

# Highview Christiania

## Pastor's Report

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*"...to the Ends of the Earth"*

I write this on the eve of Ascension Day, when we remember the Risen Christ telling his disciples, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, to the ends of the earth," (Acts 1:8). Jesus calls on us to bear witness to the gospel where we are, and first disciples did that. In the first chapter of Acts, we find the followers of Jesus gathering together and devoting themselves to prayer in Jerusalem, where they numbered about 120 persons; but they did not stop there. By the end of Acts, the disciples have indeed spread the love of Christ throughout Judea and Samaria, and as far away as Ethiopia and Rome.

For those first disciples, sharing the gospel beyond their own community was difficult. They experienced persecution, beatings, imprisonment, and martyrdom. They travelled long distances on foot, and endured perilous journeys by sea. For us, sharing the gospel beyond ourselves is much easier. One of our most readily available ways of sharing the love of Christ is through our Saint Paul Area Synod.

The Saint Paul Area Synod is our Monthly Mission for June. On the next page of this newsletter, you will find the Synod's narrative budget for 2017. This is a snapshot of where the money goes when we give our mission support. I hope you will read it through carefully, but let me lift up a few things. Just a little under half of the Synod budget goes to the churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You will notice the narrative budget highlights

the E.L.C.A.'s Young Adults in Global Mission program, through which our own Miles Tyler is doing a year of service in Hungary. Another Highview member, Ericka Wood, will be serving through Y.A.G.M. in Seattle, Washington next year. The Synod sent over \$54,000 to E.L.C.A. World Hunger, and also supports the 16 congregations of the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala, including our companion congregation, La Santa Cruz de La Esperanza. Over all, the biggest items that come out of our mission support can be summarized as educating new church leaders, and starting new congregations. You will see that includes supporting 600 students seeking degrees at Luther Seminary, 35 candidates preparing for ministry from within our synod, and nine new mission starts in the St. Paul Area Synod.

The people of Highview are very generous. I know you already give and do a lot to help share the love of Christ. Thank you for considering the ministries of the St. Paul Area Synod.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael Mandsager

### ELCA Churchwide Support



"Many of my community members call me 'Teacher' or 'Teacher Amy,'" Amy Mihelich reflects. Amy is serving a year in Huye, Rwanda through Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), a ministry of the ELCA. In Rwanda, she teaches English at a university, facilitates Bible Study and assists with Debate Club.

"And while it is true that my job is to teach, my calling in Rwanda is to learn," Amy continues. "During debate club meetings I teach argumentation and persuasive techniques, but I learn about the varied communication styles of Rwandan, Burundian, Congolese, and South Sudanese students. During choir practice the students will sometimes ask me to teach them an English song, but I spend most of my time learning Kinyarwanda songs and Rwandan dances. During Bible study I bring the resources for our discussion, but the students teach me about what it means to be a faithful follower and the importance of reading God's Word."

Our financial support to ELCA Churchwide is helping young adults, including five YAGMs from our synod, find God in new ways, and answer their own unique calls to serve the church.

More than **\$116,000** given by congregations to **20** designated ELCA ministries

**\$54,225** to ELCA World Hunger

**\$36,304** designated to support **17** global missionaries affiliated with our synod

**5** Young Adults in Global Mission serving Rwanda, Madagascar, Uruguay, West Bank, Mexico

### Ministry Partners



Lutheran Campus Ministry - Twin Cities (LCM-TC) serves the University of Minnesota's St. Paul and Minneapolis campuses. LCM-TC provides space for students to explore their faith, grow as leaders and reflect on their vocations, all while demonstrating radical hospitality.

As it continues to grow, LCM-TC has begun a concentrated outreach to students on the University's quieter St. Paul campus. "Using the gifts of seminary intern Ben Williams, we've been riding the 'Campus Connector,' hosting outdoor office hours, leading a weekly lunchtime Bible study and having many I:I's to 'take the pulse' of the campus," says Pastor Kate Reuer Welton, Lutheran campus pastor.

