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Unified Newsletter Changes. The Unified newsletter has gone “electronic!” Paper copies are still being sent to congregations and individuals who request them; just contact the synod office and let us know you would like to receive paper copies. We will continue to publish the Unified six times/year; submission deadlines will be announced in each issue. The e-Unified is sent to all E-news subscribers, and published on the Synod’s web site, www.neos-elca.org. The weekly E-news will keep you updated with all the news, events and pertinent information in between Unifies. If you would like to begin receiving the E-news and our other electronic mailings you may sign-up on our website. Simply go to www.neos-elca.org and click on Unified Newsletter; from there click on *Join Our Electronic Mailings* to sign-up. If you have articles or notices to publish in the Unified, please contact Marilyn Matevia at the Synod office, mmatevia@neos-elca.org

Please remember to let the Synod office know if your Unified job postings, equipment offers or requests, etc., have been filled!

Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017. The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Lutherans and Catholics to visit the website: <http://lccovenant.weebly.com/covenant-celebration-2016.html> for a picture gallery of the Lutheran Catholic Covenant Celebration 2016: Ongoing Impact of the Reformation on Christian Unity. The Celebration began the local Lutheran Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017 which concludes with an Ecumenical Evening Prayer celebrated by Bishop George V Murry SJ and Bishop Abraham Allende on October 29, 2017, 6:00 p.m., St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown.

For Commemoration prayers, resources, CTNY Spotlight programs, and more visit the Lutheran Catholic Covenant website: [www.lccovenant.weebly.com](http://lccovenant.weebly.com) or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Lutheran-Catholic-Covenant-169767929709568/. The Commission welcomes the use of any Commemoration resources by NEOS ELCA churches beyond the geographical boundaries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.

Invitation, Lutheran-Catholic Picnic, August 24, 2017. On behalf of the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission, Pastor Mark Williams, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton, and Co-Convener of the Lutheran Catholic Covenant Commission, invites all Rostered Ministers and Lay Leaders and their spouses to a Lutheran-Catholic Picnic on Thursday, August 24, 2017, 5:00 p.m., hosted and given as a gift by Dr. Y. T. and Marilyn Chiu at their home. This picnic is a great opportunity to meet and fellowship with our Roman Catholic friends

who serve as clergy or professional lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Youngstown. Dress is casual. The Chiu's address is 5809 S. Raccoon Rd., Canfield, Ohio. RSVP by August 18, 2017, by email: pastor.mark.htlc@gmail.com only if you will be attending.

Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World. Several congregations in the Northeastern Ohio Synod are hosting showings of the feature-length movie "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World." Faith, Fairlawn, 2726 W. Market St. will host a showing on Thursday, August 3 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The Mahoning County Lutheran Cluster, along with Youngstown area LCMS congregations will be hosting the movie at Tinseltown, 7401 Market St, Boardman, OH on October 24, at 7:30 p.m. Celebration, Chardon, will host a showing at Regal Willoughby Commons Stadium 16, 36655 Euclid Ave, Willoughby, OH on October 24, at 6:30 p.m. For more information and/or to purchase tickets: <https://www.tugg.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-d6a1>

An Evening With Martin Luther. In observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the NEOS-ELCA Medina Area Cluster is hosting "An Evening With Martin Luther" at 7 pm on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Medina Performing Arts Center, 777 E. Union Street in Medina. Tickets are \$10 for adults; all students will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are available online through the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Valley City) website: www.zionvc.org.

CTNY Lutheran Catholic Programming Schedule Change. The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Lutherans and Catholics to tune in to CTNY *Spotlight* TV and *Wineskins* radio programs about the Lutheran Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017. For an updated schedule of the CTNY Lutheran Catholic Programming, see the attachment to this issue of the *Communiqué*. *Wineskins* on WSOM-AM 600 - Salem originally scheduled for 11:00 a.m. will be broadcasted instead at 10:00 a.m.

For videos of select *Spotlight* programs, prayer resources and other Commemoration information, visit the Lutheran Catholic website: www.lccovenant.weebly.com or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Lutheran-Catholic-Covenant-169767929709568/. The Commission welcomes the use of any Commemoration resources by the NEOS ELCA churches beyond the geographical boundaries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.

Common Commemoration Ecumenical Evening Prayer. Mark your calendars for the Common Commemoration ecumenical evening prayer celebrated by Bishop George V Murry SJ and Bishop Abraham Allende on October 29, 2017, 6:00 p.m., St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown.

For this edition of the Bishop's Unified Newsletter I have asked Brian Wentzel, Director of Music at First Lutheran, Lorain, to contribute an article. Brian has served at First since 2006. He is completing a six-year term on the Synod Worship Committee and was its Chair for the past two years. Brian responded to my last column in which I reflected on some of my Reformation reading and asked for any response to what you might be reading along those lines. Here is Brian's offering.

Peace and blessings,



+Bishop Abraham Allende

In the May/June *Unified* Bishop Allende shared a list of books he was reading about Luther, spurred by the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Reformation. At the end of his column he invited us to share what we've been reading lately, and so for this issue I've put together a list of books on Luther and music.

First on any such list needs to be *Luther's Works, vol. 53: Liturgy and Hymns*. If this book is not in your church musician's library, consider giving it to him or her as a Reformation gift! The bulk of this volume is taken up by Luther's Latin and German orders of service and all of his hymns (and the *Te Deum* we sang at the assembly!). But there are also a number of shorter writings, in which Luther makes such famous statements as "next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

In 1988 Lutheran musician and scholar Carl Schalk wrote a short pamphlet called *Luther and Music: Paradigms of Praise*. Here Schalk puts Luther's thought about music in the context of his life and times, organizes that thought into categories such as "Music as God's Creation and Gift" and "Music as Liturgical Song," and mixes in his own analysis and opinions. At only \$9, this is another must-read for all Lutheran musicians!

