

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP



FALL INTRODUCTORY EVENTS

June 29, 2006

Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you.

Several years ago, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invited the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to participate in a **Renewing Worship** project, a process designed to yield a new collection of worship resources to succeed *Lutheran Book of Worship*. The *Renewing Worship* project has now begun to yield its first fruits: a new worship book called **Evangelical Lutheran Worship**.

In March, a **congregational resource kit** was offered to every ELCIC congregation. The kit served to introduce our congregations to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and to help people determine how best our communities might embrace our new worship book. In March, we also introduced a number of people who have been asked to assist us in introducing *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* across the ELCIC.

Five people are serving as **Synod Resource People**:

- Lorraine Reinhardt (British Columbia Synod)
- Robyn Simpson-Mohr (Synod of Alberta & the Territories)
- David Hunter (David replaces Brenda Nestegaard Paul who has been called to serve a congregation in BC; Saskatchewan Synod)
- Larry Weckwerth (Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod)
- Eric Dyck (Eastern Synod)

Two people are serving as **Seminary Resource People**:

- Jann Boyd (Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon)
- David Hall (Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo)

Three people are serving as **Project Coordinators** for the Canadian dimension of *Renewing Worship* / *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

- Debbie Lou Ludolph is focusing on the introductory phase.
- André Lavergne relates primarily to the ELCIC side of the project.
- Karen Johnson-Lefsrud relates primarily to the ELCA side.

This fall, **seventeen introductory events*** will unfold across the ELCIC. These events are designed to introduce worship leaders and any other interested people to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Dates and locations follow.

- Saturday, October 21** First Lutheran Church, Vancouver, BC
Christ Lutheran Church, Regina, SK
St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, NS
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ottawa, ON
Christ Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, MB
- Saturday, October 28** Trinity Lutheran Church, London, ON
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Hanover, ON
- Saturday, November 4** Christ Lutheran Church, Kelowna, BC
Augustana Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, SK
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sudbury, ON
Agricola Lutheran Church, Toronto, ON
- Saturday, November 18** Faith Lutheran Church, Brantford, ON
Hilldale Lutheran Church, Thunder Bay, ON
- Sunday, November 19** Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB
- Saturday, November 25** Unity Lutheran Church, Medicine Hat, AB
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo, ON
- Sunday, November 26** Hope Lutheran Church, Calgary, AB

We encourage all interested people—pastors, congregational musicians, worship team and worship committee members and any and all others— to place the appropriate date on their calendar and to watch for local details. In each venue, participants can expect a team of three or four dedicated volunteers including pastors and musicians to lead the event. The cost will be \$20 per person. Participants will each receive a copy of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Remember: 1. Copies of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* are being offered at a **pre-publication price of \$21** (if ordered by October 2). The price may, in fact, be reduced if exchange rates remain favourable. 2. Congregations may **take up to a year to pay** for a congregational order. They will still receive the pre-publication price if ordered by October 2, 2006. 3. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* will be released on **Tuesday, October 3**, with delivery across Canada within a couple of weeks.

Please mark the dates and pass the word.

All blessings.



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* Fourteen events are being hosted by the national church; another three by the Eastern Synod. All events are being coordinated by our Synod Resource People using a common set of resources.