



Spotlight


Martin Marty at St. Luke this Sunday

Dr. Martin E. Marty, renowned theologian, will make a special presentation on Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 .m. at St. Luke in Silver Spring. His topic will be "Building Cultures of Trust," based on his forthcoming book. "Crises of trust" are evident in finance and markets, war-making and peace-seeking, marriage and family situations, and even in the church. Dr. Marty will discuss these crises and the church's role. A panel discussion with Bishop Graham, Bishop-emeritus Theodore F. Schneider, the Rev. John Bengston, the Rev. Elizabeth Platz and Ann Hesse Nuss will follow. All are welcome to attend.

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Reformation Service at National Cathedral


 The annual Reformation Service is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. at Washington National Cathedral. All are welcome.



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Synod Happenings

Middle East Working Group Welcomes Newcomers to Meeting

 The Middle East Working Group will meet on September 20 at the home of Dora Johnson in NW D.C. Increased participation is welcome. Contact Nathan Rich for details at nathan@wiamep.org.

International Day of Prayer for Peace on Monday

September 21 is an "International Day of Prayer for Peace," a time to "pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies," according to the World Council of Churches (WCC). The ELCA is a member of the WCC, which proposed the observance in a 2004 meeting between the Rev. Samuel Kobia, WCC general secretary, and Kofi A. Annan, former general-secretary of the United Nations. [Resources including liturgy and video](#) are available from the ELCA Task Force for a Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence. The theme is "One Love: Building a Peaceful World."

Pledge a minute of silence to pray for peace through the Odyssey Networks' [Million Minutes for Peace Campaign](#), collecting one million pledges to pray for peace in observance of the United National International Day of Peace. The ELCA is a faith group member of the Odyssey Network. A compiled Peace Pledge book will be presented at the United Nations on September 21.

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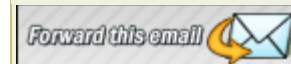
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Synod Assembly Will Reconvene for Fall Session

The 2009 Metro D.C. Synod Assembly will reconvene in Fall Session on Saturday, September 26 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg. [Learn more online](http://metrocelca.org/category/09synasm-blog/) and follow happenings from our blog at <http://metrocelca.org/category/09synasm-blog/>.



D.C. Congregation's Yard Sale Benefits Many

Christ Lutheran-D.C.'s annual Benefit Yard Sale will be held on Sat., September 26 (10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.) and Sun., September 27 (noon-4:00 p.m.) at the location on 16th and Gallatin Streets, NW. Beneficiaries include Lutheran Bible Translators, Fundacion Segundo Montes, and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. Books, jewelry, furniture, Christmas crafts and more can be found. [EXTRAS](#)

ELCA Advocate Interviewed for CBS Show

An half-hour documentary produced by CBS will be aired nationwide on Sunday, September 27 called "Religion, Politics & Advocacy." The Rev. Drew Genszler, director of the ELCA Washington Office and member of Augustana Lutheran in D.C., is among those interviewed for the program. The program explores who a diverse coalition of religious organizations went toe-o-toe with big tobacco companies and follows "citizen advocates" who participated in Bread for the World's annual Lobby Day in D.C.

Noon Eucharist at National Cathedral Includes Lutheran Preachers

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated Monday thru Saturday at NOON at Washington National Cathedral. ELCA pastors are among those scheduled to preach at these services, and members of our congregations are often represented among participating in these ecumenically significant, open services. Scheduled are: Tuesday, September 29 - the Rev. Thomas Omholt of St. Paul's, D.C.; Saturday, October 10 - the Rev. Gregory Gaertner, St. Nicholas, Huntingtown, Md.; Thursday, October 22 - the Rev. Amy Thompson Sevimli, Assistant to the Bishop, Metro D.C. Synod; Saturday, November 14 - the Rev. Sandra Shaw, Crusader, Rockville, Md.; Saturday, December 12 - the Rev. Katherine Murray, Hope, Clinton, Md.; Tuesday, December 29 - the Rev. Shelley Simmont, St. Luke, Silver Spring, Md.


LLF Luncheon with Pr. Wiechmann

The Lutheran Lay Fellowship Luncheon will take place on October 1 this month with the Rev. Ralph Wiechmann of the LCMS, Our Savior's Way, Ashburn, VA, speaking on "47 Years of Doing the Same Thing - or Was It the Same Thing." Reserve lunch, which costs \$9 at the door, by Tuesday before the event by calling Harlan Oelke at 301-545-1910.