Continuing in a practical vein: in the late 70's Schalk and Carl Halter edited *A Handbook of Church Music* and *Key Words in Church Music*. These are a bit dated by now, but still are useful reference volumes. My own teacher, Paul Westermeyer, has written a number of very useful books including *The Church Musician*, which lays out theological and practical aspects of the church musician's craft, and *Te Deum*:



Brian Wentzel

The Church and Music, which is a history of church music from the Old Testament to the end of the last century.

For those of us who like to get deep in the scholarly weeds, there are also many wonderful books on Reformation music that have recently been published. Robin Leaver is one of the foremost experts on Luther and music, and his 2007 book, *Luther's Liturgical Music: Principles and Implications* is a collection of essays he wrote over the previous decade, preceded by a long introduction that ties everything together. Leaver is doing here essentially what Schalk did in his earlier pamphlet, but in 500 pages, 100 of which are footnotes!

Leaver tends to theologize from Luther's texts. Joseph Herl takes a more historical perspective in *Worship Wars in Early Lutheranism: Choir, Congregation, and Three Centuries of Conflict* (2004). Herl investigates the myth that "before [Luther's] time ... average churchgoers were mute, denied the chance to express themselves in song or speech. But Luther opened the floodgates of song to the people, and suddenly churches were filled with eager singers belting out *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* at the tops of their lungs" (v). From the tone of that excerpt you can guess that Herl's investigations led him to the conclusions that things were quite a bit more complicated than that! Joyce Irwin's *Neither Voice nor Heart Alone: German Lutheran Theology of Music in the Age of the Baroque* takes a similar historical approach. Irwin is not a Lutheran herself, and so has some critical distance; she studies how the rhetoric of the early Lutheran musicians matched up with their practice, and what the differences really were between music in Lutheran, Reformed, and Catholic churches.

We Lutherans are blessed to have one of history's greatest musicians as one of our own: J. S. Bach. In 2013 John Eliot Gardiner, a well-known conductor of early music, published *Bach: Music in the Castle of Heaven*. This is an incredibly engaging read focusing on Bach's cantatas and other sacred choral works, exploring how Bach's faith is expressed in his music. Beware, though: I received this book as a gift, but it caused me to spend quite a bit of my own money on recordings! Other essential Bach reads include *The New Bach Reader: A Life of Johann Sebastian Bach in Letters in Documents* and *Johann Sebastian Bach and Liturgical Life in Leipzig* (Günther Stiller).

Lastly: Bishop Allende shared a few books on his "to read" list, and here are a couple of mine: *Luther's Theology of Music: Spiritual Beauty and Pleasure* (Miikka Anttila, 2013), and *The Whole Church Sings: Congregational Singing in Luther's Wittenberg* (Robin Leaver, 2017). Next time you see me, ask me how they are!

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NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD CALENDAR

You can find synod events on the website calendar page, as well: <http://neos-elca.org/events-calendar/>

JULY

25 10:00 am, **Mission Interpreters Training**, The Lutheran Center (synod office), Resource Center
30 4:00 pm, **Installation of Pastor Tom Fox**, St Paul, Sharon Center

AUGUST

3 1:00 pm, **Worship Committee**, The Lutheran Center (synod office), Conference Room
10 3:00 pm, **Stewardship Table**, The Lutheran Center (synod office), Resource Center
15 3:30 pm, **Intentional Interim Pastors Meeting**, The Lutheran Center (synod office), Resource Center
20 10:00 am, **Installation of Pastor Seth Bridger**, Messiah, Fairview Park
23 10:00 am, **Ecumenical Committee Meeting**, The Lutheran Center (synod office) Conference Room
24 10:00 am, **Conference Deans Meeting**, The Lutheran Center (synod office) Conference Room

SEPTEMBER

9 10:00 am, **Installation of Pastor James Steingass**, St Luke's, Cuyahoga Falls
14 **Cleveland East Conference Gathering** (details to follow on website and e-news)
19 3:30 pm, **Intentional Interim Pastors Meeting**, The Lutheran Center (synod office), Resource Center
20 10:00 am, **First Call Pastors Meeting**, The Lutheran Center (synod office), Resource Center
23 **Fall Bishop's Gathering**, Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Youngstown (check synod website for more details)

OCTOBER

12 **Cleveland West Conference Gathering** (details to follow on website and e-news)
17 9:00 am, **Eastern Conference Gathering**, Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home, Austintown
20-21 **Synod Council Retreat**, Camp Mowana, Mansfield
22 4:00 pm, **Hymnfest**, Faith Lutheran Church, Fairlawn
29 6:00 pm, **Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Celebration**, St Columba Cathedral, Youngstown
31 **Canton-Massillon Conference Gathering** (details to follow on website and e-news)

STAFF VISITS FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Bishop Abraham Allende

July 22-26 Biennial Assembly, Philadelphia
July 30 St Paul, Sharon Center,
Installation of Pr. Tom Fox
Aug 6 Grace, E. Palestine
Aug 13 Redeemer, Brook Park
Aug 20 Lorain Joint Outdoor Service
Aug 27 Trinity, Clinton
Sept 9 St Luke's, Cuyahoga Falls,
Installation of Pr. James Steingass
Sept 10 Zion, Loudonville
Sept 17 St Paul, Smithville
Sept 23 Martin Luther, Youngstown (Bishop's
Gathering)
Sept 24 Emmanuel, Elyria; Trinity, Girard
Oct 8 Salem, Wooster
Oct 12 Cleveland West Conference Gathering
Oct 15 St. John's, Perrysville; Pleasant Valley, Lucas
Oct 17 Eastern Conference Gathering
Oct 22 Faith, Fairlawn
Oct 29 Peace, Cleveland Hts.; St. Columba, Youngstown
Oct 31 Canton-Massillon Conference Gathering