In addition to expanding across campuses, LCM-TC also partnered with Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville and St. Timothy Lutheran in St. Paul for Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday. LCM students visited these congregations as guest preachers, proclaiming the good news that students are engaging deeply and meaningfully with their faith as well as with the church. As Pastor Kate believes, so do we: "Our shared story is just beginning."

**600** students seeking degrees at Luther Seminary

**3,000** BLESSED RAMADAN yard signs distributed by Minnesota Council of Churches

**136** students took **13** classes through Agora

**50** students worshipping on Wednesday nights with Lutheran Campus Ministry

### Synod Ministries



In 2016, the synod granted micro-grants to 11 congregations engaging in community-focused renewal efforts. Many congregations identified needs such as racial justice, expanding worship outside of the church, grief counseling, and getting to know neighbors. Luther Memorial in South St. Paul wanted to address support for students, especially following increased crime and many months of reported abuse and suicides in the school district.

With the help of the micro-grant and by working with South St. Paul leaders, Luther Memorial developed the Safe Place Youth Program. "This program provides an opportunity for youth to receive a healthy meal, community support, positive engagement with their peers, homework help and a chance to explore new activities on non-school days when their parents and guardians are most likely still working," the Rev. Patrick Joiner says. Since its inception, the program has grown four-fold, offering a bridge for students to connect with resources they need to prosper.

The micro-grant helped to kickstart Luther Memorial's community outreach. Since then, they have been invited to participate in a further pilot program and are continuing to grow the Safe Place Youth Program.

**700** secondary school students receiving scholarships in Iringa, Tanzania

**2,000** Lutherans worshipping in **16** congregations in the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala

### Synod Staff



*Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'* Matthew 9:37-38

Jesus calls the whole church to live our vocations in ways that utilize our gifts and talents. Weekly, the synod staff prays for leaders called to ministries of Word and Service and ministries of Word and Sacrament. We pray for leaders who are currently serving, those discerning their next call in ministry, for those earnestly preparing for rostered ministry and for those who are still discerning their call.

Join us as we live out Bishop Eaton's call for the church to be in prayer for the laborers for the harvest. For bold leaders across the church who notice and lift up gifts for ministry among those in their congregations and communities. For synod and regional partners working together to provide time and resources for discernment.

Let us together ask the Lord to send laborers into the harvest.

**Nine** new mission starts worshipping in **five** languages

**Forty-three** call processes and interim placements

**35** candidates preparing for ministry

**Two** new mission explorations

**8** congregations in the Year of Renewal

**21** pastors & deacons participating in First Call Theological Education

**136** lay leaders attended **12** workshops at Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders

## Looking Ahead....

L.S.S. Sunday is June 25th

LSS has been caring for neighbors across Minnesota for 151 years. As the largest non-profit social service organization in Minnesota, LSS affects the lives of 100,000 Minnesotans each year. That is one in every 65 people – individuals from all walks of life, at every phase of life, across the entire state in all 87 counties.

Together with the support and partnership of donors, church communities, advocates, volunteers, and partner organizations, LSS is able to offer community service in three core areas: Children, Youth and Family: Ensuring that children have stable homes and nurturing families, and that youth who have experienced homelessness have a safe place and the skills needed to move on to a productive adulthood.

People with Disabilities: Empowering individuals to choose the design and delivery of the support and services they receive to live full, healthy lives in community.

Older Adults: Giving older adults opportunities to remain active in community life and to choose the services that support their independence, well-being and relationships.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota relies on our neighbors to help us live out our mission of expressing the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives and builds community. You will have an opportunity to support LSS with a special offering on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Highview.

Our guest preacher for that day will be Pastor Paul Harrington. Pastor Paul grew up in Ferguson, MO, Lombard, IL, and Livonia, MI. Following high school, he attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and later spent five years studying at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. His first parish was in Pontiac, MI, a suburb of Detroit, where he served for 8 years. In 1980, the Harrington's moved to Apple Valley, MN, to develop a new mission congregation across the street from the Minnesota Zoo. Over the next 30 years, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran grew to several thousand members. Pastor Paul was also called as Interim Campus Pastor at Luther Seminary for three years, and has served on numerous boards including Gustavus Adolphus College, Mt. Carmel Ministries, the Metro Lutheran Newspaper, and Crossways International Bible Studies. Pastor Paul and his wife, Margaret, have great love for their three children and nine grandchildren. They currently reside in Rosemount, MN.

