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### Section One: PASTOR



#### *Pastoral Epistle*

#### **Our Cathedrals**

When Julie and I visited England in May we naturally took in many of the usual tourist attractions, including great church buildings. St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Minster in York, the Cathedral in Bath and Westminster Abbey. Of course they are fabulous. They are so impressively high that it really stops one's breath to step in and look way up! Each has millions of small architectural details, such that I think no one person could ever find and appreciate them all in a lifetime! They are glory in stone. And they made me think. Are there any buildings built these days that do that, that give one an experience of awe? I don't think so. Skyscrapers are impressive, but do not *awe*. Sports stadiums? Concert halls, museums? Mall of America? Banks? No, nothing built today awes one. Yet, think of the technology and the

materials we have today, compared to then when they had only stone! And how much wealth we have today, compared to then. In fact, even churches built today are often dull.

And the cathedrals, the medieval ones, took 200 years to build! What community today would start a building project that would not be finished even in one generation!

Why? Why spend so much wealth, so much time, to build something so awesome? *Because they built for God.* Right? To build for God, and for the worship of God, called for their best. Though styles changed, they always wanted to build their best for God.

So it might be important for us to notice *our* best. First, do we give our best to anything, or are we half-hearted about everything? Second, what are you passionate about; where do you “hang your heart” as Luther said? What do you give your best to? For what do you look your best; for what do you do your best thinking? What do you care most about?

Or our community, or nation? What are our cathedrals? The city of York, in the 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> centuries, invested itself in building a glorious house of worship for the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. What does your nation, your town, invest itself in? And once you answer that, you probably know what that community most loves, or puts its trust in. Is it God?

Do you know for whom God gave his best? For you and me. And all sinners. His Son, Jesus Christ, was God's best. And he gave him for you, and me.

In what ways do we give God our best? In what ways don't we?



## Section Two: WORSHIP

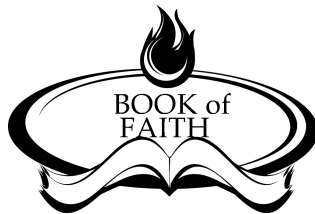


### **Mt. Morris Liturgy**

A new schedule for Lectors (worship readers) will be produced by mid-September. If any new people want to be part of this ministry, talk with Martin Schultz, lector coordinator, in church most Sundays or ph. 787-0019. If any current lectors wish to be removed from the roster for other ministry, let Martin know. If you know you will be gone for certain dates, short or long term, let Martin know so you will not be scheduled during those times. Anyone wishing to be lector coordinator please talk with Martin.



## Section Three: EDUCATION



### **Book of Faith for September: 2 Kings**

*We have read the seminal part of the history: Genesis and the patriarchs, Moses and Exodus, Joshua and the conquest, Saul and David and the kingdom. And now we come to a most interesting section: history with prophets. The earliest prophets (Samuel, Nathan, even Elijah and Elisha) did not write. We know about them only what the historians who wrote 1-2 Samuel and 1 Kings*

*tell us. But beginning, roughly about 750 B.C. (two hundred years after the nation divided at the death of King Solomon, the ten northern tribes seceding from the southern kingdom Judah to form the northern kingdom Israel) what the prophets said begins to be written down, either by the prophets themselves or by their students. The first “writing prophets” are Amos and Hosea in Israel and Micah and Isaiah in Judah.*

*That will make this next section of Israel’s history very interesting to read about, because we can read on the one hand what is happening, and on the other what the inspired prophets say about it.*

**Sept 4 assignment. Read by (9/11):                    2 Kings 1-5**

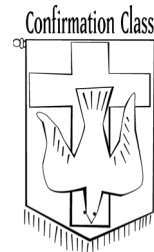
**Sept 11 assignment. Read by (9/18):                    2 Kings 6-11**

**Sept 18 assignment. Read by (9/25):                    2 Kings 12-16**

**Sep 25 assignment. Read by (10/5):                    2 Kings 17-25**



**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade,  
Church Member or not,  
read this and then pass this on to the parents.**



### Confirmation Classes Begin

Confirmation instruction takes place Wednesdays after school. In September we meet at MM, October at WH, and so forth.