Pastor Karl Biermann

July 23 Redeemer, Brook Park
July 30 St Paul, Sharon Center, installation
of Pr. Tom Fox
Aug 6 Prince of Peace, Westlake
Aug 20 Messiah, Fairview Park
Sept 9 St Luke's, Cuyahoga Falls,
Installation of Pr. James Steingass
Sept 17 First, Strongsville
Sept 24 St Jacob, North Canton
Oct 1 Zion, New Waterford
Oct 8 Faith, Massillon
Oct 22 Emmanuel, Elyria
Oct 29 First, Plymouth; Mt. Hope, Shiloh

Important reminder about background checks: Congregations are called to be safe places for all members, and every ELCA congregation is responsible to have established guidelines and policies protecting all members. When hiring church workers, please remember the importance of background checks. Your congregation should have official guidelines in place to safeguard members against abuse. For more information about background checks and guidelines: www.elca.org/backgroundchecks/

***** Please remember to tell the Synod office if your posted position has been filled! *****

Contact Marilyn Matevia, mmatevia@neos-elca.org, or 330-929-9022, ext. 22

NEOS Director for Evangelical Mission. Review the complete job posting for the position of Director for Evangelical Mission to the Northeastern Ohio Synod as posted on the ELCA's website:

<http://elca.atsondemand.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=512830.viewjobdetail&CID=512830&JID=582777>

Director of Christian Education and Program Coordinator. Brunswick United Methodist Church is in need of a Director of Christian Education and Program Coordinator to work 30 hours per week with hours being flexible to work weekends and Sunday mornings as needed. A complete job description including application process can be found: <http://files.constantcontact.com/b8eaaaf5001/b13ff886-3642-4432-b23e-a8281f1b4d26.pdf>

University Pastor. Capital University seeks a dynamic leader for the freshly re-envisioned position of University Pastor. We seek an experienced pastor who is passionate about mission-directed work with undergraduate and graduate students of diverse backgrounds in a vibrant and inclusive residential learning community. For a complete job description including application process click here:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/b8eaaaf5001/586b9c9b-8e41-4b78-99fa-7698d8bc817b.pdf>

Two Positions (Organist & Music Director): Bethany English Lutheran Church (ELCA), 15460 Triskett Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111. (216) 941-7880. bethanyenglish@sbcglobal.net. Interested persons should contact the Church, either in writing, by phone, or by email or Search Committee members David Ferro (david-ferro@sbcglobal.net) or Keli Schimelpfenig (kxs113@case.edu) by email. Applicants may apply for one or both positions.

Organist. Bethany English, Cleveland is seeking an organist for ten-twelve hours per week. Play for two liturgical (ELW) worship services on Sundays September through May at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and one service June through August at 10 a.m. Thirteen additional evening holiday worship services during the year. Accompany weekly evening choir rehearsals (Sept. - May). Attend six bi-monthly Worship & Music Committee meetings. Weddings and funerals extra. Instruments include Austin/Ahlborn-Galanti Organ, Roland X8 keyboard, Yamaha pianos, and harpsichord. Salary: \$16,500 per year.

Music Director. Eight-ten hours per week September - May. Direct a ten-fifteen member Chancel Choir. The Chancel Choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. liturgical worship services on alternating Sundays and at eight additional evening holiday worship services. Direct an eight to ten member Handbell choir. The Handbell choir plays once a month for Sunday morning worship services. Weekly evening rehearsals for both choirs. Coordinate additional musicians to play for holiday worship services. Attend six bi-monthly Worship & Music Committee meetings. Salary: \$9,000 per year.

Maintenance Coordinator. Holy Trinity, Akron is seeking someone to direct custodial work, including cleaning and minor repair; performs routine maintenance of building, equipment, and grounds. Ideal candidate should have knowledge of electrical, HVAC, plumbing and electronic/sound systems. Project Management experience preferred. Serves as liaison with sub-contractors. Submit resume including names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references to: jrstef@roadrunner.com. For more information, contact John Stefanik at (330) 666-3579.

Part-Time Contemporary Musician. Reformation, Eastlake, is seeking a contemporary musician to "job share" two Sundays per month, alternating musical leadership with the church organist who also plays two Sundays per month. Five Sunday months will be negotiated between the musicians. One worship service on Sunday and special services as needed. \$150/week. Interested persons may contact Rev. Barbara Holzhauser at rlcelake624@gmail.com.

Full-time Youth Minister. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights is seeking a full-time Youth Minister who will work collaboratively with the Clergy, staff and parishioners to carry out the youth ministries (grades 7-12) of this vibrant parish. We seek candidates who are passionate about creating a community for youth in which they can grow in their faith. Both ordained and lay candidates are welcome to apply. Ordained candidates will share in the preaching and presiding of worship services and be mentored in all aspects of priestly responsibilities in a parish environment. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit our website at www.stpauls-church.org. Please send a letter of interest with your resume, to the Rector, The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach at jleinbach@stpauls-church.org or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106. If you are ordained, please send your OTM profile and a sermon given in the last six months. Additional information about this position can be found at <http://www.dohio.org/news/job-opening-youth-minister-st-pauls-cleveland-heights>.

Choir Director.

Good Shepherd, Conneaut, is searching for a choir director. This position includes an evening practice and Sunday morning worship service. Choir season runs from September through May. Contact the church at 440-599-8908 or e-mail goodshepherd@suite224.net.

