving for excellence and contributing to the attractiveness of the congregation to potential members.

Please reply with resume, and cover letter specifying your areas of background and interest to: pastor.rothaar@gloriadeichurch.org. The position is available immediately.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Grayslake, Illinois, is seeking a youth ministry coordinator. The applicant should have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree, and experience

working with middle school and high school students.

Position and Purpose:

The position of Youth Ministries Coordinator develops and implements a youth ministry for middle school through high school students.

Supervisor:

The Youth Ministries Coordinator reports to the pastor as the direct supervisor. Personnel issues that are not resolved with the supervisor should be discussed with the HR team and brought to the DNA Council when necessary.

E-mail wernekerog@tds.net for more information.

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

St. Mark Lutheran Church (200 S. Wille St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 - ph.847-253-0631) is seeking a Youth & Family Coordinator. The goal of the Youth & Family Coordinator is to support youth and families in a process of lifelong discipleship through Christian Education, Fellowship, Social Ministry (Community Outreach) and Worship. The Coordinator will be responsible for a comprehensive ministry to youth and families. The Coordinator needs to be supportive, self-motivated, enthusiastic, creative, well organized, a positive role model, able to take initiative and to delegate responsibilities. This is a 30 hour per week position.

If you would like to be considered for this position please send your resume to nhundley@stmarkmp.org or fax 847-253-5387.

Metropolitan Chicago Synod Directory Changes

Name	Change	Effective
Kittlaus, Lloyd R.	Retired	9/1/2011
Schlichting, Eric	Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Prospect Heights, Ill.	7/31/2011

Welcome to Two New Synod Staff Members

The synod office welcomes Mr. Vance Blackfox and Ms. Sandie Schlauch to the synod office.

Mr. Vance Blackfox Associate Administrative Assistant



Vance Blackfox, a student the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, is originally from Oaks, Oklahoma, and also calls San Antonio home.

He earned a BA in Communications at Texas

Lutheran University and has studied Leadership and Ethics on the graduate level at John Brown University.

Vance is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and is committed to teaching audiences of all ages about Native American history, culture, and peoples. He has also served the Church in a variety of capacities, both elected and professionally, serving organizations such as the Oaks Indian Mission, ELCA Youth Ministries, California Lutheran University, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Women of the ELCA, and the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization.

Presently, Vance serves on the Board of Directors of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and works with the Board of Directors of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network on matters of diversity and inclusion. Vance can be reached at vblackfox@mcselca.org and **773-248-0021, ext.14**.

His responsibilities include:

- Serve as the Administrative Assistant to Pr. Breimeier and Pr. Héctor Garfias

- Maintain records for professional roster, databases, and financial ledgers of the synod

Ms. Sandie Schlauch Receptionist



Ms. Sandie Schlauch was born and educated in Chicago, Illinois. Her first position was with an architectural firm, but later she served as a parish administrator for an ELCA congregation for seven years. From 1998 until

2010, she worked at the Churchwide Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Ministries unit.

A life-long Lutheran, Sandie has been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Evanston, for ten years, where she currently serves as an assisting minister, a member of the worship committee, and in the diaconess ministry. She graduated from the diakonia studies program in June 2011.

She is married to John and they are the parents of two adult sons, John (Lisa), and Joseph (Emmeline) who both live in the Chicago area. They have four grandchildren: Bennett, Claire, Lukas, and Ethan.

She can be contacted at sschlauch@mcselca.org and **773-248-0021, ext.10**.

Her responsibilities include:

- Provide initial hospitality for all those contacting the synod office in person or by telephone
- Provide clerical support for synod staff as needed.



Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

(For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit www.mcselca.org)

- September **01** Discipleship Team Meeting – Synod Office, 9:30AM
- 05** Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 10** Ministry Committee Meeting – Synod Office, 8:30AM
- 13** Bishop’s Advisory Group Meeting (OLFC) – Synod Office, 10AM
- 14** Informational Conversation on Community Ministry, Concordia Place, 3300 N. Whipple, Chicago, IL 60618, 10AM
- 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
North Conference Meeting, Advocate Condell Hospital, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048, 9AM
Synod Council Executive Committee Meeting – Synod Office, 7PM
- 16** Next Level Leaders Training, Prince of Peace, 2600 75th Street Woodridge, IL 60517, 9AM
- 17** Annual Youth Worker's Appreciation Breakfast, Our Saviour's, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004, 9AM
- 18** The New Jim Crow: Town hall on Race, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615, 3:30PM
- 21** Deans Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
- 22** Interim Pastors Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
- 24** Synod Council Meeting – Synod Office, 9AM
- 26** Deadline for December Supplement to *The Lutheran*
- 27** Latino Strategy Implementation Team Meeting, San Jose (Resurrection), 9920 W. Grand Avenue Franklin Park, IL 60131, 7PM
- 30-1** Acts 15 Team Training Course - Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154

Rostered Leader Vacancies - Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process		
KEY: (A) Self-study (B) Candidate search or interviewing (C) Call Extended (D) Call Accepted (PT) Part-time (*) Associate Position		
Central	Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan - B	St. James, Chicago – B
Bethel West, Chicago - B	Northeast	Windsor Park – on hold
Martin Luther, Chicago - A	Pilgrim, Chicago - A	Zion, (Stony Island), Chicago – on hold
Mission of Christ, Chicago – B	St. Luke’s, Park Ridge - A	Southwest
St. James, Chicago – on hold	Northwest	United By Faith, Evergreen Park - A
Near West	Bethel, Palatine - A	West
Grace, Elmwood Park - A	Christus Victor, Elk Grove Vlg.(*) (PT) B	Geneva, Geneva - B
Northlake, Northlake – on hold	Luth. Church of the Cross, Arlington Hts. - A	Good Shepherd, Naperville (*) B
Redeemer, Hinsdale - B	St. Mark’s, Mt. Prospect (*) (PT) B	St. Luke’s, Glen Ellyn - B
Resurrection, Franklin Park – on hold	South	St. Mark’s, Aurora (*) - B
North	Calvary (Spaulding), Chicago – on hold	



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