Confirmation instruction is a **great gift** our young people receive. It opens to them the mysteries of God’s goodness in Law and grace, teaches them our Faith and the way humans are meant to live in joy and love and peace. And, those who are not eager for instruction should know that it is

required for all church members in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (Requests for exceptions should be addressed to Pastor.) Non-members (for example, friends of members) are very welcome.

Students should come to church directly from school. We will have games and snacks at first, and then instruction begins. Class ends at 5:45.

First class is Wednesday **September 7.**



**Section Four: ORGANIZATIONS**

**Holden Lutheran Parish Council Members**

**West Holden**

Dennis Thompson	Pres.		787-3941
Laura Araiza	Sec.		787-2435
Terry Johannes	.		787-0013
Bonnie Patti	Fin. Sec.	2010-12	622-4009

**Deacons**

Gary Thompson			622-5646
Terry Johannes			787-0013

**WELCA Rep.**

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**Pastor Parish**

**Committee**

Brenda Arellano			920-290-3012
Julie Johannes			622-3313
Allen Stea			787-4869

**Mt. Morris**

Laurie Jarvis	Pres.	2008-10	920-291-5737
Judy Foster	Sec.	2010-12	787-4601
Curtis Nelson	.	2009-11	787-7642
Pat Hassmann	Fin. Sec.		787-5484

**Deacons**

Garlon Peterson			787-2486
Diedrich Bastar		2009-11	715-258-5297
Craig Starkweather		2010-12	787-3803

**WELCA Rep.**

Val Jarvis	787-1399
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**Pastor Parish**

**Committee**

John Jarvis	787-4208
Sally Lungwitz	566-4901
Tara Gibbs	920-622-3551

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**Holden Parish**

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**WELCA**

**Mt. Morris Coins For Camp  
(Ends September 11, 2011)**

***Last chance to help!***

Leave your filled containers in the gallon jug on the table in the Narthex. All bills and checks are accepted too.

***Thank you for supporting Crossways Camping Ministries.***



## Lutheran World Relief Kits (Deadline is October 2, 2011)

### *Just a reminder!*

You have one more month to donate any items that go into making any of the four kits.

They are health kits, layette kits, sewing kits, and school kits.

Please put all items in the container in the narthex.

*Thank you for caring!*

*Thank you for helping others!*



### Small Group Ministry

### *Mt. Morris*

The reasons the MM Evangelism Committee is planning, and the Council approved, a Small Group Ministry *for the whole congregation to participate in* are

the following:

- ◆ It will give everyone important support and encouragement in their lives.
- ◆ It will make it easy for us to share our wisdom and to receive from others important life lessons.
- ◆ It will multiply and strengthen connections between us.
- ◆ We will all learn.
- ◆ We will be stronger and freer, and become better, more effective servants of Jesus Christ.

- ◆ Our church will become even stronger in spirit, and will certainly grow in numbers.

Last month's newsletter described what Small Groups are. As you read this, you will have already heard in worship a skit and Temple Talk to describe this ministry, and one of our church's respected lay leaders explain why this is so valuable to us that all should take part. In the next weeks, you will hear more.

A ministry like this is not only very helpful to you as an individual, but the very most vital, effective and growing churches have something like this. We are a strong church, but this can make us much stronger.

Our great organizing Sunday is **September 25**, when you will be invited and encouraged by a Group Leader to join one of many groups gathered around a variety of themes or interests. *Everyone will be asked to commit to a three-month trial.* **We are confident that, once tried nearly all will continue because they will find it so personally valuable.**



### WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHRIST *Offering Our Time and Skills for the REVELATION EXPERIENCE*

### *West Holden Saints:*

Our Evangelism Committee is leading us just as we wanted them to. At the annual meeting we said we wanted to be out in the Wild Rose community so we would be noticed and offer something to the public. We do this in hopes of drawing people to Christ and to us.

