



Spirit NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.

September 2011

From Pastor Mike...

Greetings and welcome to the new program year. There are many opportunities of involvement in the ministries and education here at HSLC and we hope you will familiarize yourself with the programs by checking out our website hslckirkland.org.

A special focus this year will be a Global Mission Outreach, probably to a village in Nicaragua. The church council will be voting at its September meeting whether to accept the invitation of Seattle-based AGROS Ministry to partner with a village called *Luz del Mañana*. We would use some of the funds collected from our Capital Campaign to support this village and we would be sending a mission team there sometime in 2012. In preparation for this ministry we are offering a Beginning Spanish class. Join us for this five-week class beginning Thursday, September 8, from 7:00-8:30pm; cost \$100 (limit of 10 students).

**Rally Sunday
Ministry Fair
September 11th
8:30am – 12:30pm**

Get involved!

This is your opportunity to sign up for activities, volunteer for service events, and find a ministry or two that you would like to be a part of.

**Compassionate
Challenging
Inclusive**

**Tanzania Missionary to visit HSLC
Wednesday, September 14**

The Rev. Ron Hanson, the "uncle" of Patty Anderson and missionary in Tanzania for the past 33 years, will give a presentation of his ministry providing fresh water wells for remote villages in Tanzania and Kenya.

His fascinating and inspiring presentation will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesday, September 14 at 7pm, immediately following the first Koinonia Kitchen of the fall.

Pastor Ron and his wife Gloria hosted Pastor Mike, Patty and Sara last year in Tanzania and were able to show the Andersons a number of wells installed that are providing fresh water to some of the world's poorest people.

A freewill offering will be taken to support this ministry. See you then!



Sunday Morning Schedule:

Worship 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Communion Worship
(Children are always welcome to attend worship. Nursery care is offered to children from birth to three years old during most services at HSLC.)

PRAYER CHAIN

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God."
 (Phil. 4:6)

The Prayer Chain is for everyone's use.

Please call whenever you have concerns for which you would like prayer. Prayer requests may come from anyone at anytime. **All requests are held in strictest confidence.**

To begin a request on the prayer chain or to become a participant, please **contact Margie Boughner** through the church office or contact Pastors Mike or Katy at (425) 823-2727 ext. 22 or 49 and they will pass on the information.

Opportunity to Stay in Touch

Church members are available to make weekly "check-in" phone calls to people who are home-bound or have some health concerns, just to see if everything is going well.

If you would like to be on the list of people called or know of someone who could benefit from this service please contact Pastor Mike or Pastor Katy who will pass on the information.

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LAY CARING MINISTERS

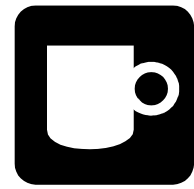
Many times in our lives we face a crisis or difficult time. Holy Spirit has a group of Lay Caring Ministers to help congregation members walk through these trials.

Lay Caring Ministers are members of this congregation and often have encountered similar life issues as those with whom they are assigned. Lay Caring Ministers are not trained counselors, nor will they advise you on your best course of action; however, **they do walk alongside you during a difficult time and help you meet the challenges with faith and the confidence that you are not alone.**

Lay Caring Ministers are trained to keep confidences; the names of the individuals with whom they are working are never divulged except between the pastors and the coordinator of the group.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, please contact either Pastor Mike (425-823-2727 X22) or Pastor Katy (425-823-2727 X49) for referral.

End of Month Coffee Hours



September 25
 following all services

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolates will also be available for sale to support the efforts of Lutheran World Relief (LWR).



Meals of Love

Meals of Love is one of many ways to reach out to our Holy Spirit families in need by preparing and delivering meals. People that often ask for help are currently in the middle of a life changing event, such as a new baby, adoption, fostering, illness, surgery etc... We can show Christ's love by helping others.

If you would like to help with **Meals of Love** or have a need for meals please send an email to meals@hslckirkland.org.



Assisted listening available.

