



May 2010

# The Eagle

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## Pastor's Message

In this season of Easter, our Sunday texts invite us to think about what it means to be resurrected – not just some day, at the end of time, but also now.

Jesus is the first fruit of God's resurrection project - the new creation that is already being brought forth though it's fulfillment is yet to come.

We are part of that resurrection project – as individuals, and as a congregation – because as the church, we are Christ's resurrected body in this world.

Sometimes it is hard to see signs of the resurrection in our world or in our own lives. Yet, Jesus invites us to trust, even when we cannot see. Like the power of life in seeds whose shoots have not yet broken through the soil, God's spirit is working in us and through us, even if there is little tangible evidence...yet.

Let us help one another trust the power that Spirit – whose presence among us we will celebrate this month on Pentecost. Let us watch for new shoots.

In Expectation — *Pastor Carol*

## Garbology at SJU and Return of MOVIE NIGHT!!

Under the leadership of our Property Committee, SJU has been trying to improve it's trash management to fit the 3 streams: food and yard waste, recycling, and the garbage that can't fit into either of those 2 categories. Our older kids Sunday School class has been learning about how our trash management here at SJU is part of caring for God's creation.

JOIN US on **Friday, May 7** for the award-winning, endearing Pixar movie **WALL-E**, preceded by a short subject *The Story of Stuff*. WALL-E is a lonely little robotic trash compactor who was left behind after Earth was abandoned some 700 years earlier. He has been methodically cleaning up the trash-ridden planet ever since, and harboring a tiny plant he has found among the garbage. Eve, meanwhile, lives on the immense spaceship Axiom, which is also home to the fat, blob-like remains of the human race living literally on autopilot, doing nothing but buying cheap merchandise, stuffing their faces at the Regurgitated Food Buffet and

## Sundays in May

**May 2** Rev. Jerry Buss, Assistant to the Bishop for Outreach and Mission will be preaching as well as leading Adult Forum

**May 9** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day.  
**Lutheran World Relief Sunday.**

**May 23 Festival of Pentecost** Wear something red and bring a geranium if you can. Our worship service that day will include global music to celebrate the church around the world.



## May 22 Garden Celebration and Garage Sale Day

The SJU Garden Committee is hosting a **Garden Celebration Day** in conjunction with the **Phinney/Greenwood Garage Sale Day**. SJU will provide free beverages, chairs, kids activities, music, and restrooms and a bake sale.

SJU members and friends are also invited to bring their "rummage" to sell and we will have tables set up in the parking lot (or in the Fellowship Hall if the weather is bad) As we did last September, each person will sell their own things. Proceeds can be kept by the seller or all (or a portion) donated to the SJU deficit reduction. Please fill out the form in upcoming Sunday bulletins (or call the church office) to let us know if you would like to help with the Garden Celebration, sell rummage, or bring baked goods.

lying around watching video screens. She is a probe robot that flies to Earth to determine if the planet is ready for habitation. WALL-E takes one look at the streamlined, angelic Eve and falls in love. This is a film for adults and children alike. **We will serve pizza beginning at 6:30 PM and start the movie at 7.** Even if you have seen this movie before, we hope you will join us!

## Message from our intern

The day after Easter, Chris and I took a mini-road-trip (a *viajito*, if you will) to the Olympic Peninsula to visit friends in Port Angeles and to check out the Tongue Point Marine Life Sanctuary, a collection of tide pools on the coast of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

We've seen miniature tide-life before; the photos we've taken of barnacles, bull kelp, rockweed and their watery friends that plaster our apartment walls are proof enough of that. But we'd never seen anything like what we found at Tongue Point.

Anemones that transform their dull above-water appearances into incomprehensibly vibrant colors, hot pinks and electric greens, when submerged in water. Starfish – huge starfish! – in oranges and purples Crayola couldn't rival. And an endless carpet of mollusks – a mollusk planet, really – we eventually got used to walking on top of.