So the REVELATION EXPERIENCE is planned. A half sheet flyer is located in the middle section of this newsletter. It briefly describes the process, gives a schedule of events, and lists various areas of participation.

On Sunday, *September 11*, in worship we will offer our work and time to our Lord. If you will not be there that day you may submit the “*Working Together for Christ*” survey form (located in the center section) to the Parish Office in advance.



### *West Holden Worshipers and Lovers*

A few years ago we had a very successful event about our offerings. It was so helpful, mainly for people to mature in their faith, but also for the congregation’s strength, that our Stewardship Committee has decided to do much the same thing again.

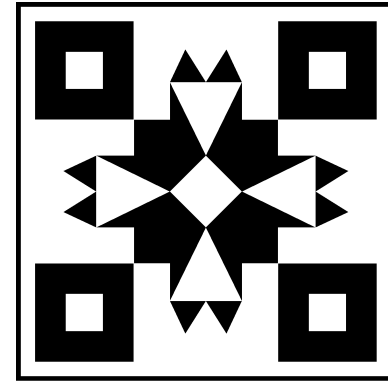


First, we will hear from fellow members for our encouragement. We have already heard Irene Kracjik tell about her joy in giving to God. In September we will have two more Temple Talks, one on how good it is to give to God *first*, and one on why it is right to give to God *in proportion to what we have received*.

Then, as a few years ago, we will have the chance to make a short-term commitment to our great God. Every person or couple can write down what they intend to offer to God during the last three months of this year, remembering the things we have learned. What we write will be anonymous, and is a pledge to God only. Those papers will be part of our offering, and will remain on the altar to the end of the year. Then, in January, we can hear from each other what happened: how we were blessed because of our generosity.



### Section Five: UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS



#### **Mt. Morris Quilters**

It’s time to start quilting again –  
**Tuesday, September 6, Noon to 3pm.**  
Any amount of time you can help would be great.

If you can’t join us at church, there is work you can do at home. Stop by any Tuesday afternoon in the church basement, and check it out.

We gladly accept any donations that are used in making quilts. They are used flat sheets, blankets, bedspreads, curtains and material. Items can be left on a table in the basement.



#### **Wanted: West Holden Quilters**

We have quilt tops, liners, and backs. Now we need quilters to put them together. No experience necessary! No age limits! Let’s think of a day time and an evening time when a couple of crews can get together and get going. Thank you.

*Kathy Norlin*



## Section Six: CHURCH PROPERTY



### **From Great Success to More Success**

#### ***Members and Friends of Mt. Morris Holden Lutheran Church:***

You responded spectacularly to our need to restore the glorious stained glass windows that our ancestors purchased for their and our joy and edification. Now, Lord willing, they will glow with Christ's glory for the strengthening of faith for the next three generations!

In fact, the governing committee had planned on raising the needed \$40,000 over a three year period, asking us all for a three year pledge. The project was in three parts and the plan was that each year, when enough cash was on hand, we would contract for each third to be completed.

You responded so well that we had the complete amount on hand in 16 months! The studio wanted to do the last two parts at the same time. Chairwoman Cheryl Weekly persuaded them to share the cost-savings with us if we would agree to the quickened schedule.

Over the last months, the Church Council has considered this situation:

- Many of us made a three-year pledge for the window project.
- We have paid only one or two years of that pledge.
- There are a few pressing needs for building and grounds replacements or improvements, such as the church roof.

In view of this, the Council thought that most people who have made pledges for the windows, even though we are released from those pledges since the windows are done, would be willing to complete the pledges we already made for the sake of these necessary items.

Therefore, the Council thought in its leadership responsibility it would suggest to you, the congregation, a list of repairs and improvements for your consideration; also, that we who made pledges consider completing them, not for the windows, but for these projects.