Our Sanctuary is set up with an assisted listening system.

To use it set your hearing aid on "T", for telephone, if you have that setting. If you don't have a "T" equipped hearing aid or just need a little assistance in hearing we also have portable receivers and headsets, just ask an usher or come by the sound booth. We feed all of the spoken word, and try not to mix in any of the singing or music.

We appreciate feedback from our listeners on sound levels and quality.



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil
www.hearingloop.org



We are excited to start another year of Koinonia! We look forward to serving our family with both old favorites and new adventures throughout the year.

NO Pricing Change this year!!!!
 For the 5th year in a row, dinners are \$5.00, with a gold card for \$50.00, getting you 11 meals.

See you for dinner, Wednesday Evenings at 6:00!

9.14.11 Welcome Back Comfort Food—Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Grilled Veggies, Salad, Roll and Ice Cream for dessert. For Vegetarians, we will substitute Portabella Mushrooms.
 Kids: Grilled Cheese.

9.21.11 Fish Night!—Market Fish, Aromatic Rice, Salad, Grilled Veggies and Rolls. Blueberry Lemon tarts for dessert: For Vegetarians, Vegetable Ragout.

Kids: Chicken Nuggets.

9.28.11 Grilled Chicken Breasts with Buttered Noodles, Peas and Carrots, along with Salad and Rolls. Vanilla Cake for dessert. For Vegetarians, Garden Burgers.

Kids: PB&J.

10.5.11 Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Double Veggie Salad, SW Corn/Black Bean Relish with Brownies for dessert. For Vegetarians, BBQ grilled Tofu.

Kids: Cheese Quesadillas.

Baptisms

Stella Bernard,
 daughter of Corrine & Ian Bernard.

Parent's Coffee Break

Join us in the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast, fellowship, a Bible study or a speaker, discussion topics and prayer. Oh, and there's childcare!

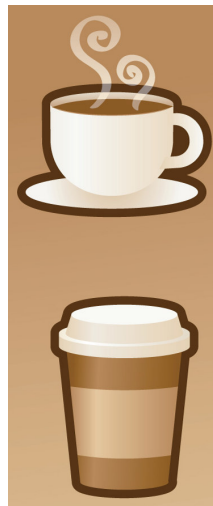
Meets 3rd Friday of each month from 9:30-11:00am

Cost: \$10/month, includes childcare.

First Meeting:
September 16!

Fill out a registration form, available online or in the church entry, so we know how many are planning to attend.

Contact Ruth Hanley for more information



EXPANDING FAMILIES?



Are you adding a child to your family through birth, adoption, foster care? Do you know someone that is adding a child to their family? Holy Spirit Lutheran Church has resources available for your family. Would you like some meals, play dates for your older children, in-home help, reading materials, or just to talk? We are here to support you during this joyous time! Contact Kay Larsen or Becky Cole through the church office at 425/823-2727 for further information.

Fall New Member Class

Orientation
 Saturday, October 8



New Member & Sponsor Coffee
 Saturday, October 22

Received into Membership
 Sunday, October 23

Please contact the church office for more information and to register.

Spirited Home—your online resource.

Need more resources to broaden your family faith discussions? Want some ideas on how to bring faith rituals into your daily living?

HSLC's Spirited Home is an online resource created to provide households of all kinds with tools to facilitate dialogue around faith in the home. It includes scripture in modern language, discussion topics for adults (and families) as well as faith rituals and prayers that can be easily practiced at home.

Go to <http://www.hsckirkland.org/YouthFamily/spiritedhome.aspx> and click on the PDF link at the bottom of the page.

Take a look and let us know what you think!!



Building Community in Christ – Share Your Gifts

What do you enjoy that you would like to offer our community? How can our community help you? Stop by the VolunteerMatch.com booth at the Ministry Fair on September 11th, and register your interests, talents, gifts, and/ or requests. We are working hard to strengthen our community at HSLC by identifying ways that we can all help each other.