What worlds lay just beyond our horizons? What colors have we yet to see, to paint with? What thriving ecosystems are already at our shores, just waiting to be discovered?

Yesterday I had the opportunity to hear Phyllis Tickle lecture at a nearby church in north Seattle. Tickle writes about "emerging" forms of Christianity, new ways of being and doing church that are part of an already-underway global shift that she believes will be as important as the Reformation.

As I listened to her muse about the future of global community and the future of the church, I thought about those tide pools and the vibrant worlds that flourished within them, worlds I'd never imagined could exist. Yet here they were, only a few hours from home. I wonder whether a discovery like our discovery of the tidepools is something like what God has in store for all of us in a future nearer than we think.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Buss will be with us to lead a conversation during adult forum and to preach during worship. Jerry is the Director of Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission for the Northwest Washington Synod. I hope his visit will be one spark for an ongoing conversation about the vibrant discoveries God has in store for us here in this place, this year and in the years to come. Please join us.

I pray God's blessing on all of us as one season of new life gives way to another.

In Christ, *Seminary Intern Matt*

## Garden Work Day

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am-12:00pm



All are welcome to share in the care. The **PNA Greenwood Garage Sale** is on Saturday May 22 from 9am-3pm, and St. John United will be participating. Come join us as we get to know our neighbors and showcase our community garden!

**Many thanks to the grounds clean up crew** that worked around the church on the last Saturday in March. Our SJU Men's Ministries Group hosted the event and most of the man power. Blessings to Cliff Chung, Ed Hedlund, Edie Boettcher, Intern Matt Keadle, Roger and Kevin Tapp, Barbara Reid, Brandon Hardenbrook, Kris Freeman, Mark and Carly Lee, Eileen Little, Mark and Carly Lee, Dave, Heidi and Anna Favor, Jerry and Arlys Pederson. Laura Hanson cheered them all on from the kitchen while she made sandwiches and refreshments for the crew.

## Adult Forum

**May 2 Rev. Jerry Buss, Assistant to the Bishop for Outreach and Congregational Mission**, will be talk with us about the ELCA's commitment to renewing and revitalizing congregations and what that means for us at St. John United as we seek to strengthen ourselves for more effective ministry and mission.

**May 9-23 And God Saw that It Was Good**, a 4 week series using segments of the PBS National Parks series and a study and discussion guide prepared by Earth Ministry. May 9, God in Nature; May 16, Made In the Image of God; May 23, A Covenant with Every Living Thing. Adult Forum meets at 9:10 AM in room 217.

**May 30 Grace Inside a Sound: Finding God in the Music of U2**. God's Spirit moves in mysterious ways, including through – could it be? – rock and roll. Get on your boots and join us as we explore how the rock band U2 draws from Biblical tradition and Christian theology to chart a zigzag course through the ever-changing horizons of our postmodern world.

## **LPPO/Advocacy Update**

The 2010 legislative session has ended, but the struggle for a just and sustainable Washington goes on. A variety of initiatives for this fall's ballot are just beginning to gather signatures in earnest. These could include initiatives on a range of issues important for people of faith, including tax reform, immigration law, and more. Stay updated and informed about the latest initiatives by signing up for the LPPO's email alerts. Visit [www.lppowa.org](http://www.lppowa.org) for more.

## Ministry of the Month:

### Lutheran World Relief and Fabric Fantasy

**Lutheran World Relief** (LWR) is a non-governmental organization founded in 1945 to respond to the needs of communities devastated by World War II. Since then, it has evolved from a relief agency shipping material resources to war-torn Europe to an agency that works with partners worldwide to respond to emergencies, seek lasting solutions to global poverty. LWR advocates for Fair Trade that helps farming families and artisans earn a better income assisting people to better care for themselves, their communities and the environment.



Last year, the LWR became part of a major new **anti-malaria** initiative, along with the ELCA and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, in partnership with the United Nations Association. This massive campaign is being officially launched this spring. (see [www.lutheranmalaria.org](http://www.lutheranmalaria.org)) Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that kills more than a million people a year, the majority of them children. A \$10 net can save a life.