Many knowledgeable members have surveyed the buildings and grounds and have suggested the following, which might or should be done and have obtained rough estimates of the costs involved. ***Note that due to hail damage, there will be monies coming from our insurance for roof and siding on both buildings. As of this writing, the amount of the claim is unknown.***

This fall, a special congregational meeting will be called to make a decision about these items:

- **PARSONAGE ROOF:** Replacing the more than 30 year old roof – estimated cost \$10,000.00
- **CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOFS:** Estimated cost \$35,000.00 – \$40,000.00
- **PARSONAGE DRIVEWAY:** Grade, fill and blacktop from Hwy. 152 to church lot – estimated cost \$4,000.00
- **PARSONAGE SIDING:** Insurance will only pay for two sides – estimated cost \$5,000.00
- **CHURCH PARKING LOT:** Grade, fill and blacktop new extended parking area at rear of church – estimated cost \$7,000.00
- **FINAL AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR SANCTUARY:** Contractors said the space would

require three (3) units. Indeed, with our summer experience, the two units made a big difference but cannot keep up with a room full of active bodies – estimated cost **\$5,000.00**

- **OUTDOOR STORAGE SHED:** Estimated cost **\$10,000.00**



**Section Seven: CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Remember to pray daily for these requests

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Myrna Schultz Kidney transplant scheduled

**Prayers for Healing**

John	Anderson	Stroke
Hannelore	Bauer	Lung cancer
Jim	Bauer	(Eugene and Hannelore's son)
Neil	Baxter	
Jim	Clark	(Jean Clark's father) Herniated disc
Rosalie	Dahlen	
Cheryl	Dahlstrand	Surgery
Renetta	Dateage	(Lois Wolfeil;s granddaughter) Gall bladder surgery
George	Edgren	Preparing for surgery
Irene	Edgren	Recovering from skin surgery
Rose	Fink	Carpal tunnel surgery
Griselda	Gonzales	
Bobbie Jeen	Hadel	(Rose Fink's niece)
Amber	nee. Johannes	(Terry Johannes' daughter) Pregnant and in car accident
Arlene	Jarvis	Recovery from surgery
Betty	Johannes	Wrist surgery
Gail	Johnson	(Mary Stepanek's mother) Pace maker

June	Lapp	Total knee replacement
Dick	Martin	Stroke
Dick	Newhouse	(Pat Wiechmann's friend) Cancer diagnosis
Ellen	Olson	(Bernadyne West's sister-in-law) Brain tumor
Joey	Patterson	
Judy	Slovinski	Broken ankle
Vickie	Smith	(Arnie Bliesner's daughter) Relief from Crohn's disease and pain
Barb	Verburgt	(Judy Slovinski's friend) Cancer
Gary		(Cal Wilson's cousin) Heart
Jacquie	Zimmerman	(Cindy Jarvis' mother) Back surgery
Deb	Zoeller	(Lois Wohlfeil's daughter) Spinal tap
Nancy		Aggressive chemo-therapy
Rose		(Linda Perry's friend)

**Prayers for Patience & Strength With Chronic Health Problems**

Arlene & Ray	Jarvis	
Rick	Sawotka	Back pain
Myrna	Schultz	
Rachel	Zindars	Crohn's disease

**Prayers for Our Missionaries**

Brian & Kristen Konkol – South Africa  
Kelly Jarvis

**Prayers for Our Members and Friends in the Military**

Devin	Barkalow	USA
Shane	Bastar	Iraq
Josh	Benbo	USA
David	Bredesen	USA
Chase	Edgren	USA
Brian	Elsch	USA
Tony	Kosco	USA
Britny	Stott	USA
Mario	Tomlin	USA
Michael	Walker	Netherlands
David	Wilson	USA
Kelly Jo	Wilson	USA





