

Connect Global & Local

On July 16-17, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Austin, Minn. will be host to one of the 2010 ELCA Glocal Mission Events. Yes, that says "glocal." The term comes from the event's purpose - to combine global and local mission.

The workshops include:

- Mission 101
- Short Term Mission
- Cross-Generated Engagement
- Stewardship
- Social Action
- New and Renewing Congregations
- Preaching, Worship, and Mission

What's different about this event?

The ELCA Glocal Mission Gathering brings together experts and resources on global and domestic ministry under one roof, for one weekend, in one convenient location so congregational leaders can build skills you need to be an effective part of God's mission no matter where you serve. Your input into this event will also help ELCA Global Mission serve more effectively.

Why Attend?

Mission takes place everywhere in the world — including North America, where it influences our ministry every day. By understanding how God's activity is changing the world around us, we can build and develop skills that help us engage, serve, support, learn, and travel more effectively, globally and domestically. These skills can help you be an effective part of God's mission.

More information and registration at
www.ELCA.org/globalevents

Details:

Friday - Saturday, July 16-17
2:00 p.m. Friday - 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1600 W Oakland Avenue
Austin, Minnesota
Cost: \$35/person



Marks of a Missional Congregation: Worship

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Worship is the third mark of a missional congregation from the series by Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission, ELCA.

The central mark of a missional congregation remains constant - Resurrection: A missional congregation lives in the power of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In the Risen Christ all things are possible.

Worship is central to everything we do and a foundation for our faith. It is a special place and time where we boldly proclaim, "God is here." The Word and Sacraments bring us into the presence of God. Worship also sends us out forgiven, renewed, and refreshed to shape our lives under God's grace. Worship sends us to others in Jesus' name and to look and see God acting in daily life.

A missional congregation understands that Word and Sacrament is its heart. It is the source of our evangelism.

Worship is by its' nature public. It is the work of the gathered community of faith. Worship takes place locally and is global. The community of faith gathered in local communities shares its worship and witness with brothers and sisters around the globe. The gathered community of faith has as its call to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ beyond the doors of the sanctuary.

With all that worship is as gathering and witness, it is important to do it well. There are resources for congregations, pastors, and worship committees (www.ELCA.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship). A new support for missional congregations worship is the initiative called Partners in Evangelical Worship (PEW). It is an initiative that seeks to facilitate ongoing worship and preaching conversations and training. Thank you to Rev. Siri Strommen Campbell and Bob Tewes, AIM, for providing leadership for this initiative. Watch for more information in the months ahead.

Peace,

Pr. Linda