We will celebrate **LWR Sunday at SJU on Mother's Day, May 9**. That morning, we will show a short video clip about the new malaria initiative in the lounge before worship. Our Sunday School will be giving LWR fair trade mini-chocolate bars to all the women of the congregation in honor of Mother's day. During Coffee Hour we will show a video about the global distribution of quilts, health kits and school kits.

At St. John United we participate in the work of Lutheran World Relief through **Fabric Fantasy**, a group of women who meet on Tuesday mornings during the school year to sew quilts that are shipped each spring and distributed throughout the world by this agency. They also collect items for school kits and health kits.

You can buy Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, and handicrafts at many local markets including PCC and Ballard Market. Or you can also shop on-line by going to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) and the Fair Trade drop-down menu.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly will be Friday and Saturday May 14 and 15 at the Everett Convention Center. Attending from St. John United are Carolyn Lee and Roger Tapp, voting members; Pastor Carol and John Recher (clergy); and Matt Keadle, Intern. The theme is Living the Good News of God's Welcome. Dr. Amy Oden from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. will be our speaker. Dr. Oden on the theme of hospitality.

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## Fourth Annual RIC Workshop

In order to assist area Lutheran congregations in living out their ministry of welcome to the LGBT community, the fourth annual *Reconciling in Christ Adventure Workshop* will be held from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, at Trinity in Lynnwood. Designed for clergy and laity, the workshop will provide ministry resources and strategies, as well as the opportunity to network and share ideas. Lutherans Concerned NW Regional Directors, Karen and Paul Jolly, will be present to share their insights.

The workshop is sponsored by the Puget Sound and South Puget Sound chapters of Lutherans Concerned, Open Door Ministries and Harmony, a LifeGroup Ministry of Trinity. Lunch will be provided. Suggested donation, \$10. For more information contact Pastor Rick Pribbernow at 425-359-9313 or Corine Schmidt at 425-640-5316. Registration deadline is June 4.

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## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION May 2/June 6/July 4/August 1

The SJU Social Ministry Committee is promoting a First Sunday of the month collection of food and cash for Northwest Harvest, which distributes to over 300 feeding programs in Washington State. If you wish to donate food, select shelf-stable food with the lowest saturated fats and refined carbohydrates (sugar, white flour). They buy white rice and beans in bulk, so we encourage you to donate other items. If you want to donate funds, please make checks payable to Northwest Harvest.



## News From the Homefront and Around Our Parish

As you return from travels and host relatives and visitors, please remember to share your news with us.

**Jan Chalupny & Betty Edwards** are the contact people for contributions to News from the HomeFront! Jan's email address is: chalupnj@amgen.com Betty's phone: 206-282-8674

**Quilt –wrapping Sunday** for our high school senior, Anna Robaidek, will be Sunday, June 13.

**Please remember in your prayers . . .** Francis Baker (lung complications) Aimee Barnett (critical diabetes concerns, granddaughter of Verna Rossevelt) Robert Barnett (aneurysm near heart, son-in-law of Verna Rossevelt) Andy & Lorraine Hall (moving to Anderson House) Sonja Kjaer (at Columbia Lutheran Home) Oda Sorensen (moved to skilled care unit for declining health) Una Chalupny (fractured wrist from fall, mother of Jan) Willy Freeman (alzheimer's, father of Kris) Winnie Hinkelman (Parkinson's, mother of Anne Johnson) Sharon Kahan (progression of M.S., foreign exchange student/daughter of Jan Olson) Henry Minkema (complications w/prostrate surgery and cancer, brother of Anne Harrison) Ron & Mary Latham (health complications) Alan Baker (difficulty walking from Warnekes Syndrome) Larry & Judy Meyer (prayers of support for Larry's cancer, daughter of Ruth Sundseth) Tony (recalled to Iraq, nephew of Nancy Wanwig) Marie Stephens (health issues) Diane Thomas (emotional support) Meridee Johansen (outreach & social support) Beth Shannon (aging aunt of Verna Rossevelt) Lisa Becker (brain tumor, stepsister of Joe Marsh) Malkandi Family (Sam, Mali, Nicole, Arvin - former LATCH family facing immigration problems) Brad Olson (heart issues and health concerns) Jennifer Tanner (colon cancer, friend of Olsons, Purcells, Chalupny-Lees) Amy Eastman (cancer, cousin of Susan Washington) Ryan Schroeder (in a coma from snowmobile accident, friend of Linda Hedlund's family) Caroline Lofgren (health issues)