**September 2011 - BIRTHDAYS**

*Mt. Morris*

*West Holden*

- |    |                   |                    |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Shelia Trochinski |                    |
| 2  | Mike Carter       | Jordan Brownlow    |
| 3  |                   | Priscilla Thompson |
| 4  |                   | Jeremy McCardell   |
| 6  |                   | Gary Thompson      |
| 7  | Dennis Anderson   | Greg Paugels       |
|    | Kailey Hadel      |                    |
|    | Jesse Loging      |                    |
|    | Chuck Vetrone     |                    |
| 9  | Korey Peterson    |                    |
| 11 | Hannah Loging     | Bernard Johannes   |
|    |                   | Phyllis Wilson     |
| 13 | Dale Simonson     | Kenneth Johannes   |
| 14 | Brett Jones       |                    |
| 16 | Amber Erdmann     |                    |
|    | Kenneth Swotka    |                    |
| 17 | Lois Wohlfeil     |                    |
| 18 | Amber Anderson    |                    |
|    | Jean Armstrong    |                    |
|    | Jeanette Arveson  |                    |
|    | Arnold Bliesner   |                    |
| 20 | Dawn Belfeuil     |                    |
| 22 | Serena Trochinski | Allen Jenks        |
| 23 | Duane Bauer       |                    |
|    | Cheryl Weekly     |                    |
| 24 | Carol Sawotka     |                    |
| 25 | Tara Gibbs        |                    |
|    | David Wilson      |                    |
| 26 | Tyler Bauer       | David Heuer        |
|    | Conrad Wood       |                    |
| 29 |                   | Adam Gunderson     |

**September 2011 - Anniversaries**

*Pam and Greg Paugels*  
*Tony and Julie Cook*  
*Todd and Julie Murken*

*September 3*  
*September 20*  
*September 26*



A few friendly, chatty folks, comfortable on the phone are needed.

Parish members have been very helpful in responding to the Parish Office request to correct or complete information for our church computer program.

The next step in revising our data is to contact former members who live out of town. We need to find out:

- Is the information correct?
- Do they want to continue to receive the newsletter?
- Do they have a church home in their new place?

If you think you might enjoy contacting former members out of the area and re-establishing contact with them, please notify the Parish Office or Pastor.





### *Mt. Morris 2011 Ice Cream Social*

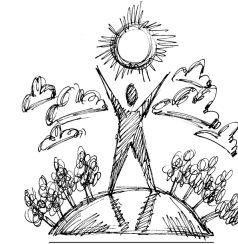
Thank you to all that worked at and supported the ice cream social. We had a very successful ice cream social and all had a great time. I appreciate all of the support I have been given over the years that I have been co-chair of the ice cream social committee and hope that you support the new chair in his/her efforts. It has been a privilege to work together with the women of Mt. Morris Holden Church. I have never met a group of harder working, more committed people. God bless you all!

Sincerely,  
*Deb Simonson*



Back in May 2010 I began kidney dialysis and initial prospects for a kidney transplant were estimated to be 3 to 5 years. God has been very good to me and blessed me in so many ways these past 16 months. On September 1st I am tentatively scheduled for a kidney from a living donor who resides here in Wautoma. I believe part of that special blessing is the generous, steadfast prayers of the members of this loving faith community of Holden Lutheran. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and I ask that you continue to pray for a successful surgery and recovery for both my donor and me.

*In God's peace and healing,*  
*Myrna Schultz*



GROUNDS for  
CREATION

For those who might have signed up for outdoor work at Mt. Morris:

We need someone with a power edger who might be willing to edge the walkways and parking lots edges. At least once I have done some with manual wheeled edger and spade, but definitely could use something more time efficient. Others or I would be willing to do cleanup.

This is a good time to cut down invasive woody plants. Are there people who use pruners, handsaws, grub axes, chain saws, or brush cutters willing to cut down an/or pull up plants that are taking over our native area and invading landscaped areas? At this time, mostly hard labor. If someone has the chemicals, might consider post cut stump treatments to limit regrowth. You would learn identification of which plants to be cut down. Respond to me, Martin Schultz, in church most Sundays or ph. 787-0019.

This past spring, some people said they would have garden plants later this year for the newest north side church garden. If you still want to donate your divisions, excesses, please contact me now.