J3 Tour Brings Music to LTSG

"Jesus, Justice, Jazz: The Tour" is coming to Gettysburg Seminary on Sunday, October 4 from 2-6:30 p.m. (actual concert begins at 3:30 with worship). Musical artists Agape, Lost and Found, and Rachel Kurtz are on tour for a powerful and exciting evening of music, storytelling and encouragement in your journey of faith. The all-age show is for anyone and everyone with a heart for doing justice and service in Jesus' name, NOT just those who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering. Each participant is challenged to bring at least \$20 to support ELCA World Hunger; registration fee is \$5/person. Registration forms are available from the synod Web site and www.j3tour.com. [EXTRAS](#)


Tanzania Choir Aong Singers at Good Sam Concert

Good Samaritan Lutheran in Lanham will welcome the "Vision of Tomorrow Tour" featuring the Bukoba Choir from Tanzania, Good Samaritan Lutheran Choir and the Resurrection Church Praise and Worship led by Apostle Baraaza Matibila in a "We are Called to Serve" Choir Concert. It will take place on October 10 from 3-6:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Rev. Thomas O'Brien at 301-794-7300.  [EXTRAS](#)

Bread for the World Sunday

Bread for the World Sunday is scheduled for October 18 (or select another fall Sunday), serving as an opportunity for congregations to recommit to help end hunger in God's world. Bread for the World is a hunger relief organization affiliated with the ELCA that seeks to express a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Free resources in English and Spanish based on Mark 10:35-45 are available from the [Bread for the World Web site](#).

Service Retreat for Area Higher Ed Students

Lutheran Campus Ministry invites students studying in the D.C. area, whether commuting to community colleges or living on an area campus, to participate in an Overnight Service Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, Md., on October 23-24. The Retreat is a great chance to meet other students from all over the area. Learn more from the Rev. Elizabeth Platz of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland, 301-405-8448.  [EXTRAS](#)


School's Out Day Camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge

Mar-Lu-Ridge (MLR) will hold a School's Out Day Camp on Monday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at their location in Jefferson, Md. Trained staff will guide a fun day for all ages. Cost is \$25, Call the MLR office at 800-238-9974 for more information.

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Local Learning


Regional Christian Ed Program Conference

A Region 8 Teacher & Administrator Conference will be offered Saturday, October 3 in Gettysburg at Christ Lutheran Church, sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Educational Association (ELEA). The ELEA promotes and supports quality, Christ-centered schools and early childhood programs of the ELCA. The theme of the event is "Faith, Laughter & Duct Tape Will Hold Us Together," with keynote speaker Elaine Lundberg, M.A., Humor Therapist. Workshop selections include accreditation, "Cooking with Kids," "Building Classroom Community," and "Dealing with Difficult People." Cost is \$55/person for ELEA members; \$75/person for non-members, including lunch and materials. For more information, visit www.eleanational.org.  [EXTRAS](#)

Loss and Grief Appreciation and Resources

"Loss and Grief: Understanding Feelings, Helping Others," is an informative session offered on October 3 from 9:30 a.m.-NOON at St. Alban's in D.C. (Nurse Hall). The session is free of charge and open to the community. Clinical social workers Cay Hartley and Elizabeth Dietel will lead, based on their experience in grief work, and share resources available in the community. RSVP to 202-363-8286, ext. 219.

Reaching Disconnected Young Adults

 "Reversing the Decline: Reaching Disconnected Young Adults Today for Stronger Ministries Tomorrow," is the subject of a workshop to be held Wednesday, October 7 at 10 a.m. at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville. Listen to authors, researchers and church leaders reveal the underlying and undeniable truths keeping disaffected believers and disconnected seekers from connecting and serving in your church and ministries. The moderator will be the Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane, Assistant to the Bishop & Director of the Evangelical Mission of the ELCA in the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Panelists include: Todd Adkins, Julia Duin, the Rev. Philip Hirsch and Allison Pond. A free buffet

breakfast is included. RSVP to www.nlhv.org/reversingthedecline/.  [EXTRAS](#)

Bishop Graham Among Speakers at Holy Land Conference

The 11th International Conference of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation is being held October 23 (Awards Banquet) & 24 (Gathering) at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. Bishop Graham will be speaking at the event. His Eminence John Cardinal Foley, Grand Master, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, will bring the keynote address. The theme is "Building Peace through Faith & Dialogue." Conference fee is \$35 (reduced for students). [Register by October 15](#).

Youth Day at Thiel College

Thiel College in Greenville, Penn., will host a [Lutheran Youth Day](#) on Saturday, October 31. Class sample, campus tour, tailgate and football game will be included. RSVP by September 25.

Saturday Leadership School at VTS

The Saturday School for Leadership is a new program of the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in Alexandria, Virginia. Short Saturday morning courses focused on issues of Christian formation and leadership are especially designed for Christian educators and key lay leaders, both professional and volunteer. "God's Call to Leadership" led by Dr. Kathleen Henderson Staudt will be offered on October 31, November 7 and 14. "Beyond the Baptismal Covenant: Effective Lay Leadership for the 21st Century" led by Mr. Donald V. Romanik will be offered March 6, 13 and 20. Learn more at the [VTS Web site](#).