### Financial Report

Month of March 2010

Expenses	\$ 20,915
Income	\$ 18,459

Year-to-date (through March 31, 2010)

Expenses	\$ 65,172
Income	\$ 61,174

#### DEFICIT REDUCTION

Thanks to all of you who have been contributing to reducing our 2009 deficit of \$5700. As of April 20 we had collected \$1,964.00.

To make a contribution, either use a separate envelope and check OR, if you want to make a weekly or monthly contribution with your regular offering, write DEFICIT on the envelope with the amount that you wish to designate to that purpose.

## The New Church Directory Is Ready!!!

Our self-produced church directory will be available this month. The directory pages will be inserted in a plastic binder to which we can add pages in the future. One copy per family please!

If there are errors in your information, please let the church office know and we will publish corrections.

### **Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Evening Women's Bible Study, May 18, 7:30 PM. (note change in time)** Luke, chapters 17-20.

**Men's Bible Study, May 19, 7 PM** Join us as we finish our journey through the book of Deuteronomy.

**Women's Fellowship Bible Study, May 27, 11 AM** Luke, chapters 20-24,

### **Men's Ministry**

**Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday April 10, 8:00 am. We'll catch up on the month's events and then continue reading and discussing Michael Chabon's *Manhood for Amateurs*. This month's theme is "Studies in Pink and Blue" and we'll read the chapters "Surefire Lines," "Boyland," and "The Amateur Family."

### **SJU Summer Hikes!**

On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll kick off with a Sunday afternoon hike at nearby Discovery Park. This hike is for all ages with a roundtrip distance of 3 miles with an elevation gain of 200 feet. It meanders through the woods, finds the beach, and then clammers up a bluff for amazing views. Plus, there's even a lighthouse thrown in for good measure! Meet in the church parking lot at 2pm. For more information contact Intern Matt.

### **LET'S GO TO HOLDEN VILLAGE!**

This summer Ron Young will be teaching at Holden Village for two weeks from July 10 through July 17 and Pastor Carol will also be there for that week. Other SJU members including the Chalupny/Lee family have signed up for the weeks preceeding and following the Fourth of July. You can sign up as an individual or family for any amount of time – from a day to a week (or more). Please let Pastor Carol know your dates or post them on the sheet on the upstairs hall bulletin board so we can see who is going and when. The Holden website is: <http://www.holdenvillage.org>.

## **SJU 2030**

### **(our growing young adult group!)**

Please contact Intern Matt for more information on any of these activities.

#### **Theology on Tap**

What: Discussions of *One Step Closer: Why U2 Matters to those Seeking God* by Chris Scharen

When: Wednesdays May 12 and May 26, 7:30pm

Where: Local brewpubs (locations TBA)

#### **Free First Thursday Field Trip**

What: Visit fantastic local museums for free!

When: Thursday, May 6, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture – meet outside the museum entrance, or just give us a call when you arrive (847-873-7971).

#### **Baseball!**

What: Baseball! The Mariners take on the Minnesota Twins.

When: Monday, May 31, 7:10pm

Where: Safeco Field



### **(Lutheran Youth of North Seattle)**

SJU had a forum with LYONS co-chair, Jackie Hubbard, as part of the process of LYONS covenant renewal process with its member congregations. The forum was well-attended and a variety of questions/concerns were raised, along with hopes for the future of this ministry.