Last fall a Prescribed Burn Team was started. Three areas were burned this spring. More burns are planned for this fall. If you wish to be a part of this team, please contact me.





**From:** Brian Konkol

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011

**Subject:** Prayers for our son, Khaya

Friends:

In December of this past year I asked for a collection of thoughts and prayers for our son, Khaya, who entered into surgery on January 4th in order to have his cleft lip repaired. As many would already recognize, the prayers were answered and his procedure was a success, and after a great deal of patience (...and far too many sleepless nights) surrounding his after-care, Khaya has continued to grow as a happy, handsome, and healthy boy. Kristen and I thank God for the outpouring of love and support over these past months, as this has been an incredible time in our journey of life and faith.

For those who may be hearing this news for the first time, a few months before Khaya was born, Kristen and I discovered during a routine scan that he possessed a cleft lip and palate, which occurs in roughly 1 out of every 700 children worldwide. While there are various theories as to why cleft lip and palate occurs, there is nothing remotely close to a consensus, except for that it happens due to a variety of complicated factors that parents simply cannot prevent. While the condition is in no way life threatening in our case, Khaya was diagnosed with a significant "right unilateral complete cleft lip and palate", which makes it difficult to swallow and digest, and thus he was unable to breast feed. While most pictures online show children with conditions much more serious than Khaya, the following link provides a general idea: <http://www.chw.org/display/>. With such images in mind, one can more fully appreciate the awesome progress that Khaya has already made, for he has grown considerably in both weight and length, his lip and nose look fantastic, and he will continue to improve as time passes by.

Over the past months Kristen and I chose to keep our situation relatively private, yet over the recent span of time – especially during our ELCA Global Mission Home Assignment period in North America from April to June – we have felt increasingly comfortable in regards to sharing the details of our journey, and at this point in time we decided to be even more open, as Khaya will experience his next surgical procedure on Saturday, August 13th. In terms of details, once again we are fortunate to be under the excellent care of Dr. Anil Madaree), who is the Medical Director of “Operation Smile” in South Africa, in addition to serving as the Head of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of University of KwaZulu Natal’s Nelson R. Mandela’s School of Medicine. During the upcoming procedure (which will take place at Netcare Umhlanga Hospital in Durban) Khaya will have his cleft palate repaired, and after a few days of intensive recovery in the hospital, we will need to provide extra home-based care for Khaya in the weeks and months ahead. We are incredibly fortunate that Kristen’s mother, Sharon Tews, will be joining us on Monday in order to assist during these upcoming weeks. All in all, the immediate future will have a number of challenges, as this procedure will be far more difficult on Khaya than the last, yet we are taking it all one day at a time, and trusting that God will provide guidance and strength each step of the way.

With all the above in mind, I ask for your ongoing thoughts and prayers for Khaya, and of course, I pray that you would accompany Kristen and I as we try to be strong and patient as we consider how to be most faithful in our divine calling as parents. When Khaya entered into surgery back in January we were carried by the profound spiritual, emotional, and physical solidarity expressed by so many from around the world, and as we prepare for the operation on Saturday morning, once again we hope for more of the same, as we fully recognize the considerable challenges ahead. Through it all, it is during times of adversity like these that we truly feel your presence, and we thank God for the awesome ways in which people can support one another from many miles away.

May God bless you this day and always with strength and guidance, and I will look forward to being in touch in the time ahead.

With peace and love,

*Brian Konkol*



**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2011

**Subject:** Update: ELCA responds to African drought

Dear leader and members,

Last week I wrote inviting you to pray for the ELCA Church-wide Assembly that begins Monday. Today I have been thinking about those who pray with eager longing, "Give us today our daily bread."

**In the Horn of Africa, the lives and livelihoods of millions of people have been devastated by the worst drought in 60 years.** Crops have failed and water is scarce. Desperate families are abandoning their homes seeking aid. Hundreds of thousands of people have already made their way to refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. More than twelve million people are in need of help now.

