

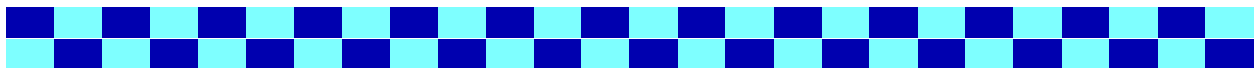
# GREATER KIRKLAND ECUMENICAL PARISH



**THE GREATER KIRKLAND ECUMENICAL PARISH (GKEP)** was formed with a covenant-signing worship service on June 8, 1987. Along with six other Kirkland churches – Holy Family Roman Catholic, St. John’s Episcopal, Lake Washington Christian (Disciples of Christ), Lake Washington United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, and Kirkland Congregational (United Church of Christ) – we have committed ourselves to recognition and support of each other as we jointly strive to be God’s people in the Kirkland area. We cooperate in a variety of ways; we worship together (Good Friday, Pulpit Exchange, VBS, Combined Choir Concerts), and we pray for each other in our worship services. We have shared facilities and equipment. We are looking for new and effective ways to proclaim the Gospel in the Kirkland area.

We hope you’ll take the opportunity to participate in our ecumenical events which are published in the church newsletter, such as the Pulpit Exchange, Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk, or other occasional special services. Look for ways to learn about our neighbors in faith!

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** began operations January 1, 1988. Headquartered in Chicago, the ELCA consists of 65 synods, each headed by a bishop. The synods create nine “regional centers for mission” to assist them in their work.

The Presiding Bishop, Vice-President, and Secretary are the national officers of the ELCA. A biennial church-wide Assembly is held and a church council composed of 33 members, along with the officers, takes action for the church between assemblies.

There are commissions to provide advice and counsel in specific areas to the whole church. They are: Commission for Church and Society, Commission for Communication, Commission for Financial Support, Commission for Women, and Commission for Multi-cultural Ministries.

Other church units include a publishing house, the Board of Pensions, Conference of Bishops, the ELCA Foundation and Women of the ELCA. *The Lutheran*, a magazine, is published 12 times per year and can be ordered by calling (800) 426-0115, ext. 140.

A total of 28 colleges and eight seminaries are related to the ELCA along with 255 social service agencies and institutions, with many more subsidiaries.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is in the Northwest Washington Synod, Region I of the ELCA. Our Bishop is Rev. Chris Boerger. We relate to six other churches in the Cascadia Cluster: Wooden Cross of Woodinville, Faith of Redmond, Trinity of Kirkland, First of Bothell, Morning Star of Monroe, and Lord of Life of Duvall.