Updated 07/18/2017

Congregations in the Call Process (Call Committee installed)

- Akron, Messiah, Jeffrey Hancock, interim
- Berea, St. Paul: senior pastor
- Conneaut, Good Shepherd, associate pastor
- Canal Fulton, St. John, Bob Linsz, interim
- Lakewood, Trinity, Mariah Hayden, interim (UMC)
- Massillon, St. Paul's, Dan Cammarn, interim
- North Canton, Zion, Hal Robarge, interim

Transitions

- St. Luke's, Cuyahoga Falls, called Pastor James Steingass, accepted; installation September 9
- Messiah, Fairview Park, called Pastor Seth Bridger [associate to senior transition], accepted; installation August 20
- Trinity, Lakewood, called Pastor Sara Cogsil, accepted; installation November 12
- St. Paul, Sharon Center, called Pastor Tom Fox, accepted; installation July 30

Recently Ill or Hospitalized

- Pastor Frank Gross
- Sheila Kidd, wife of Pastor Richard Kidd
- Pastor Blanche Tyree

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Pastor Jim Kennell
- Pastor Donald Rice

Sympathy

- Rev. Lor Breyley and husband Paul Livingston on death of their daughter Karla Livingston
- Pastor Tina Heise on the death of her grandfather
- Pastor Larry Klinker on the death of his mother
- Pastor Hal Robarge on the death of his granddaughter

If you would like to add the name of a rostered minister – your own or someone else's – to the Unified's list of "ongoing prayer concerns," please contact Marilyn Matevia at the Synod office: 330-929-9022, ext. 22; mmatevia@neos-elca.org

Unless otherwise requested, individuals will be included on the list for two editions of the Unified.



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The 2017 NEOS Compensation Guidelines state: Those asked to serve as pulpit supply should be contacted well in advance of the date needed and, upon acceptance, be provided with a copy of the worship bulletin and pertinent information about the service. A member familiar with congregational worship practices should be on hand to welcome the pastor prior to the service. The recommended honorarium for one worship service is \$150 plus mileage at the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate- beginning January 1, 2017, 53.5 cents/mile). Travel reimbursement should also include turnpike tolls. For additional services, scheduled within three hours of the conclusion of the initial worship service, whether at the same congregation or at another, as in two-point parishes, an additional \$50 per service should be paid plus any additional mileage. If additional services are scheduled during the week that are similar in nature e.g., Sunday evening, Wednesday, Saturday, etc., an additional honorarium of \$85 for each additional service plus mileage at the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate (see above) should be paid. For additional responsibilities, appropriate compensation should be provided. Expenses for lodging and meals, if necessary, are to be paid by the congregation. (Contractual interim pastors are reminded that they are responsible for obtaining supply in their absence.) *The current Pulpit Supply list is also available on the NEOS website under the "Resources" tab.*

The following persons have indicated their availability for pulpit supply (additional supply pastors from denominations in full communion with the ELCA can be found on page 2):

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NE Ohio Synod Resource Center

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Staffed Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8-4

Call or email ahead and
recommended resources will
be pulled for you to preview
whenever you are able to visit.
Not able to visit? Most items
can be mailed.



While growing up I lived near Warther's (woodcarving) Museum and can remember watching Mooney Warther carve his infamous working pliers from a single piece of wood. Mooney lived during the era of hobos and had learned the skill from a hobo who traveled the railroad tracks behind his home. We rarely hear the term hobo today; instead we reference people as homeless or living on the street. A variety of factors, many the same as in years past, place these people in vulnerable situations. Today we have a better understanding of the issues that lead to homelessness and have programs to assist individuals. However because these same individuals often lack a supportive network they fail to make the needed connections to these services. In some communities there are gaps in the services and often congregations or community ministerial associations step in to provide either food, clothing or other assistance along with encouragement. Ohio winters discourage street living but warmer climates do not have that deterrent prompting Pastor Jay Bergstresser of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Cocoa Beach, Florida to share their transformative outreach to the homeless in the book, **Strong Drink for the Perishing**. Bergstresser shares practical helps and ideas for reaching out to the homeless. For example, learning and using a person's name shows respect and encourages them to share the same way the hobo shared his skill with Mooney. Through empowerment the outreach ministry of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection includes the abilities of all when serving. This empowering and saying 'no' have resulted in transformed lives; however there are also stories of frustration. Bergstrasser shares it all. Whether reaching out to the homeless personally or in a congregation team this book provides a realistic picture of this ministry through the experiences of Bergstresser and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and will serve as a guide and source of inspiration.

If the recent sharing by local housing coalitions of the number of unsheltered individuals in your communities has prompted an interest in reaching out to the poor and unsheltered the resource center has a couple of additional resources to recommend:

What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty—A comprehensive and useful guide for helping churches understand and reach out to people in poverty.

Servant or Sucker—A five session formatted dvd that outlines wise and compassionate ways to help the poor as individuals and as a community.

www.elca.org/resources/advocacy

Karen Kaufman,
Resource Specialist

Community

With the shifting of shopping and other activities to the internet we may wonder what the future holds for the church. A recent article in **Fortune** noted that people are *looking* for community. Consequently new businesses or services are being developed to cater to this desire. Other businesses are realizing the importance of both an on-line and physical presence in a community. Over time it is easy to become an exclusive organization. In what ways does your congregation continue to invite and incorporate people into a sharing and life-giving community? Four resources to consider are:

Paradoxy, written for those trying to discern ways to create a Christian community for all ages, seekers as well as life-long Christians. Each chapter provides Biblical reflections and questions for discussion.

Discovering the Other encourages the use of asset-based approaches to build community both within and outside of a congregation. Strategies such as appreciative inquiry and asset mapping help individuals and congregations to develop new tools for community building ministry.

Acts an 8-session study by Ray Pickett in the Book of Acts tells the story of how a small group of Galilean Jews who followed Jesus became a countercultural movement that spread throughout the Roman Empire.

Unbinding Your Heart walks a small group in prayer and conversation over six weeks to the possibilities for ministry in their congregation.

This article <http://tinyurl.com/tbkq3hm> on front yard people may provide some inspiration for building community.

Reformation 500

An updated brochure by the resource center with recommendations and links for resources and activities for the congregation was provided at the synod assembly. Paper copies are available in the resource center, a digital copy is available upon request, rc@neos-elca.org.



Get a sneak peek of the new resource **By Heart: Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism** through a webinar at noon on July 18. Sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/ybqdy822> Visit augsburgfortress.org for additional webinars or to view samples.