For those who have made their way to Dadaab camp in Kenya and the Doolo Ado camp in Ethiopia, the ELCA is helping provide safe water and nutritious food. Both camps were established with the support of the ELCA through ELCA World Hunger; the camps are managed by Lutherans through our global church partner The Lutheran World Federation.

**The church has been at work for years reducing the effects of drought in communities throughout this arid part of Africa.** Thanks to the many water projects and other sustainable agricultural funded by ELCA World Hunger, communities are making it through these hard times without the suffering we have seen elsewhere. This long-standing work will continue even as we address this year's crisis.

Thanks to the generosity of ELCA members like you, **we have committed \$1.25 million for drought relief work in the Horn of Africa** through ELCA Disaster Response. In addition, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger provides more than \$1 million each year for drought prevention work in Central and East Africa – and that

commitment will continue.

I am asking that you take time in worship and throughout your week to hold our sisters and brothers in prayer. As you are able, please make a renewed commitment to ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response. You can find additional announcements at [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster).

Thank you for your prayer and faithful witness to the gospel.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## ECSW Mission & Ministry Connections

### **Rethinking Stewardship: Empowered to Give**

is a **FREE** East Central Synod of Wisconsin Event for all lay and rostered to attend. **Rev. Chick Lane**, Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, will lead this event in **TWO** locations of our synod.

**Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.**

Saint Andrew, 3200 N. Mountain Rd., Wausau

**Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.**

Prince of Peace, 2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton

No Registration . . . .No Cost . . . . No limit on how many come!!

### **Pre-Marriage Workshops**

Pre-Marriage Workshops, sponsored by Lutheran Social Services, are scheduled for **September 24th**, St. Mark's, Neenah and **December 17th**, First English, Appleton, and are welcoming registrants. E- mail [premarriage@lsswis.org](mailto:premarriage@lsswis.org) for details.

## Exciting News

The ELCA Malaria Campaign has reached a milestone in fund-raising! It has now raised over \$1.5 million in cash and pledges for the campaign. This represents 10% of the campaign goal!

Our synod, as well as the other Pilot Synods, was recognized and thanked at the Church wide Assembly on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is more work to do, but the effort of all of the congregations lifting up Malaria is awesome! Thank you!

## Listen to My Teaching

**Saturday, October 29th**

Saint Andrew, Wausau

The Third Annual day of theological and spiritual refreshment will be held at Saint Andrew. Come for a day of learning and exploring diverse topics in spirituality, theology, Bible study, and more.

## "AmpleHarvest.org"

Are you aware of the *AmpleHarvest.org Campaign* ... a nationwide effort enabling millions of gardeners nationwide to donate excess garden produce to a local food pantry? Gardeners across America are now harvesting food from their gardens and many are donating to pantries, but others say: "There is no place near me to bring my garden treasures to."

*AmpleHarvest.org* can bring them together ... but only if the food pantry is listed in the AmpleHarvest.org registry. Please urge all of the food pantries in your community to register at [www.AmpleHarvest.org](http://www.AmpleHarvest.org) today! It is free, no need for additional refrigeration, and no need for Internet access at the pantry.



### The Holden Highlights Newsletter

This is the monthly publication for members and friends of Holden Lutheran Parish.

Questions, change of address, or articles may be submitted until the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Everyone is encouraged to turn in any articles prior to the deadline date.

Articles not in by the 15<sup>th</sup> will not be included until the following month.

Articles may be mailed to: **Holden Lutheran Parish**  
**N3388 State Road 152**  
**Wautoma WI 54982**

-OR- e-mail to: [holdenparish@centurytel.net](mailto:holdenparish@centurytel.net)

**The Church Office** is open Mon-Thurs from 9 AM- 2 PM.

Articles to be included in the weekly Sunday bulletin should be submitted to the office by *Wednesday noon*. This will provide adequate time to clarify/confirm the information and properly format and include them in the bulletin. Thank you.