Have an interest in sewing or knitting, but don't know who is coordinating the Prayer Shawl or quilting ministries? Looking to learn a new skill, but feeling a bit apprehensive about who to contact? Perhaps you are wondering how to use your talents if you sing, write, teach, wash dishes, pull weeds, take photographs or update websites. We are always looking for people to get involved, ensuring our ministries stay strong.

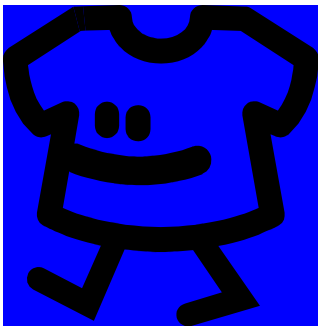
Have a gift you can offer like yard work, computer assistance, tutoring help, remote control programming, or anything else you enjoy? Have a task around the house that you could use a little help completing? We'd love to know if you can help out other members who need occasional help, or if you could use a little help around your home.

Whatever it is that we can offer you or you can offer us, registering this information with the stewardship team will help make our community stronger. Come to the VolunteerMatch.com booth at the Ministry Fair to register your interests and talents. Already submitted your gifts? Look yourself up in our system to validate and update the information that was collected during previous stewardship campaigns.

The information we have will be used to match volunteers with opportunities and is managed by the stewardship team and staff. If you have questions about this program, please contact Anja Helmon at helmonr@seattleu.edu.

Want a HSLC T-shirt?

If you would like to buy a blue Holy Spirit Lutheran t-shirt, they will be on sale during the Rally Sunday Ministry Fair on September 11th. They will be sold on a pre-paid basis and available for pick-up in late September.



IMAGINE HOUSING BOOK DRIVE

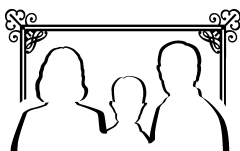
Imagine Housing serves over 900 people on the eastside with permanent affordable housing. The resident services division provides programs, and growth opportunities for both children (300+ in their properties) and adults.

HSLC has the opportunity to directly contribute to this program during Rally Sunday, September 11.

Reading is a lifelong skill that helps in education, in personal growth and is just plain FUN! Imagine Housing has a need for gently used books for the young children just learning to read to teens and adults, where books may be a luxury item (think Oprah book club type of books for the adults).

You can help on Rally Sunday by dropping off gently used books near the Registration Table in the narthex.

Questions? Talk to Becky Cole or Deb Murphy.



NEW HSLC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

We are considering doing our own pictorial directory this time... and wonder if we have photographers out there that would be willing to help take photos of families here at the church. If we have several, willing to work together, I think we could do this without involving sales people, etc. If you are interested in helping to develop this idea, please contact Karen Dicken in the church office either by phone or email: parishadmin@hslckirkland.org or 425-823-2727, ext 21.

God's Work, Our Hands

MINISTRY IN OUR WORLD



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Global Ministries Team & Agros Journey with a Village Program

Over the past year the Global Ministries Team has been researching potential nonprofit partners to fulfill our Ministry in the World goals. We have identified Agros International (<http://www.agros.org>) as our preferred partner, and in early August Global Ministries Team Leader Mike Hedley traveled with Pastor Mike (and daughter Sara) to Nicaragua to witness firsthand the important work Agros is doing in Central America. Agros believes that the most effective way to lift people out of poverty is to give them access to their own land. They accomplish this by establishing new villages on land that is purchased on behalf of the villagers and by providing training and support to these villagers for approximately 7 years. Each

villager must very work hard (no handouts here) to repay their land loan and to establish self-sustaining businesses so that the village will continue to thrive after Agros graduates the village and moves on to support new villages. Agros currently supports 42 villages in 5 countries and since 1982 has helped thousands of people move out of poverty and into better lives. The Global Ministries team hopes to sponsor a village in Nicaragua called *Luz del Mañana* ('Light of Tomorrow'). We were very impressed by Agros and by *Luz* during our short visit. Please pray for the Global Ministries Team as we move forward with plans to enter into this important relationship.