Those who spoke wanted to strengthen the presence of LYONS at SJU. There was also a concern that we as a congregation need to find more ways to help our youth stay involved in the life of SJU, including its worship.

There was the hope that LYONS would work in multiple ways to foster relationships with individual kids. We are planning to schedule a meeting of parents and other interested SJU folk to follow up on some of the concerns we can address as a congregation. If you have input to the LYONS covenant renewal process, please convey them to Jan Chalupny or Jan Olson, our new LYONS Board Representatives beginning in June.

## **Youth & Family**



#### **Sunday School:**

The last day of Sunday School is May 16.

The **Sunday School Picnic** will be Sunday, June 6, after church at the 59<sup>th</sup> St. Park at the northwest corner of the Woodland Park Zoo. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad, fruits, veggies, chips or dessert to share.

**Quilt –wrapping Sunday** for our high school senior (Anna Robaidek) will be Sunday, June 13.

**SJU Swim Night** July 17 at Mounger Pool (7pm to 9pm)

**Greenwood Parade** July 21

**Church Camp-Out** July 30 – Aug 1 at Millersylvania State Park south of Olympia. Anyone who has been on one of the campouts knows how fun they are! The site is a large, private area with huge trees, a campfire circle and a big CCC shelter in the midst of Millersylvania State Park south of Olympia. There's a lake for swimming and hiking trails. You bring a tent (or let us know and we'll bring one for you) and sleeping gear; food is provided. We share meals, sing around the campfire, swim in the lake, and play great games. Come for a day, an overnight or three days. Talk to Roger Tapp for more information.

**Camp Lutherwood** has exciting camps for children and youth ages 7 and up. Check out their website: [www.camplutherwood.org](http://www.camplutherwood.org) for information or call 360- 734-7652.

## **May Birthdays**

5	Betty Edwards
8	Adam Broback
15	Nancy Wanwig
18	Dylan Lofgren
	Luke Hedlund
25	Mary Jones
	Erik Gronberg
26	Fred Hamilton
	Glenn Krantz
	Roger Tapp
27	Marc Ostlie-Olson
29	Ingrid Robaidek



### **May Worship Assistants**

<u>Lector</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jodie Purcell 9 <sup>th</sup> Edie Boettcher 16 <sup>th</sup> Gloria Ratcliffe 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sonja Hardenbrook 30 <sup>th</sup> Meridee Johansen June 6 <sup>th</sup> Dikka Ballantine 13 <sup>th</sup> Linda Lillevik
<u>Communion Assistants</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> J.D. Klingman 9 <sup>th</sup> John Recher 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan Olson 23 <sup>rd</sup> Bill Purcell 30 <sup>th</sup> Janet Recher June 6 <sup>th</sup> Arlys Pederson 13 <sup>th</sup> Gloria Ratcliffe
<u>Counters</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> John & Bonnie Klasell 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Tapp & Nancy Wanwig
<u>Nursery</u>	Carly or Katie Lee, Leeza Olson, Esther Purcell, Anna Robaidek
<u>Ushers</u>	Jamie Jensen & Young & Mark Lee

### **Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!**

**June 6** – Sunday School Picnic after worship

**June 13** – Quilt Wrapping for SJU Seniors

**June 20** – Father’s Day

**July 17** – SJU Swim Night

**July 21** – Greenwood Parade

**July 30-Aug 1** – Church Camp-out

**August 20** – Salmon Barbecue

#### **Coffee Hour Hosting Schedule**

The first Sunday of every month will be allotted to the initials A-G.

The second Sunday will be H-K,

The third Sunday will be L-R,

The fourth Sunday will be S-Z.

Any month having 5 Sundays, the fifth Sunday will be hosted by the Sunday School families.



**Have we missed your birthday or spelled your name wrong?** Do we have your correct address?

Do you have a name for the prayer list?

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