### JUNE MONTHLY MISSION

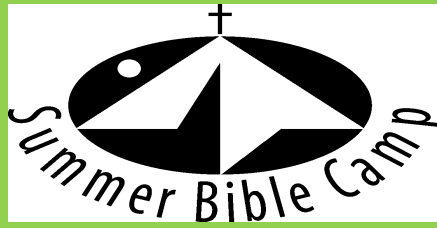
### ELCA

The Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA provides support to member churches and their rostered and lay leadership. Together with member churches, they seek to discern and follow God's will to nurture, serve, and lift up the people in our congregations, in our communities, in our region, and around the world.



June 12-16, 2017  
9 am-4pm K-6 grade  
9am-12pm 3- Pre-K

Seeds June 16-18  
WAPO June 19-23



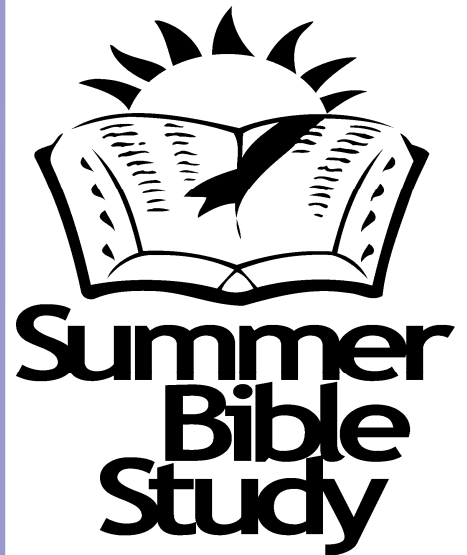
Youth Service Trip to  
Wilderness Canoe Base  
June 24-28



Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals open their eleventh season this summer beginning July 5 and concluding on August 9. All six recitals will be held on **Wednesday noon hour from 12:15 to 12:45 p. m.** with the following schedule:

- Wed. July 5- Stephen May, First United Church of Christ, 300 Union St. (Johnson & Son/Schlicker/Rutz), 3 manuals, 53 ranks
- Wed. July 12- William Peterson from Pomona College CA, All Saints Episcopal, 419 Washington St. (Reuter Organ, 2 manuals, 9 ranks)
- Wed., July 19- Janean Hall, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Ave. (Holtkamp Organ, 2 manuals, 13 ranks)
- Wed. July 26 - John Ferguson, St. Olaf College, Boe Chapel (Holtkamp Organ, 3 manuals, 90 ranks)
- Wed. August 2 - Bob Henstein, United Methodist Church, 1401 S. Maple St., (Gabriel Kney Organ, 2 manual, 27 ranks)
- Wed. August 9- Emily Rudquist, St. John's Lutheran Church, 500 3rd St. W., (Dobson Organ, 2 manual, 26 ranks)

Some recitals will include a free-will offering to defray publicity expenses.



All are invited to come and study James by Beth Moore for 9 weeks this summer! We will meet Wed nights, 6-9 pm, from May 31st to July 19th. For more information call Vickie Tyler at 507-581-4052

## Announcements

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**A message about the ballpark from Christiania-** We have decided to plant the infield at the Twin Church ballfield into pollinator flowers. The renters of the farm will do this and they will plant blue grasses on the rest of the property. The land can not be used for any other activities within the first couple of years. It won't be pretty for a few years either... If anyone at Highview would like to plant flowers along the fences, something like Morning Glories, that would be great. Kara will plant flowers by the sign. The infrastructure of the ballfield will not be removed at this time. Jeanne

**Northfield Retirement Birthday Party** is set for July 11th at 3pm in the Care Center dining room. Residents will start arriving by 3:15pm. We are lucky to have Robin Martin sing and play guitar. All our welcome to attend. We are in need of 5 Jiffy pineapple cakes for the party, and help with serving the day of the party. Please let Lori Radanke know if you can help by calling 507-744-2680 (not long distant) ok to leave a message. It was a lot of fun last year!