Eastside Domestic Violence Program

One of the many human services agencies we support through our Local Benevolences is the Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP). EDVP has been serving North and East King County for over 25 years. Their growing list of services not only support victims of domestic violence, but also educates the community so we can all come together to end domestic violence.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone and affects families in a variety of ways. Statistics show domestic violence affects one in four individuals.

EDVP provides numerous domestic violence services to protect victims and help them regain control over their lives, including;

- A 24-hour Crisis Line
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Support Groups
- Legal Advocates
- Community Education
- Emergency Shelter and Rental Assistance
- Permanent and Transitional Housing Assistance

The words of one of EDVP's residents best describe their clients' **thank you for your support**, "You all helped changed the direction of my life forever, and no words could ever express my gratitude."



Luz del Mañana and community members

Library



Holy Spirit Lutheran

This Fall, many great **adult education classes** are being offered at Holy Spirit. The library is featuring **books** recommended

by Pr. Katy and Pr. Mike that support these classes.

Look for titles on the Kiosk in the Narthex as well as in the Library

Christian Faith and the New Atheists with Dr. Dan Peterson on Sep 24th

- The Source of Life: The Holy Spirit and the Theology of Life by Jürgen Moltmann
- God and the New Atheism by John F. Haught

Being Christian Out Loud: How to Talk About Your Faith

Oct 5th–Nov 2nd

- Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church From It's Lutheran Core by Kelly A. Fryer
- Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – And How They Can Be Restored by Marcus J. Borg
- Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith by Marcus Borg
- Journey to the Common Good by Walter Brueggemann

What's the Problem with Immigration

Oct 13th –Nov 3rd

- Little Bee: A Novel by Chris Cleave

Crossways Year 2

Sep 14–Feb 15

- Look for recommended titles in the library on a table labeled "Crossways"

To check out a book from the library or the kiosk -

Take the card out of the front cover Write your name, phone number and date and leave the card in the "recipe" box on the shelf.

Wordly Spirits

Word+ly Spirits **Book Club** takes place in the Library the 2nd Monday of every month...please join us, or drop in when you can!

Sept. 12th

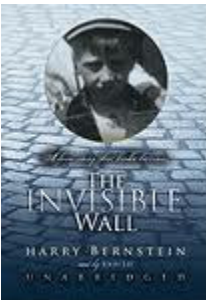
Heartbroke Bay by Lynn D'Urso

In 1898, Alaska is an untamed wilderness with an unforgiving climate. At the tail end of a world-wide depression, thousands of destitute people are drawn north by rumors of easy wealth coming out of the remote claims of the Gold Rush. Many of the pilgrims are unprepared for the hardships that await them and find nothing but a desolate landscape already pillaged of its riches by those who came before.

Hannah Nelson, a beautiful young Englishwoman, is one of the late arrivals. After following her husband to a glacier-wracked fjord in the company of three equally desperate men, she discovers that gold is only one of the desires that can consume a person's soul...

Oct. 10th

Invisible Wall, A Love Story that Broke Barriers by Harry Bernstein



The narrow street where Harry Bernstein grew up, in a small English mill town, was seemingly unremarkable. It was identical to countless other streets in countless other working-class neighborhoods of the early 1900s, except

for the "invisible wall" that ran down its center, dividing Jewish families on one side from Christian families on the other. Only a few feet of cobblestones separated Jews from Gentiles, but socially, it they were miles apart.

On the eve of World War I, Harry's family struggles to make ends meet. His father earns little money at the Jewish tailoring shop and brings home even less, preferring to spend his wages drinking and gambling. Harry's mother, devoted to her children and fiercely resilient, survives on her dreams: new shoes that might secure Harry's admission to a fancy school; that

her daughter might marry the local rabbi; that the entire family might one day be whisked off to the paradise of America.

Then Harry's older sister, Lily, does the unthinkable: She falls in love with Arthur, a Christian boy from across the street.

