

# Notes & News

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### **Last Conversations - Palliative Care and Beyond**

Lay Pastoral Assistant course designed to assist pastoral care givers who provide support to individuals facing end of life situations and to their families.

Visiting strategies will be presented with a focus on your role as a member of the faith community.

Presenter: The Rev. Tim Posyluzny Call the synod office for details and/or to register.

### **Back to Church Seminar**

Keep your calendars open for this event facilitated by Michael Harvey from the Church of England on Thursday, October 20 in Edmonton. The event is hosted by the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton. More information is posted on the synod website.

### **A brief reflection from my experience as a Synod Youth Delegate to the National Convention**

Thanks again for the opportunity to go to National convention!

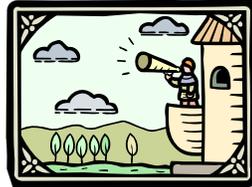
This was the first national convention that I was able to attend, and I am so glad and grateful for the opportunity that I had to go. Worship and helping in worship has always been a very important part of my life and being able to help and take part in the worship services was huge for me and definitely a highlight at convention. Joy Berg did such an amazing job at leading the services and just made the music and everything else come alive.

The business of the convention itself was a great learning experience for me. I learned a lot about what goes on at the ELCIC National Church and how decisions that are made at this level really impact congregations at a local level.

Over all it was a great experience, but I would have liked to see the Youth assembly meet more as a group and discuss what was going on and how it might impact us.

Amanda Kuschminder  
From St John's Lutheran, Barrhead

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE...



### **Celebration:**

- Two of our pastoral colleagues, The Rev Erik Parker (St. John's – Golden Spike) and the Rev Courtney Reedman (Benediction – Delta, BC) are pleased to announce to the Church that they have become engaged to be married. The marriage is scheduled for early September of 2012.

### **In need of prayer for health concerns:**

- Sr Frieda Kiel (retired, Edmonton) is dealing with recurring breast cancer.
- Rev Harold Brose (retired – Stony Plain) had an adverse allergic reaction to some medication that caused him to be quite ill for a number of days.
- Pastor Brian Patterson (retired – Edmonton) is at the U of A hospital under doctor's care.

### **Death:**

- Louise, sister of Dianne Mayan (spouse of the bishop) died in Atlanta, Georgia
- Pr John Anderson (retired – Camrose) passed from this life September 18.
- Marjorie Shepherd, mother of AnnE Zimmerman (Executive Director – On Eagles Wings) died on September 14.
- Pr Del Christensen (retired- Calgary) died August 31.

## **More Resource Books**

### How to Mobilize Church Volunteers

by Marlene Wilson

122 pgs. + 31 pgs of ideas and resources.

Augsburg Press

Volunteers are one of the most important parts of our churches. The Lutheran author is one of the top authors, resources, and teachers of volunteerism especially for churches in North America. She's had workshops some of us have attended in Canada and there's none better. Besides the topic covered which the title of the book refers to, she speaks to problems and answers questions, as well as using sound principles for human resource management. Is your parish's "feeding and care" of your volunteers what you want it to be? If not, borrow this book or one of the others by her.

### Parish Planning – How to Get Things Done in Your Church

by Lyle Schaller

250 pgs

Abingdon Press

Author of many books for helping parishes, specializing in what really works in real parishes. Offers suggestions and guidelines on how the people in a given local church can improve the quality of the decision-making process in that parish including: finding handles for beginning the planning process, effective self-evaluation, accountability, covenant and implementation. A simple self-help series of steps to help re-evaluate a parish's purpose, mission, and methods. Includes focuses on evangelism and increasing our quality of what we do as churches.