



■ **ROSTER CHANGES**

FALL 2010

- Faith Lutheran Church, Castle Rock, CO** voted to leave ELCA, removed from roster 9/26/2010
- The Rev. Michael Knauff** from Pastor Faith Lutheran Church, Castle Rock, CO removed 10/28/2010
- Todd Von Gunten** from Pastor on Leave from Call to removed from roster 10/28/2010
- The Rev. Gerald Thompson**, retired pastor, deceased 11/3/2010
- The Rev. Howard Kreiselmeyer**, retired pastor, deceased 11/22/2010
- The Rev. Kevin Meyer** from On Leave from Call to Pastor Bethel Lutheran Church, Windsor, CO 12/1/2010
- The Rev. Steve Hartten** from On Leave from Call to resignation from roster 12/1/2010
- The Rev. Richard Reed** from St. Paul's Peace, Las Vegas, NM to Retired. 12/1/2010
- The Rev. Seokhwan Jeong** from Pastor Korean Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO to On Leave from Call 12/31/2010
- The Rev. Leonard Rudolph**, retired pastor, deceased 12/6/2010

JANUARY 2011

- The Rev. Neale Nelson**, retired pastor, deceased 1/31/2011
- The Rev. Ronald Bockhaus** from SW Minnesota Synod to Pastor Shepherd of the Mountains, Estes Park, CO 1/24/2011

■ **RMS CONTRIBUTES \$53,000 TO MALARIA INITIATIVE**

Through the enthusiastic work of the Rocky Mountain Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO), the Rocky Mountain Synod is a leading supporter of the ELCA Malaria Initiative. Thirty-three congregations contributed \$43,500 and the assembly offering last spring was \$9,500 for a total so far of just over \$53,000. On a related note, the offering for World Hunger at last month's Theological Conference was just over \$1000.

■ **F.A.I.T.H. – FAITH ALIVE IN THE HOME WORKSHOP**

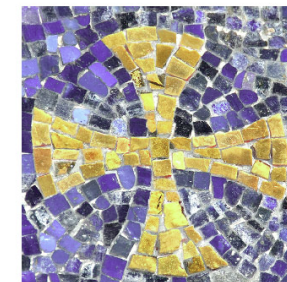
Come explore together how **Faith Alive In The Home** is a partnership between congregation and families that can be lived 24/7.... Together! Bring the whole family and whole ministry teams to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Broomfield, CO. The event will take place Friday evening, April 8 and Saturday, April 9. Visit [www.rmselca.org](http://www.rmselca.org) for information and to register.

**Colorado Springs Assembly is May 12-14**

*Give us Today our Daily Bread*

**M**artin Luther described our Daily Bread as much more than the food on our table. Instead, our Daily Bread is all that sustains us and gives us life. At the 2011 Rocky Mountain Synod, we will reflect upon how we receive—and give—our Daily Bread.

We gather at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in south Colorado Springs, May 12-14. Opening worship is 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, and closing worship con-



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cludes prior to noon on Saturday, May 14.

Dr. Barbara Rossing from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago will lead us in biblical and theological reflections. Our ELCA representative is Dr. Kenneth Inskeep.

All assembly information is posted online beginning in mid February at [www.rmselca.org/assembly](http://www.rmselca.org/assembly). The registration fee for each voting member is \$300. Fee for visitors with meals is \$175. Exhibitors with meals are \$125. Visitors without meals are \$100, and exhibitors without meals are \$50. Parking at the hotel is free, and internet in guest rooms is complimentary.

Friday evening we will enjoy a celebration banquet together and welcome an engaging musical duo: Acoustic Eidolon. We look forward to our annual gathering together.

**2011 ASSEMBLY  
DATES & DEADLINES**

[www.rmselca.org/assembly](http://www.rmselca.org/assembly)

**March 16**

Deadline for submission of resolutions.

Deadline for requests for displays, ministry book page, interest lunch, and plenary time.

**April 6**

Assembly registration deadline. Deadline for making hotel reservations.

**April 13**

Pre-Assembly materials posted online.