When Harry unwittingly discovers their secret affair, he must choose between the morals he's been taught all his life, his loyalty to his selfless mother, and what he knows to be true in his own heart.

A wonderfully charming memoir written when the author was ninety-three, *The Invisible Wall* vibrantly brings to life an all-but-forgotten time and place. It is a moving tale of working-class life, and of the boundaries that can be overcome by love.

Women's Breakfast

We begin our monthly meetings **September 10th** and continue to meet on the second Saturday each month. A catered breakfast (\$5) will begin at 8:30, in the Fellowship Hall. All women and their friends are welcome to attend.

Marlene Obie and Annie McCracken will be reporting back on the Triennial Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Women. *Renew, Respond, Rejoice* was the theme for that weekend's worship, workshops and fellowship.

Come and join some church women for fellowship over breakfast and help us discuss the topics each month. Hope to see you!

-Sharlene Hauge

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Yes, we're back! Saturday fellowship breakfasts begins **September 24** at 8:30am, and do we ever have an interesting series for this Fall:

The Brain Fitness Program

If you live into your eighties, there's a probability that your brain will decline in function before you die. In this PBS video we'll learn how neuroscientists have created a system for brain strengthening, making it perform with more agility, speed & comprehension.

Come and renew our fellowship, enjoy a scrumptious breakfast prepared by Carl and Becki Dress, and learn how you can keep your brain fit!

SAFE HAVEN TRAINING

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church has a Safe Haven Policy to guide adults as they interact with minors in all church-related activities and is designed to:



- Educate staff and volunteers
- Provide general procedures
- Implement a method of effective response

Training will take place in the Auditorium and last approximately one hour.

Our next opportunity for training is: Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 pm.

Childcare is available but must be arranged by Wednesday, August 31. Questions?? Please contact Becky Cole.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Prayer Circle

This year we meet on the **Second Sunday of the Month** starting September 11.

Our format is always to learn, share and pray together. There are many ways to pray and become more aware of God's presence in our lives. This year we will have a number of teachers, many from right in the congregation, teach about how they pray and how you might be inspired. Come and join us in our journey of prayer and learning.

September 11th 6:30 - 7:30

Topic: "How do can our Personality Types and our Spiritual Paths Work Together or work against each other?"

Have you ever wondered why some people were so inspired by some activities or books or prayers that left you empty? Or have you had inspirational experiences that others simply couldn't understand no matter

how much I tried to explain it? Perhaps your 'personality type' or the way your brain works is just different than 'those people'. You'll have a chance to look at your 'personality type' according to a common personality inventory tool. Then we'll consider what is often helpful for those similar to you. Maybe we will understand more of the ways God comes to each of us in ways that 'work for us'. (Sometimes I try prayer methods that don't fit me just to try to understand others....)

Presenter: Pastor Larry Morris



3rd Annual HSLC Arts and Literature Show

"Spirit"

October 30th, 2011

We invite our artists and writers to share with the congregation their creative work!

Whatever your creative touch, share it with us. In past years we have had paintings, photography, needle point, animation, a hand made doll and rocker, quilts, lapidary, sculpture, and writings of many kinds.

Our theme this year is 'Spirit', however not all of the items displayed need to tie into the theme.

You need to be able to deliver your item/s to the church after 5:00pm on Saturday, October 29 and pick them up at 12:30pm on Sunday the 30th. The actual show is on Sunday morning between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

We do have a release that each participant must sign and the committee does reserve the right to not show items that it thinks may not fit in the show.

If you have questions or would like to help with the show please talk to Pastor Larry or Lyla Jacobsen.



HSLC Writer's Group

We meet on the **second Saturday of the month, 10am-12pm.**

We gather to encourage each other to write and new writers to begin! Please come and join us.

At our gathering those who bring writings to read have plenty of time to read and share their work. Feedback is given if requested - otherwise the word of the day is 'encouragement!' Some of our writings are just for the sake of writing, others get published in the newsletter and the group is publishing its first book of gathered writings due out in time for our 'Art and Literature Show' in October.

