

Synod Electronic Communication Policy Adopted By Council

Dear Congregation President:

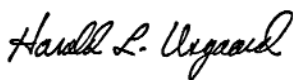
At its meeting September 17, 2005, the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council adopted an Electronic Communication Policy for the synod office. You may get a copy of that policy on the synod's web site or by calling the synod office and requesting a copy.

The synod office is committed to providing an environment that encourages the use of computers and electronic communications as essential tools to support the mission and ministry of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. It is the responsibility of each synod employee to ensure that this technology is used for proper business purposes and in a manner that is responsible, does not subject the synod's system to outside tampering and is consistent with good stewardship.

This policy is offered as a model for your own electronic communication policy for the pastors and staff members of the congregation. In addition, a policy adopted by a congregation should offer policies relating to congregational use of computer resources, the Internet and e-mail.

The Synod Council encourages every congregation with computer resources to develop a policy for computer usage by its staff and its members. It is the council's hope that the synod's policy will help.

Sincerely,



Harold Usgaard
Bishop

Clergy ID Cards Available

ELCA Clergy ID Cards for 2005-2006 are now available. To request one, call the synod office with your request: 507-280-9457 or 800-426-6376 (MN only).

Communications Director Accepts LOGA Position

Dear Partners in Ministry,

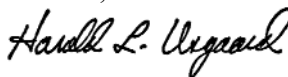
It is with sadness that I am announcing the resignation of Annie Lysen, our communications director. She has just accepted a position as the Director for Advocacy Communications, Grassroots and Network Development with the ELCA's Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs (LOGA) in Washington, D.C. Her last day in the synod office will be November 11.

Though I am sad that Annie is leaving us, I am also joyful...because she has been and will continue to be such a wonderful resource for the Church. Her technological abilities, her ability to think in new and creative ways, and her cheerful, energetic personality will continue to serve the ELCA.

"These past four years have been so wonderful," said Annie. "I have learned so much and met so many wonderful people. I'm glad that my new position will keep me in touch with the members of our synod, as I seek to help members of the ELCA become advocates for the voiceless and powerless in our society."

Please remember Annie, her husband Josh, and the synod office in your prayers during this transitional time.

Shalom,



Harold Usgaard
Bishop

Remember in Prayer

Health Concerns

- The Rev. Eugene Boschee
- The Rev. Terje Hausken
- Jenelle Mandsager, wife of the Rev. Michael Mandsager
- Pauline Redmond, wife of the Rev. Jack Miller
- Shannon Reuss, wife of the Rev. Peter Reuss
- The Rev. Don Roberts
- The Rev. Charles Solberg

Sympathies

- The Rev. Obert Rust, whose wife died Oct. 7.
- The Rev. Julie Fiske, whose father died Oct. 10.
- The Rev. Lyndon West, whose mother-in-law died Oct. 13.
- The Rev. Audrey Lukasak, whose father died Oct. 23.
- The Rev. David Rossow, whose father-in-law died Nov. 5.