Thanks to Augsburg Fortress there were a number of resources that were given away at the synod assembly. Congratulations to:

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Hymns for the Church Year

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DAY OF PENTECOST—TIME AFTER PENTECOST, LECTORY 22

Year A

Hymn suggestions are from four Augsburg Fortress publications. *E* refers to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, *L* refers to *Lutheran Book of Worship*, *W* refers to *With One Voice*, and *WP* refers to *Worship and Praise*. *H* is Hymn of the Day, *G* is Gathering Hymn, and *S* is Sending Hymn. *I*, *Ps*, *II*, and *HG* are hymns relating to the Revised Common Lectionary, and refer to the First Lesson, Psalm, Second Lesson, and Holy Gospel.

June 4, 2017 DAY OF PENTECOST

H	<i>E395/L163</i>	Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
H	<i>E400</i>	God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind
I	<i>E577-8/L284</i>	Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove
I	<i>E394/L142</i>	Hail Thee, Festival Day!
I	<i>WP157</i>	Wind of the Spirit
I	<i>E396/W684</i>	Spirit of Gentleness
Ps	<i>E842/L548</i>	Oh, Worship the King
II	<i>E401/W687</i>	Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
II	<i>E470/W703</i>	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
II	<i>WP133</i>	That Christ Be Known
HG	<i>E382/L131</i>	Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!
S	<i>E627/L161</i>	O Day Full of Grace
	<i>E804/L508</i>	Come Down, O Love Divine
G	<i>E404/L475</i>	Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

June 11, 2017 THE HOLY TRINITY

H	<i>E411/L374</i>	We All Believe in One True God
H	<i>E735/W769</i>	Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
I	<i>E416/L179</i>	At the Name of Jesus
I	<i>E511/L233</i>	Thy Strong Word
I	<i>E564/L281</i>	God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven
I	<i>E771/L463</i>	God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
I	<i>E556/WP98</i>	Morning Has Broken
Ps	<i>WP29</i>	Come and See
HG	<i>E392/L158</i>	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
HG	<i>E389/L363</i>	Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
HG	<i>E663/L379</i>	Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word
HG	<i>E513/W712</i>	Listen, God Is Calling
HG	<i>WP47</i>	Go, Make Disciples
G	<i>E834/L526</i>	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

June 18, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 11

H	<i>E535/W722</i>	Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
H	<i>E579/W756</i>	Lord, You Give the Great Commission
I	<i>E858-9/L543</i>	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Ps	<i>E883/L245</i>	All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Ps	<i>WP87</i>	Let There Be Praise
HG	<i>E722</i>	O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate
HG	<i>E663/L379</i>	Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word
HG	<i>E669/L383</i>	Rise Up, O Saints of God!
HG	<i>E661/L390</i>	I Love to Tell the Story
HG	<i>E526/W719</i>	God Is Here!
S	<i>E719/L429</i>	Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
G	<i>E771/L463</i>	God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
G	<i>E824/L554</i>	This Is My Father's World
	<i>E831/L544</i>	The God of Abraham Praise

June 25, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 12

H	<i>E626/W736</i>	By Gracious Powers
H	<i>E798/WP137</i>	Will You Come and Follow Me
II	<i>E449/L189</i>	We Know that Christ Is Raised
II	<i>E448/L195</i>	This Is the Spirit's Entry Now
II	<i>E447/W695</i>	O Blessed Spring

II	<i>E456/W693</i>	Baptized in Water
II	<i>E732/WP69</i>	Borning Cry
HG	<i>E781/L474</i>	Children of the Heavenly Father
HG	<i>E722</i>	O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate
HG	<i>E796/L507</i>	How Firm a Foundation
	<i>E766/L366</i>	Lord of Our Life
	<i>E769/L453</i>	If You but Trust in God to Guide You
G	<i>E824/L554</i>	This Is My Father's World
S	<i>E576/W755</i>	We All Are One in Mission

July 2, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 13

H	<i>E802/L487</i>	Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
H	<i>E641</i>	All Are Welcome
Ps	<i>WP74</i>	I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord
II	<i>E592/L296</i>	Just As I Am
S	<i>E497/L218</i>	Strengthen For Service, Lord
	<i>E663/L379</i>	Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word
	<i>E714/L425</i>	O God of Mercy, God of Light
	<i>E719/L429</i>	Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
HG	<i>L462</i>	God the Omnipotent!
S	<i>E836/L551</i>	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
G	<i>E519/W715</i>	Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
	<i>E526/W719</i>	God Is Here!
G	<i>W682</i>	Praise the Spirit in Creation
S	<i>E729/L433</i>	The Church of Christ, in Every Age

July 9, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 14

H	<i>E332,611/L479</i>	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
H	<i>E608/W734</i>	Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
H	<i>E765/L469</i>	Lord of All Hopefulness
I	<i>WP136</i>	The King of Glory
Ps	<i>E835/L527</i>	All Creatures Worship God Most High
Ps	<i>E826/W801</i>	Thine the Amen
II	<i>E557/L269</i>	Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun
II	<i>E404/L475</i>	Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove
HG	<i>E742/L439</i>	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
G	<i>E770/W777</i>	Give Me Jesus
	<i>E675/L380</i>	O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True
	<i>E772/L480</i>	Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
S	<i>E873-4/L553</i>	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
S	<i>E697</i>	Just a Closer Walk with Thee

July 16, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 15

H	<i>E508</i>	As Rain from the Clouds
H	<i>E506/W658</i>	The Word of God Is Source and Seed
I	<i>E550/L261</i>	On What Has Now Been Sown
I	<i>WP138</i>	The Trees of the Field
I	<i>E516/L234</i>	Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast
Ps	<i>E694/L412</i>	Sing to the Lord of Harvest
II	<i>E590/L297</i>	Salvation unto Us Has Come
HG	<i>E547/L221</i>	Sent Forth by God's Blessing
HG	<i>E533/L250</i>	Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
HG	<i>E512</i>	Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
S	<i>E545/L259</i>	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

G E524 What Is This Place
 G E680-1/L362 We Plow the Fields and Scatter
 S E679/L563/W760 For the Fruit of All Creation