Our participants write prose, poetry, stories, prayers and children's literature. We write about a wide range of topics from faith to self discovery to simple experiences to life with children, to relationships, to experiences of death, to reflections on beauty and laughter and much, much more.

We talk about what moves us to write and how we keep at it - or not. At some of our meetings we will have a 'Writing Exercise', meant to stimulate our creativity and open new doors for inspiration.

You are invited to come and listen and enjoy the creativity of our writers. Or ... you are invited to come and read your own writings - and be encouraged to write more!

So, join us at our first gathering on **September 10, 10am to 12pm** at the church!

- Pastor Larry



VINTAGE SPIRITS

The Vintage Spirits is our "senior" members (60+) group.

September through May, we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (with the exception of Nov and Dec). The 2nd Wednesday, we gather at the church at 1:00 pm for a variety of activities. The 4th Wednesday is reserved for an activity outside the church – times and places will vary.

- The Vintage Spirits are starting a new season on **Wednesday, September 14 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall** with a **"Hobby Day"**. Please bring a sample to display and be prepared to share about what you like to do in your spare time.
- On **Wednesday, September 28**, we will take a trip to the **Glass Museum in Tacoma**. We will leave from the church at 9:00 am and be back around 2:00 pm. Cost is \$10 for the museum. Please bring money for lunch - we will stop to eat along the way. Let Tammie know if you want to go.

Contact:

Tammie Zarfos 425-823-2727 ext 26 or confirmation@hslckirkland.org

Community TELL

In an effort to get a head start to our 2nd year of Seminary, Anja and I signed up for 3 one week each 'intensive' classes: "Fostering Communities of Faith," "Martin Luther King," and "Contemporary Spirituality and Prayer." In order to do the equivalent of the usual 10-week class in 1 week it was necessary to read the 3-5 books for each class ahead of time. Neither of us quite knew what to expect but the word "intensive" was an accurate description of the 3 weeks we spent in summer school.

Each class ran from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. By the time we navigated through rush hour 520 traffic, we reached home around 5:00. After a short break for dinner, it was back to the computer to either write a 3-page reflection of the day's class – to be posted to our professor via the internet by 8:30 PM, work on a major paper due on Friday or prepare for the next day's class.

What made this schedule manageable was the quality of the classes. Each was outstanding. It is hard to pick a favorite but for me it was "Fostering Community" where the course objectives was to enhance our ability to foster group participation, team leadership and team building – essential skills when working with congregations or in other aspects of ministry.

As we prepare for fall quarter at Seattle University, we are also working out our course of study so that our classes meet the requirements of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. It seems hard to believe but next year at this time we will be packing up and heading to Berkeley, California to complete what is called the 'Lutheran Year' at PLTS. This will be followed by a last year of internship.

This is an amazing, wonderful time for us. I don't think I have ever been so excited about classes or learned so much in such a short time. Thank you for your interest and support. It has been so helpful, encouraging and inspiring.

— Mary-Alyce Burleigh

Faith and Everyday Life

Eccl 3:4

A Time to Dance

This is the pairing with "A Time to Mourn." Mourning is an inward turning with an outward expression. Dancing is pure outward expressing.

For some of us this takes little flexibility work and we are ready to dance at a moment's notice. For others it's an acquired skill (and taste).

For example, it is possible that "Thou shalt not move when you hear music" is the secret 11th commandment, but it is highly unlikely.

If there is a time to mourn and be sad, there is also apparently a time to experience and express the many rhythms that live dormant in our bodies. Dancing comes from within. Dancing gets expressed in the flexibility of muscles that are tuned to respond to those rhythms.

There *is* a time to dance. Our bodies may not respond with the flexibility we might wish for but our spirits can. An old hymn goes, "If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can..."well, do other stuff.

So if you cannot dance like Ginger, Michael Jackson, The Stars...well, maybe you could just sway a little bit or tap a toe.

