

## Bulletin Board June 2006

You can read the current as well as past issues of ***the award winning Lutheran Link*** on the synod website [www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org) under **RESOURCES, NEWS**. This year's emphasis is on HEALTH, as Pastor Bryan Leone, the Synod's official "Wellness Champion," coaches eight synod leaders through a spiritually-based weight-loss regimen involving diet, exercise, and prayer. The May-June issue features *Sister Virginia Strahan*, our synod communicator. For **free home delivery**, simply **call** the Synod House, 508-791-1530, or email [sisterv@nesynod.org](mailto:sisterv@nesynod.org)

**A Bunch of Guys** has released a new CD entitled "**DIG IT**" to help **Calumet** Lutheran Camp and Conference Center raise funds for a new septic system. Two previous CDs (Take a Breath and Enough) have raised more than \$150,000 to benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. A Bunch of Guys includes the New England Synod's very own David Piper, John Christianson, Gary Anderson and Knute Ogren. "Dig It" includes guest appearances by Kat and Perry Dickau, as well as D.Guy Johnson, who shares the legendary story of The Monster of Lake Ossipee. To order your copy visit [www.calumet.org](http://www.calumet.org) or email [knute.ogren@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:knute.ogren@emanuelhartford.org)

**Lutheran Social Services of New England** (LSSNE) will kick off a year-long celebration of 135 years of Lutheran social ministry in New England at the annual **President's Dinner**, Sunday, September 24, at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Watch your mail for more details. The first **LSSNE Open Golf Tournament**, to benefit programs and clients, will take place Oct. 3 at the Wachusett (Mass.) Country Club. **Sign up** at the LSS assembly display. More info in this Care Packet!

Did you know that a used car given to **Good News Garage** is deductible at the blue book value, if that car is given to a client in need? Compare that to the \$400 limit of other charities' car donation programs! The choice is easy! Call 1-877-GIVE AUTO (448-3288) or, now, donate online at [www.goodnewsgarage.org](http://www.goodnewsgarage.org) (a ministry of Lutheran Social Services of New England)

The **ELCA Board of Pensions website** is filled with resources for members and for treasurers. Find calculators and links to wellness sites. There is even a place to share recipes! Visit [www.elcabop.org](http://www.elcabop.org) and explore the wealth of information posted for you.

Please visit the website for our companion synod, the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land** (ELCJHL). Learn history, current activities, and the vision of our sisters and brothers in Palestine at <http://www.holyland-lutherans.org> Bishop Younan's sermons, the ELCJHL newsletters, and the website are filled with moving photos and personal stories of hope.

**Augusta Victoria Hospital**, located on the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem, offers bottles of **olive oil** from LWF owned trees on the local hillside to offset their operational costs. It is shipped in hand-blown bottles made by Palestinian artisans using recycled glass. See details at the LWF website: [www.lwfjerusalem.org/olive\\_oil.htm](http://www.lwfjerusalem.org/olive_oil.htm) or email to [info@lwfjerusalem.org](mailto:info@lwfjerusalem.org)

Community Lutheran Church, Enfield, NH, would like to **donate** their used **paraments**, green & white, to another congregation. Contact Polly at 603-632-5812 or [office@clcenfield.org](mailto:office@clcenfield.org)

Cindy Hall, the New England Synod contact person for **2006 ELCA National Youth Gathering** in San Antonio, Texas, reports that there are 272 youth and 91 adult leaders registered this year, representing 37 congregations in New England. Questions? [chrised@snet.net](mailto:chrised@snet.net) or 860-643-1193.

You can contribute to **ELCA Disaster Response** through your congregation, or directly to the ELCA by credit card on the phone (800/638-3522) or online ([www.elca.org/giving](http://www.elca.org/giving)). 100 percent of your gift is sent on to serve both immediate and long-term needs where you designate.

Did you know that **Thrivent Financial** for Lutherans is this country's largest fraternal organization? Programs assist others while building members' assets. Visit [www.thrivent.com/fraternal](http://www.thrivent.com/fraternal) to learn more.

NEW: "**Healthy Transitions--Resources for Appropriate Endings and Beginnings**" is now on the Synod's web site, [www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org). This document, developed by the Synod's Health and Wholeness team, provides resources both for pastors who are leaving their present call and for their congregations. Go to "Resources," then to "Documents & Policies," and then to "Transitions."

Traveling to New York City this year? Check out **Seafarer's and International House**. This organization provides ship visitation and pastoral care to seafarers, and offers lodging in an 84-room guesthouse at 123 East 15<sup>th</sup> St. for both seafarers and travelers from all over the world at economical rates. Visit [www.sihnyc.org](http://www.sihnyc.org) for lodging reservations and to learn more about their ministry.

**The Deaconess Community of the ELCA** is offering **grants** totaling up to \$100,000 in 2007 to congregations or social ministry organizations who wish to partner with the Sisters to start new, cutting edge social ministry programs. Such programs must be gospel-centered (proclaiming and furthering the reign of God among us), prophetic (a program that commits itself to risk-taking and innovative service on the frontiers of the church's outreach), a cooperative partnership (one that invites participation, bridges divisions and accompanies others in mission), inclusive (one that affirms the individual gifts of all people) and focused on stewardship (a program that respects God's gifts of time, talents and resources). In addition to grant monies, the Deaconess Community will provide prayer support, support personnel (as needed or desired, if available), opportunities to tell your stories of ministry, and timely communication and support. Submit your letter of intent by Jan. 15, 2007. For more information, call (800) 638-3522, x1705 or email [info@deaconess-elca.org](mailto:info@deaconess-elca.org)

The Deaconess Community of the ELCA is a community of skilled women committed to a life of service to church and society. They are willing to take risks to serve God and God's people. Learn more about the Community at [www.elca.org/Deaconess](http://www.elca.org/Deaconess)

The Biennial Convention of **The New England Women of the ELCA** will be held **September 14-16, 2006**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester, MA. Please refer to the synod website for the most up to date information on events.

## Jobs

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chelmsford, (978) 256-6300, seeks a **Director of Discipleship Development**: Trinity is growing, and we are looking for a person grounded in Biblical knowledge and Lutheran Teachings to develop and maintain, in partnership with our pastor and lay leaders, activities in the following core areas—Evangelism, Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Social Ministry, and Parish Life Development—with a goal of helping individual members of our congregation discern and develop their own spiritual gifts and talents in becoming more effective disciples of Christ. For a more detailed job description, and to apply, contact Beth Confrancisco, at [jobs@trinity-chelmsford.org](mailto:jobs@trinity-chelmsford.org), or visit our website at [www.trinity-chelmsford.org](http://www.trinity-chelmsford.org)

WANTED: a **Minister of Music** (Organist and/or Pianist; Choir Director) for weekly services and choir rehearsals at St. Paul in Middletown, CT. Additional hours required for special celebrations. Salary negotiable. Contact Pr. Maureen Hawksley at [StPaulLuthChurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:StPaulLuthChurch@sbcglobal.net) or 860-346-9107.

Seafarer's Friend in the Port of Boston has an immediate opening for a part time weekend/evening **ship visiting chaplain**, approximately 15-20 hours a week. Seminary training preferred. Contact Chaplain Bill Fleming at 617-889-6315, or email to [port.rev@seafarersfriend.org](mailto:port.rev@seafarersfriend.org) for more information.

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago seeks a **Director** for their **Multicultural Center**, a newly established position. Full job description available at [www.lstc.edu](http://www.lstc.edu)