July 23, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 16

H E786/L459 O Holy Spirit, Enter in
 H E680-1 We Plow the Fields and Scatter
 I E831/L544 The God of Abraham Praise
 Ps E587-8/L290 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
 Ps WP42 Glorify Thy Name
 II E629/L272 Abide with Me
 II L493 Hope of the World
 HG E689/L409 Praise and Thanksgiving
 S E478/W704 Father, We Thank You
 G E807/L499 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 S E633/L379 Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word
 G E842/L548 O, Worship the King
 G E399/W688 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life
 S E822/W795 Oh, Sing to the Lord

July 30, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 17

H E775/L457-8 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
 H E488-9/L224 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
 I E757/W782 All My Hope of God Is Founded
 I E519 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
 Ps E599/L309 Lord Jesus, Think on Me
 Ps E262 Wait for the Lord
 II E811/L102 On My Heart Imprint Your Image
 II E788/L454 If God My Lord Be for Me
 II WP129 Spirit of the Living God
 II WP134 That We May Be Filled
 HG E793 Be Thou My Vision
 S E670 Build Us up, Lord
 G E771/L463 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
 G E532/W718 Here In This Place

August 6, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 18

H E479/W766 We Come to the Hungry Feast
 H E515/L235 Break Now the Bread of Life
 I E694/L412 Sing to the Lord of Harvest
 I E332,611/L497 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 I E843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
 Ps E716/L419 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
 Ps E484/W711 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
 Ps WP155 What a Mighty Word God Gives
 HG E674/W754 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
 G E647/L358 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken
 S E661/L390 I Love to Tell the Story
 G E863/L524 My God, How Wonderful Thou Art
 S E729/L433 The Church of Christ, in Every Age
 S E266/W629 All Earth Is Hopeful

August 13, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 19

H E761/L465 Evening and Morning
 H E756/L467 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
 II E822/W795 Oh, Sing to the Lord
 HG E767/L333 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
 HG E755/L334 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
 HG E785/L346 When Peace Like a River
 HG E775/L457-8 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
 HG E773/W731 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 HG E763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

G E796/L507 How Firm a Foundation
 S E810/L503 O Jesus, I Have Promised
 G E532/W718 Here in This Place
 S E774/W780 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
 E862 Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock

August 20, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 20

H E587-8/L290 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
 H E684/W757 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace
 I E434/L530 Jesus Shall Reign
 I E650/L359 In Christ There Is No East or West
 II E496/W710 One Bread, One Body
 HG E665/L393 Rise, Shine, You People!
 HG E612/W738 Healer of Our Every Ill
 HG E641 All Are Welcome
 HG E712/L423 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
 HG E716/L419 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
 G E673/L400 God, Whose Almighty Word
 S E886/L559 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
 G E651/W750 Oh, Praise the Gracious Power
 E532/W718 Here In This Place

August 27, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 21

H E652/L365 Built on a Rock
 H E596-7/L293-4 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
 I E786/L459 O Holy Spirit, Enter In
 II E337/L98 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
 II E359/L126 Where Charity and Love Prevail
 II E576/W755 We All Are One in Mission
 II E583,685/L406 Take My Life, that I May Be
 HG E820/L514 O Savior, Precious Savior
 HG WP135 The Church Song
 HG E645/L367/W747 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
 HG E654/L369 The Church's One Foundation
 G E527/L253 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
 G E812-13/L500 Faith of Our Fathers
 G E419/W692 For All the Faithful Women

September 3, 2017 TIME after PENTECOST-LECTIONARY 22

H E667/L398 Take up Your Cross, the Savior Said
 H E660/L377 Lift High the Cross
 II E579/W756 Lord, You Give the Great Commission
 II E656/L370 Blest Be the Tie that Binds
 II E710 Let Streams of Living Justice
 HG E799/L455 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake
 HG E783/L470 Praise and Thanks and Adoration
 HG E655/L364 Son of God, Eternal Savior
 HG WP132 Step by Step
 E624/L341 Jesus Still Lead On
 G E802/L487 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
 G E879/L561 For the Beauty of the Earth
 E790/W746 Day by Day
 G W793 Shout for Joy Loud and Long



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Fri 12pm – Sat 2pm

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2017 Bishop Gathering

Equipping the Saints

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...” Ephesians 4:12-13

God's Word, the good news of Jesus Christ, is the power of life for God's people. We are all baptized into this Word, and all are called and gifted and equipped to grow in the Word and to share with others. Come and be a part of this gathering devoted to equipping the saints for this work of ministry!

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NE Ohio Synod

Registration: \$5 per congregation

Reservations: Karen Kaufman
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July 31, 2017 10:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

2016 Spotlight with Bishop Allende and host Fr. Jim Korda
August 21, 2017 10:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

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October 2, 2017 10:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

2017 Spotlight with Bishop Allende and host Fr. Jim Korda
February 26, 2018 10:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

2017 Spotlight with Bishop Allende and host Fr. Jim Korda

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WKBN-AM 570 Youngstown at 7:30 a.m.
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August 6, 13 & 20, 2017

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October 1, 8 & 15, 2017

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On ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel

October 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.
November 1, 2017 at Noon
November 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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Safeguarding God's Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve.

The program is based on the philosophy that if **every adult can protect just one child**, they will forever change one life. If we can all change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children.