As you listen to music this month, if you can't get yourself to dance, at least notice whether there might be a stirring inside. It just might be God's Spirit trying to move a mountain.

After all, flexibility has to start somewhere.

Lutheran Counseling Network



Connected in Faith...Committed to Serve Capital Campaign Update

We are a few months past the halfway point of our three-year capital campaign. Of the \$818K pledged we've received \$445K in contributions. So far we have been able to pay \$342,000 towards the mortgage, bringing on monthly payments down from \$10,695 to \$8,431. The difference is allowing us to invest more in the ministries of the church versus paying mortgage interest.

We are using 10% of the capital campaign proceeds to improve our facility. To date we have installed the movable wall in the Fellowship Hall, recoated the sanctuary floor, replaced office windows, and installed hearing impaired solutions in the sanctuary.

The Social Ministry team is also investing 10% of the proceeds into some key initiatives including sponsoring a village in Nicaragua and installing automatic doors in the narthex for disabled access.

Your continued support and contributions to the capital campaign will ensure that we meet our mortgage pay down goals so we can invest further in our ministries. While the total contribution is tracking positive, we aren't currently on target to hit our goal. Of the 230 members who pledged, 53 have paid their pledge in full, 87 are below the 50% mark, while the rest are tracking at 50% or more of their target contribution amount.

We plan to send letters out in September to those that pledged to let them know what we have on record. If you are a new member and wish to pledge/contribute to the campaign, please contact the church office. Karen Dicken, our parish administrator, is available to answer any questions about pledges and contributions (parishadmin@hslckirkland.org, 425-823-2727). Please write to stewardship@hslckirkland.org with general inquiries about the campaign.

There's room in your week to help your faith grow, stretch, and be challenged – just join us!

Saturday, September 24 – Dr. Dan Peterson of Seattle University talks about *Christian Faith and the New Atheists*. Learn more about the wave of atheist literature out there, how theologians are responding, and why it matters. It's a one-day, big-chance, don't-miss-it class from 9:00am - 3:00pm. \$25.00 (lunch included).

How about **Wednesdays at 7:00pm**? If you've already taken Crossways (or aren't quite ready for a 2-year commitment), come beginning October 5 as we take on *Being Christian Out Loud: How To Talk About Your Faith*. Okay, you're not comfortable knocking on doors or handing out bibles at the bus station – but aren't there other ways to speak publicly about your faith? What does that look like? No cost – you'll find us in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm. (Come after Koinonia Kitchen!)

Thursdays are better for you? Alright, then come at 7:00pm and talk about a big issue in *What's the Problem with Immigration?* What are some of the questions we should ask as Christians? Does the bible have anything to say? What's your family's immigration story? Join Stacy Kitahata and Diakonda Gurning for a four-week journey through big questions and important stories. \$20.00 for the class.

Want to learn a new language? No problem. Also on Thursdays, take *Introductory Spanish* with Yolanda, a local teacher. \$100 for a five-week series, which may continue in the winter as interest indicates.

There's something for everyone. Register on Sunday mornings, use the form in this newsletter, or download the form online at www.hslckirkland.org. See you in class!

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church—Classes for Fall 2011 Adult Education

Beginning Spanish

Dates and Time: Thursday, September 8 through October 6, at 7:00pm—Taught by Yolanda

Cost: \$100.00 for the class (limit of 10 students)

This would be especially helpful for those interested in going to our partner village in Nicaragua.

I would like to register for this class _____ I will need childcare _____

Christian Faith and the New Atheists

Dates and Time: Saturday, September 24, from 9:00am-3:00pm—Taught by Dr. Dan Peterson of Seattle University

Cost: \$25.00 for the class (includes lunch)

A one day class with Dr. Dan Peterson of Seattle University. What do thoughtful Christians make of the rising (or at least more noticeable) tide of atheism apparent over the last few years? Their answers may surprise you!

