

New Council Members

On Saturday, May 20 the synod council gathered to meet, to welcome new members, and say farewell to outgoing members. New members include:

- Beth Kreihbel, First, Lake City - Congregational Renewal Team
- Dorothy Gesme, Trinity, Hayfield - Lay and Clergy Leadership Development Team
- Rev. John Henriksen, Grace, Albert Lea - Lay and Clergy Leadership Development Team
- Karen Ortloff, Gloria Dei, Rochester - Lay and Clergy Leadership Development Team
- Marcia Wolter Blackburn, People of Hope, Rochester - Mission Planning and Action Team
- Rev. Linda Gunderson, Central Freeborn, Albert Lea - Mission Planning and Action Team
- Craig Nelson, Salem, Albert Lea - Mission Planning and Action Team
- Mark Bradley, Zumbro, Rochester - Treasurer (effective Aug. 1)

Besides adding Mark Bradley to the Executive Committee as treasurer, John Petersburg and Rev. Cindy Fisher-Broin also joined the Executive Committee.

Thanks go out to the following outgoing council members for their service:

- Marilyn Carpenter Crossfield, Our Savior's, Spring Valley - Congregational Renewal Team
- Rev. Dan Baker, First, Albert Lea - Lay and Clergy Leadership Development Team
- Beverly Sundheim, St. Ansgar's, Cannon Falls - Lay and Clergy Leadership Development Team
- Rev. Mary Sue Dehmlow Dreier, People of Hope, Rochester - Mission Planning and Action Team
- David Horning, Round Prairie, Glenville - Mission Planning and Action Team
- Rev. Barbara Knutson, Faith, Wabasha - Mission Planning and Action Team
- Jeff Setterlund, Urland, Cannon Falls - Treasurer (effective Aug. 1)

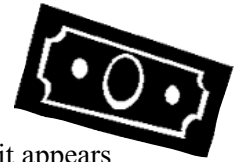
Thank you also to Ann Beatty and Rev. Scott E. Olson who are completing their terms on the Executive Committee. They will continue in their roles on the Mission Planning and Action and Lay and Clergy Development Teams (respectively).

Congregational Anniversaries

Is your congregation celebrating a major anniversary this year? We want to know about it! Write up a story about your upcoming celebration and/or following the event and share a little history about your church. Contact Katie at the synod office with your story to go on the synod website (www.semnsynod.org). Preferred method is emailing your story to butler@semnsynod.org. Questions? Email above address or call 507-280-9457 or 800-426-6376 (MN only).

Get Credit for Your Offerings

The synod office frequently gets calls asking about the best way for congregations to give money so that it appears on their financial statements. The short answer - the money must come through the synod office.



The slightly longer answer:

1. Collect whatever funds you wish to give to an organization. Send checks made out to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod to our office. The address is:
1001 14th Street NW, Suite 300
Rochester, MN 55901-2551
2. Include with the check(s) a detailed description of where the money is to go and if it is specified for a particular project.
3. The synod office will forward the money on and it will appear on your financial statement.

Remember in Prayer

Health Concerns

- The Rev. Don Roberts
- The Rev. Charles Solberg
- Fern Steffen, wife of the Rev. Richard Steffen
- Shannon Reuss, wife of the Rev. Peter Reuss
- The Rev. Ralph and Amy Strand

Sympathies

- The Rev. Byron Meline, whose mother, Bernice Meline, died May 30, 2006

Joys

- Carl Anders, the son of the Rev. Susan and the Rev. Jeffrey Wallager
- Caryn Vivian, the daughter of the Rev. Jim and Cyndee Ahlquist

Protection

- The Rev. Steven Timm, deployed to Iraq
- The Rev. Erik Feig, deployed to Iraq