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Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, August 12 at 9:00 AM

Sunday, August 13 at 12:00 PM

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5K Run / 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am



Scenic out & back electronically chip timed run on a closed course on a paved path with water stations through Center Valley Park in Twinsburg, OH

Light Refreshments

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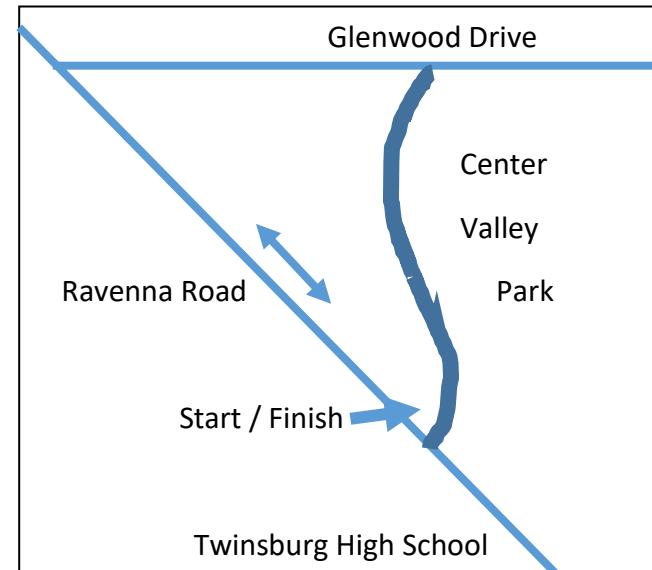
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HOW CAN WE HELP IMMIGRANTS?

A new church member—a recent African immigrant—described what his Christian mother taught him: “When someone comes to you and needs food and shelter, you give it to them. The next day you can ask them: What is your story?” The immigrant story touches every community and congregations have always welcomed newcomers. Typically, one in ten people attending a worship service in the US are immigrants—they were born outside the US. Further, one in five worshipers are children of immigrants because one or both of their parents were born in another country.¹

Do Labels Matter?

Conflating the categories of immigrant, migrant, and refugee reaps serious consequences for the health and safety of these newcomers. When considering issues related to the movement of people between countries, disagreement and confusion abound around the correct label. For the purposes of this issue, “immigrant” is the umbrella term for persons who moved from their country of birth to a new country. Migrants and refugees are terms for particular types of immigrants.

What is an immigrant? In the broadest terms, an immigrant is a person, born in one country, who chooses to make a home in another country. In most instances, they seek a better life with more opportunities—education or work—for themselves and their children. Because this is a planned choice, the individual or family is more likely to have saved funds, explored locations and jobs, and brought some necessary personal possessions. They may even have a network of family and friends who previously immigrated who are ready to assist them as they settle in a new country.

What is a refugee? Forced to leave their birth country, these individuals and families fear for their safety. In some cases, they risk their lives to escape a horrific situation such as torture, war, starvation, or violation of their human rights. Often they flee without much notice and leave behind almost all their possessions. Before arriving in a new country, they may spend time in an intermediary

country or a refugee camp, waiting for legal clearance to resettle in a host country. Refugees typically cannot return to their home country unless political and economic circumstances change dramatically. Recent crises provide a window into conflicts worldwide that have forced people to leave for a safe haven. The United States admitted 85,000 refugees in 2016 with the largest numbers coming from six countries: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Burma (Myanmar), Iraq, Somalia, and Bhutan.²

What is a migrant? People who seek work or educational opportunities for a limited amount of time are free to come and go between their home country and host country. Migrants include agricultural workers, students, educators, health care professionals, and a variety of other occupational groups.

For each category of immigrant, specific legal requirements and protections are in place. Confusing the groups takes attention away from the needs of these individuals and families. For example, international law defines “refugee” and spells out how they are to be protected. One



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of the most crucial principles of international law is that refugees cannot be removed from the country providing asylum or returned to situations that might threaten their life. The appropriate legal response always depends on the individual's immigration status.³ Obtaining and processing the proper documents for legal status within the US is complicated, prolonged, and often expensive.

Will We Choose Welcome?

Whether an individual or group of church members wants to reach out to immigrants, they must do so with plenty of background information. Do we know the country of origin for immigrants currently in our community? What do we have to offer as a faith community?⁴ Do we see ourselves as allies rather than the ones in charge? Are we paying attention to who is asking for what? Can we listen to newcomers' stories about their background and journey without pre-judgment? Can we learn about their dreams?

First, learn about local immigrant groups and existing non-profit organizations. Use "immigrant and refugee ministries" as search terms to discover services and agencies already assisting in your area (see <http://www.americanacc.org>). Search your judicatory and denominational websites for information and updates (e.g., <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/>). Check out these additional resources:

- For worship resources: Church World Service founded by 17 denominations (<https://cwsglobal.org/our-work/refugees-and-immigrants/>)
- For ideas about how churches can help immigrant neighbors and fellow churchgoers: The Matthew 25 Movement (<http://matthew25pledge.com/toolkit/immigration>)
- For information about defending immigrant rights: American Friends Service Committee (<https://www.afsc.org/key-issues/issue/defending-immigrant-rights>)
- For laws, forms, and steps toward citizenship: US Citizenship and Immigration Services (<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian>)
- For access to finding assistance organizations near you: Catholic Charities USA (<https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help>)
- For locating local legal assistance: Immigration Law Help (<https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/>)

Second, let what you learn lead you to discern the next steps for yourself or the congregation. Most communities

already have organizations with decades of experience assisting immigrants. Consider volunteering with or donating to a reputable local or national group. Local agencies often need help with job networking, tutoring children or adults, or basic items (shelter, food, and clothing) in the early months of resettlement. Legislative advocacy and local organizing efforts are additional options for supporting immigrant rights. Recognize that some assistance comes with zero risk for the volunteer or organization. However, the degree of risk falls along a continuum from no legal risks to possible violation of US law (such as providing sanctuary to undocumented immigrants, refugees, and unskilled workers with temporary visas).⁵ Whatever actions you or others might take, should be done with eyes wide open.

Third, assess the opportunities or barriers for your congregation to be more multicultural. Many churches are already worshiping communities composed of multiple cultural groups. Unfortunately, the tendency is for the largest or dominant cultural group to believe that the minority cultures should give up their unique cultural identities and practices once they become part of the congregation. Finding points of commonality, such as children's education, support for families, or shared experiences in ministry with Christians in a sister church in another country, increases the chances of a congregation becoming more multicultural over time.⁶

From Africa to America

An African proverb says: "If you want to go fast, walk alone. If you want to go far, walk together." Responding to the complexity of immigrants' needs requires many, many caring partners and a long-term commitment.