"Called & Baptized" Event for Synod Confirmation Students

 The synod's Vocation Team is sponsoring an event for 7th-9th grade Confirmation students and their leaders on Sunday, November 1. "Called and Baptized: Now What?" is an afternoon gathering to explore Luther's understanding of our baptismal call. The day runs from 3-6:00 p.m. A live band, games, fellowship, pizza, worship and more will take place at St. Luke in Silver Spring. Cost is \$15/youth (adults free); activities for both youth and adult leaders are planned. Registration forms available from <http://metrodc.youthgroupstuff.com>. Register by October 21. Address questions to the Rev. Darcy Tillman, Vocation Team chair and event registrar, at dtillman@nativitylutheran.org or 703-768-1112.  [EXTRAS](#)

"Here We Stand" Confirmation Retreats at Mar-Lu-Ridge

A Confirmation Retreat will be held at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, Md., on November 20-22. The subject is "Here We Stand: Luther, the Reformation and Media." Using the "Here We Stand" confirmation curriculum produced by Augsburg Fortress, confirmation groups are invited to learn and have fun through outdoor activities, songs and skits, campfires, Sunday worship and more. Cost is \$80/participant; one chaperone is free with every six participants from a congregation. Registration form and brochure are on the synod Web site.

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On February 5-7, 2010, another Confirmation Retreat will be offered at Mar-Lu-Ridge with the focus of "Here We Stand: World Religions." Participants will learn about our Lutheran heritage and the role of and importance of understanding other faiths in the world today.  [EXTRAS](#)

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National Opportunities

Mid-Winter Convocation at Luther Seminary


Luther Seminary will offer a Mid-Winter Convocation at the campus in St. Paul, Minn., called "Engaging Scripture in a Community of Faith" on January 13-15,

2010. The focus will be on how faith communities interpret and understand the promise of the Gospel that is at the heart of Scripture. Keynote speakers include Mike Housholder, Mark Allan Powell, and Mary Hinkle Shore. More information available at www.luthersem.edu/convo.

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Second Glance

Affirmation of Baptism Festival Events from TEY

The well-received Affirmation of Baptism Festival presented by Theological Education with Youth (TEY) is an opportunity for 9th grade youth to gather and explore what God is up to in the world through the waters of baptism. Those in confirmation and recently confirmed are welcome. Each congregation may send up to four 9th grade youth; morning workshops on youth ministry are available for one adult mentors/driver from each congregation. Fee is 25/person including lunch and snacks. Attend either Saturday, October 24 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (register by October 10) or Saturday, November 14 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (register by October 31) from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Find [details and registration forms from TEY](#).  [EXTRAS](#)

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Positions Available

Music Director (part time)

Peace Lutheran in Alexandria is seeking a part-time Music Director. Duties: Responsible for overall leadership and coordination of diverse music program. Serves as principal organist, pianist and directs adult choir. AOG membership preferred. Send cover letter and compensation expectations and resume to: Peace Lutheran Church, 6362 Lincolnia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312, Attn: Music Director Search; or email info@haringpeace.org with Music Director Search in the subject line.

Director of Music Ministries (part time)

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Manassas is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministries (24-30 hrs/wk) effective immediately. Bethel's music ministry includes an adult choir, two children's choirs, an adult bell choir, two children's bell choirs, and a liturgical dance group. The Director of Music Ministries will accompany the congregation in worship, lead the adult and children's choirs, work with the directors of other musical groups, and seek opportunities for musical expression of the congregation. A minimum of a bachelor's degree in music and one year choral conducting experience required. Salary commensurate with experience in accordance with AGO guidelines. Full job description posted to www.bethelmanassas.org. Send resume to Director of Music Ministries Search Committee at bethel.musicsearch@gmail.com or fax to 703-368-7083.

Organist/Choir Director (part time)

Epiphany Lutheran on Burtonsville seeks a part-time Organist/Choir Director (10 hrs/wk). The position is available beginning October 1. Responsibilities include playing one service on Sunday morning, special services during church holidays, monthly planning meetings, as well as directing an adult choir and possibly a children's choir. Average Sunday attendance is 70. The organ is a Zimmer Pipe organ. Salary is \$12-16,000. Send resume to Lynn Burkart at ldburkart@aol.com or Organist Committee, 14411 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

Administrative Assistant (part time)

Our Redeemer Preschool in D.C. is seeking an energetic individual that can handle multiple administrative/secretarial responsibilities to serve as an Administrative Assistant. Flexible days and hours; 10-12 hour work week. Pay is \$12-15/hour. Send resume to Joe Gemmell at bjdinks@aol.com.

Events/Meeting Manager

Lutheran Services in America (LSA), based in Baltimore, seeks an Event/Meeting Manager to coordinate, plan, market and produce top level event and activities and to coordinate overall LSA national office meeting needs. Logistics for LSA's signature event, the Annual Conference for 500 members and stakeholders, and more are the responsibility of this position. Experience in event/meeting management, strong project management, communication skills, ability to work independently and in a team and to learn quickly are required. Send resume to lsajobs@lutehranservices.org or to John Carter, LSA, 700 Light St. Baltimore, 21230. Full position description online.

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