**VBS registration deadline has been extended. VBS is June 12-16:** This summer we are pleased to once again offer Vacation Bible School for preschool and elementary-age kids. This year, our k-6 kids will have a full day of programming, led by college-age counselors from Good Earth Village Bible Camp in Spring Valley, Minnesota. Each day will include songs, games, crafts, Bible study, worship, and more. Our preschoolers will have a half-day of similar activities lead Highview adult and youth volunteers. The event is free, but space is limited, so please register by May 30th. Registration forms are available in the narthex, or simply go to this link: [GoodEarthVillage.org/farmington](http://GoodEarthVillage.org/farmington)

**Meals for the Hemauers-** Dave and Char would like one meal per week. Please provide enough food for two people. Char is asking that when you bring the meal please come early to visit with her for a while. Her days get long and boring and Dave could use a little break! They would like to eat at 5:30. They don't expect you to stay and eat with them. They are going to come to the soup suppers at church for Lent, so we are restarting their meals in April. They like all foods. She just asked that it not be too crunchy! If you would like to sign up, you can access by visiting [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com) and locating the schedule by recipient last name (Hemauer) and password (2653). Thank you for helping! Kara If you would like help signing up, please talk to Kara in the office.

**The Financial Secretary position** at Highview Christiania will be open at the end of this Church fiscal year. We need someone to fill that position (2 year term) so if you are interested please contact Pastor Mandsager, Kara or Bob Gregerson. There will be some training involved and thus the early search for a candidate. Please prayerfully consider this position. Thank you.

**Contributions needed!** This summer the parking lot is going to get seal coated. The cost is around \$3200, bids are still coming in. WELCA has given \$1000 toward the project. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to contribute towards this project. Please talk to Loren Mohn on the Board of Property with questions. Thank you for your support!



**The Board of Worship needs your help this summer** in worship and serving continental breakfast following the 9 a.m. services. We have less kids going to WAPO this summer so that means less families to serve continental breakfasts! WELCA will do the last 5 weeks of the summer and the monies collected from them is used for Sunshine. When the kids serve, the monies collected will go towards WAPO camperships. When you serve you can decide where the monies collected that day should be donated! You can serve as an individual, family, board, or group of friends! Sign up sheets are in Dyste Hall. Thank you for your help!

**Summer Bible Study** All are invited to come and study James by Beth Moore for 9 weeks this summer! We will meet Wed nights, 6-9pm, from May 31st to July 19th. Questions: Vickie Tyler 507-581-4052

**Please wear RED June 4th for Pentecost!**

**Attention WAPO and Seeds youth:** Please come for a blessing and breakfast on June 11th before you head off to bible camp. See you at church at 9 am!

**Attention Wilderness Mission trip youth:** Please come for a blessing and breakfast before you head off to Wilderness for your service trip. See you at church at 9am!

**Messners and Connie & Wally Jones** will be camping at Lake Byllesby campground September 15th-17th. If anyone would like to join us spots 18-24 are open as of now, we are in 25 & 26. You can call Lake Byllesby at 651-480-7770 or reserve online at <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/parksTrails/LakeByllesby>  
There are no Highview reservations made this year so you will need to reserve on your own!!

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING THIS SUMMER AT HIGHVIEW!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Asst. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
June 4	Ann Tousignant	Kathy and Wally Franklund	
June 11	Vickie Tyler	Gene and Melody Tousignant	
June 18	Cynthia & Bruce	Loren and Cathy Mohn	
June 25	_____	Warren Barsness and _____	
July 2	Vince Mako	Travis Tousignant Family	
July 9	Amy Tonsager	Dave Tonsager and _____	
July 16	Diane Gehler	Randy Knutson and Cory Behrendt	
July 23	Diane Gehler	_____	_____
July 30	Diane Gehler	Marilyn Suter	Betsy Messner
August 6	_____	Marilyn Suter	_____
August 13	Cynthia & Bruce	Marilyn Suter	_____
August 20	_____	_____	_____
August 27	_____	_____	_____
September 3	_____	_____	_____

### Continental Breakfast

June 4, 2017	1.) Bridget Orser	2.) Payton Fredrickson
June 11, 2017	1.) Adam Oeltjen	2.) Kate Oeltjen
June 18, 2017	1.) Hilari Palodichuk	2.) Mateo Stenberg
June 25, 2017	1.) Soren Brovold	2.) Anders Brovold
July 2, 2017	1.) Alex Ouradnik 3.) Aiden Ouradnik	2.) Ben Ouradnik
July 9, 2017	1.)	2.)
July 16, 2017	1.) Behrendt	2.) Gayle Malwitz
July 23, 2017	1.)	2.)