**May 12-14  
Assembly**



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## 2011 Summary

Each congregation shares a percentage of its unrestricted giving with the wider church. In the Rocky Mountain Synod, mission support from congregations in 2011 is expected to be \$2,517,500 of which 50% is passed on for the churchwide mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our anticipated 2011 total income of \$2,942,648 also includes \$281,148 from the ELCA and \$144,000 in endowment, grant, gift, and interest income.

**50% of congregational mission support is passed on to ELCA churchwide (43% of total income)**

\$1,258,750 represents the Rocky Mountain Synod's partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, acknowledging that by working together, we are making Christ known in ways that no individual or congregation can accomplish alone. Our dollars:

- support 250 mission personnel in 50 countries, including 49 young adult volunteers.
- start new congregations (61 in 2010), support over 200 under development, and encourage 195 existing congregations intentionally focused on renewal
- support eight ELCA seminaries, 26 colleges, 180 campus ministries, 1,530 early childhood centers, 257 elementary schools, and 145 outdoor ministries
- support domestic witness, worship, evangelism, youth ministry, outdoor ministry, and resource development
- fund domestic social justice advocacy and education, including advocacy with the United Nations
- subsidize health care premiums of retired pastors, missionaries and lay church workers
- assist the ELCA foundation in its work of helping members support ministry today and in the future.

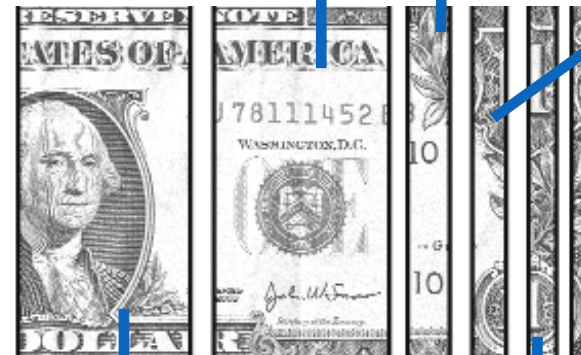


*all RMS figures are for the 2011 fiscal year which begins February 1, 2011.*

**In 2009, 4.54 million members of 10,348 ELCA congregations gave \$1.93 billion in regular weekly offerings. Of that total, 93.7% remained in congregations to fund local mission and ministries. 3.2% supported synodical ministries. 3.1% supported churchwide ministries.**

\$493,103 supports territory ministries that foster hope and healing in the synod's five-state region, including eight campus ministries, advocacy ministries in Colorado and New Mexico, Lutheran camps, Lutheran Family Services of Colorado, Lutheran Social Services of Utah, Lutheran Social Services of the South, the Urban and Border Servant Corps, and ecumenical organizations in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

### synod territory ministries



### synod staffing and travel

\$619,000 provides staff travel, medical, pension, and salaries. As the synod's pastor, Bishop Allan Bjornberg is called to provide pastoral care and leadership for congregations and rostered leaders. He is assisted by Pastor Dan Bollman, Diaconal Minister Madelyn Busse (¼ time), and Linda Staats (½ time). Pastor Jim Hytjan is the ELCA Director of Evangelical Outreach for the synod. Additional staff include Pastor Kent Mueller (⅙ time), director for administration and communication, and three administrative staff: Cheryl Almquist, Janice Ladd-Horkey, and Willie Hobbs (¾ time).

\$266,832 provides support for new congregations in the Rocky Mountain Synod, including Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, Denver, CO; New Horizons Lutheran

### new congregations

Church, Falcon, CO; Christ the King Lutheran Church, South Jordan, UT; Camino de Vida, Albuquerque, NM; and House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, CO. Salaries of pastor developers are paid by the ELCA Division for Outreach, representing additional ELCA funds returning to the Rocky Synod.

### office expense

\$173,750 provides office rent, postage, office machines, telephone, printing, insurance, paper, and supplies.

### Pacific & Betela Seminaries

\$53,137 supports Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, as the seminary in our region. Our three Companion Synods in Madagascar train pastors and lay church leaders at Betela Seminary. They are supported with \$5,000.

### synod ministries and leadership support

\$57,950 supports synod ministries and leadership support: candidacy process, first call theological education, youth umbrella team, outdoor ministries, mission outreach, hunger network, synod council, global mission, congregational ministries, multicultural ministry, border immersion project, and communication.