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WHAT PROMOTES HOPE?

Do we see a snake or a rope? In this metaphor, the snake is fear, disappointment, discouragement, despair, anxiety, distrust, bitterness, or dejection. What is the rope? It is hope. All churches have hope, but they may occasionally experience snake-vision: the illusion of no hope, only despair about the future.

A Theory of Hope

A leading researcher in positive psychology, C. R. Snyder,¹ wanted to understand how hope and forgiveness might be beneficial to health, educational attainment, successful work experiences, and a sense of personal meaning in life. He believed that children could be taught a set of skills that shaped what they did naturally: think about the future. His theory of hope involves three main ideas related to hopeful thinking:

Goals. These targets or objectives serve as the foundation of the model. To approach life in a goal-oriented way suggests identifying the important things that create meaning.

Pathways. If people are to reach their goals, they must also be able to imagine one or more routes to those goals. Individuals need the mental capacity and flexibility to think of different approaches to achieve their goals. Obstacles and challenges always arise as we pursue our goals. The key is to find another route when the previous pathway did not achieve the desired result.

Agency. This third component of hope rests on the belief that one has the capacity to take independent action and make free choices. The knowledge that one can control his or her life and the confidence that one can influence personal thoughts and behavior generates agency.

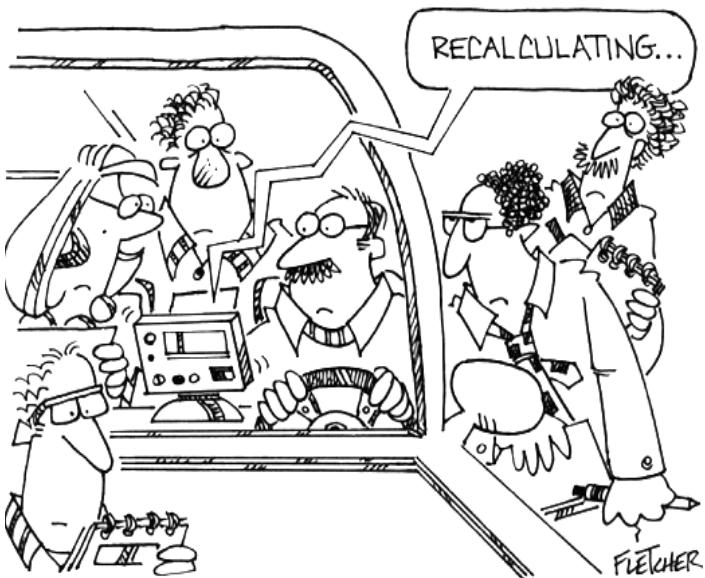
The research shows that hope is a psychological strength. Investigations reveal significant relationships between hope and problem solving, optimism, self-

esteem, self-efficacy, and future-oriented identity. Additionally, studies find that hopeful people heal faster when battling illnesses.²

Faith-Based Hope

The Bible identifies hope as one of three key virtues of the Christian faith: faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Hope is translated as “a strong and confident expectation” of future reward. Accordingly, hope changes how we see ourselves, what we value, and what we do with our lives.

Biblical stories provide multiple examples of how faithful leaders found alternative routes when they encountered obstacles. These leaders exhibited resiliency and resisted negative “self-talk.” Today’s church leaders can learn to transform negative goals (“we must stop fighting with each other”) to positive goals (“we want to find new ways to work together”). Unfortunately, “fear motivates faster than hope.”³ Appeals to the snake of fear and distrust



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should not drive decision making in communities of faith.

Promoting Hope in Churches

Not all congregations are equally focused on the possibilities tomorrow might bring. A national study of worshipers found that one in four attendees were not aware of any vision, future goals, or direction for their church, or knew of some “ideas” but not clear goals.⁴ Worshipers rely on their leaders to help them catch a glimpse of their congregation’s future. A clear vision that is relayed repeatedly to church members cements in worshipers’ minds what their congregation’s future can hold. This future portrait—one that is positive and optimistic—moves worshipers to support and invest in that future.

Here are several ways for a church to do a “Hope Checkup.”

Involve the governing board. First, ask the board members to write down as many words and phrases as they can to describe what the congregation will be like five years from now. Are these positive or negative images? Do these words and phrases match your existing church vision or mission statement?

Pick three or four of the most inspiring and hope-filled words or phrases. What is the congregation currently doing that moves it in the direction of fulfilling those aspirations? Do these current activities give us a sense of agency? What one or two additional actions (achievable sub-goals) could the congregation currently undertake to more fully live out those aspirations?

Involve the worshipers. Consider using this or a similar short survey during a worship service to get a sense of the hopefulness of current attendees about the congregation’s future. Ask them to strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree to the following statements:⁵

1. I think our church is doing pretty well.
2. We can think of many ways to get things done that are most important for our church.
3. We’re doing just as well as most other churches.
4. When we encounter an obstacle or problem, we can come up with lots of ways to solve it.
5. The things we have done in the past will help us in the future.
6. Even when others want to give up, most members believe we can find ways to meet our challenges.

Involve the youth group or other small group. Ask participants to take pictures of people, places, or things that represent “hope” to them over the course of a week (or several weeks). When the group meets again, invite each participant to show one to three images that they found most powerful. What about the image denotes hope for them? What impact did the exercise have on them personally? What lesson does the image convey for a more hope-filled church? Are specific pathways suggested? The group could consider making a presentation based on their experience to the board or a whole church gathering.

Friends of Hope

Certain actions and attitudes diminish hope and foster despair. Deception and habitual grumbling undermine the church’s sense of community. Sorting out what is going on is difficult work. However, spiritual practices—those actions people do together to address human needs—are central to the big picture of promoting hope.

Paying attention to keeping promises, telling the truth, offering hospitality, and expressing gratitude are key to Christian faith and they are the friends of hope.⁶ As expressed by Martin Luther King Jr., “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”⁷

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