What a wonderful choir year we have had. Thank you to those who were able to sing and make a joyful noise to the Lord. We had our choir potluck party at our home in Northfield on Wednesday, May 10th. What a great time we had. The food was spectacular. The choir surprised me with a Visa gift card and some additional money as well. Joann gave me several homemade dish cloths, potholders and embroidered dish towels. Our family cries a lot (we say "even at the opening of a new supermarket") but I was so moved by the thoughtfulness of everyone that I used up a few kleenex!

Sunday, May 21st, was our last choir singing of the season. Amy's last day was that day as well. I must confess, I had tears with the goodbye hug to Amy but know our paths will cross again at some point. Amy was a trouper. Always prompt (sometimes before me) and ready to help learn the music. Thank you, Amy. My last Sunday will be August 27th and I am looking for two people to finish out this year on the Board of Worship. Barb and Dee will be the only ones this fall - and it is a busy fall at that. Reformation will be celebrated as well as the normal holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. It's really putting a lot on Barb and Dee to work with the Board of Worship when there should be four people to share the load. Please come forth and give them your ideas at least through the end of the church year.

We are looking forward to the outdoor worship services this summer on the 4th Sunday of the month. Last year was a lot of fun and Highview has the perfect setting to enjoy these services. We are still looking for special music so if you would like to play a guitar and sing along that would be great. What about a harmonica? Think about what you can do to help with the services.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces in church. Blessings upon your day.

Randvig Norvold  
Music Director

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

Just tryna be heard in all this noise'...

Talking to a 7th grade math class doing a reverse job shadow for Junior Achievement recently, I used the statistics that 90% of all data has been generated in the last 2 years! From the Mars rover to your Facebook pictures the amount of data that is generated on a daily basis is staggering (2.5 Billion Giga-Bytes to be approximate), and the 'Internet of things' has only just begun. So how much can one person hear, process and make sense of before it just turns into noise? One thing that seems to be true is most people are trying to find a way to manage the streams of information that are flowing their way. I wonder how many dreams people once had; are being drowned out by all this information or 'noise'. I also wonder how a person's faith cannot be drowned out by all of this 'noise'.

So where does that leave us as a congregation? Over the last few years we, along with many other congregations, have experienced change in how we engage in church and what has become important in our faith journey. As we begin consideration for stewardship and our church year, once thing continues to come forward. 'Keep it simple'... With all of the 'noise' happening in life today, keeping church a place to come, worship and find respite is becoming critical. The church council has also focused on evaluating all that we do to 'keep it simple' and focus on what means the most. Our faith in Christ.

Once thing is for sure, it's only a matter of minutes before this article too becomes more information or just 'noise. 'Just tryna to keep our faith in all this noise'...

Cory Behrendt, Congregation President



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### BUILDING HOURS

**Building hours:** Pastor Mandsager will usually be in when the building is open, though he will occasionally be out on calls or at meetings outside the building. To make an appointment with pastor, please call him at 952-469-2722, or 507-581-3421. Kara will be in the office throughout the day on Mondays and Tuesdays, as well as on Wednesday afternoon.

The following times listed are when the church building will be open. It will be open at other times, but not on a regular and predictable basis. If you need to be in the church at other times than those listed, please contact Loren Mohn at 507-301-2047 to set that up. The north door will be unlocked at the stated times.

MONDAY: 8:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.  
TUESDAY: 8:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY: 12:30 - 4:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY: 9 A.M. TO NOON  
FRIDAY: CLOSED  
SATURDAY: CLOSED