I would like to register for this class _____ I will need childcare _____ *

Being Christian Out Loud: How to Talk About Your Faith

Dates & Time: Wednesdays, October 5 through November 2 at 7:00pm—Taught by Pr. Katy

Cost: no charge

How to talk about being Christian in daily life: with family, with friends, at work, with kids, when people don't care, when they have a very different theology than you do, when they've memorized way more bible verses than you have...you name it.

I would like to register for this class _____ I will need childcare _____

What's the Problem with Immigration?

Dates & Time: Thursdays, October 13 through November 3 at 7:00pm—Taught by Stacy Kitahata and Diakonda Gurning *Cost: \$10*

Several local speakers will be with us as we explore the many questions and issues around immigration policy in the United States. Does the bible have anything to say? Is there such a thing as a "Christian response" to immigration? What about the fact that Christians disagree on this issue?

I would like to register for this class _____ I will need childcare _____

P.E.A.C.E. of Mind

Dates and Time: Monday, October 17, at 6:30pm

Cost: \$5

P.E.A.C.E of Mind workshops are a unique way to bring together parents of children from birth-6th grade to help build a community of safety. The website is <http://pomwa.org/>

I would like to register for this class _____ I will need childcare _____

Childcare is available for children age six weeks through 6 years old with supervision of children ages 7 through 10. Cost is \$5 per child per night. *Because of the length of "Christian Faith & the New Atheists", we are asking for a \$10.00 contribution toward childcare. Scholarships are available.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Volunteer Classifieds

We all know that Holy Spirit Lutheran Church provides an amazing community of loving, compassionate people. We have so many committees, doing such great things both within the church and in our external communities. However, there are also some people who are still looking for a way that they can reach out and help someone. If you have something you could help someone else with, no matter how small the offer, let us know! It's amazing how the smallest offer can make the biggest difference! If you would love to do something, but don't know what, go ahead and email or call anyway. We can help match you to a need! helmonr@seattleu.edu or Anja at 425-802-9910.

Similarly, if you have a need for some help, contact Anja and we'll work hard to get your need filled or posted.

Below are some offers and requests for help. If you can help, or would like to take someone up on an offer, please email helmonr@seattleu.edu or call Anja at 425-802-9910. Anja will get you connected with the right people!

HELP WANTED

Remote Control Programmer

A couple of members have expressed a need for help figuring out their remote controls! If you've ever programmed your own remote control, then you qualify!

Helpful Clean-up

HSLC needs some help with cleaning up after (and sometimes before) weddings that are hosted at the church. If you could spare a couple hours every once in awhile, HSLC would greatly appreciate it!

Plumber

The Property Committee could use the help of a plumber!

Build Project Coordinator

The Housing Committee is looking for someone to help with the coordination of organizing volunteers for building projects.

Housing Committee

The Housing Committee is looking for new members!! If you're interested with helping the homeless and learning more about these programs at HSLC, come join!

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee is looking for some help coordinating the New Member classes. Training will be provided.

Basic Lawn Care

HSLC members who are unable to do physical work are in need of assistance.

To get more information or offer help with any of the above, contact Anja at helmonr@seattleu.edu or 425-802-9910.

HELP OFFERED

Math Help

A previous high school math teacher offers help in Algebra, Trigonometry, or Pre-Calculus.

Simple Home Computer Lessons

Frustrated by adding attachments to email, understanding how to use contacts, or figuring out Facebook? A member is offering to come to your home for an hour or two and helping you with these kinds of computer tasks.

Your Talent Here

What can you help others with? Send your offer to helmonr@seattleu.edu, and see it posted in the next newsletter!

To get more information or accept help with any of the above, contact Anja at helmonr@seattleu.edu or 425-802-9910.

10th Anniversary Interfaith Service

September 11 at 1:00pm

Kirkland Performance Center

350 Kirkland Avenue, Kirkland

Please join people of many faith traditions for a **memorial service on the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks**. Pastor Mike will be doing a reflection at the service and our choir will also be singing.