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Fall
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The Spirit's Calling

A Newsletter of Spirit in the Desert

A Holy Place where people experience hospitality and renew their callings in the world

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AUTUMN IN THE DESERT - WEIRD...

When I lived in Minnesota I loved the brilliant autumn colors, the juicy Honeycrisp Apples that begged to be bitten, the fresh fragrant morning air and many other pleasant sensations. But in amongst those pleasant sensory stimuli was the realization that the beginning of the end was near. The Hydrangeas needed to be mulched, the windows re-calced, the yard raked (again and again), the snow blower tuned up, and the sun screen could be put away for another nine months.

Maybe it's because I'm Lutheran or maybe it's a different personality flaw, but even though I enjoyed autumn in Minnesota, I had that lingering sense that the end of the pleasantness was near. The darkness was close.

I experienced my first Sonoran Desert autumn 6 years ago-*and I almost missed it.* Many of the signs that I was used to don't happen here. There wasn't the sudden pronouncement that things were different. But fortunately one day I looked around and realized things HAD changed...but it did seem weird.

Instead of the growing season ending, the flora was coming alive after a toasty summer. The fruit of the barrel cactus was coming on and the desert broom was blooming. Fall colors were everywhere. The skies were filled with migratory and residential birds and butterflies. The parks and trails began to get more action by migratory humans. The buzz of new life was everywhere. It was so weird at first. There was not the ominous sense of cocooning that I had grown used to.



Fall is a great time in the desert and at *Spirit in the Desert!!* The flora and fauna is great but the best part is that we have the privilege to welcome so many of YOU into the Spirit in the Desert family.

Check out the programs on the next page and remember Spirit in the Desert is your place for FAMILY REUNIONS – PERSONAL RETREATS – WEDDINGS – ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

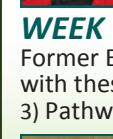
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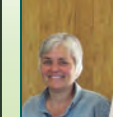
Lutherhostel March 6-11 & 13-18, 2011



WEEK ONE: The Promise of Sabbath & Jubilee Diane Jacobson, Director-Book of Faith Initiative, Professor Emeritus Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Come and explore together the demands and promises of Scripture from the Old Testament to the Gospels to the Letters of Paul, that invite us to consider the ideals and practices of Sabbath and Jubilee as central to our lives!



WEEK TWO: Interruptions That Change Our Lives! Herb & Corinne Chilstrom, Former ELCA Bishop Herb Chilstrom and his wife Corinne, pastor & author, combine their talents with these four insights on "Interruptions" 1) What would Jesus do? 2) Keeping life uncluttered. 3) Pathways to new ventures. 4) Reconsidering our Purpose.



BOTH WEEKS: Music & Worship Mary Preus & Tom Witt, You'll be inspired as they weave their life-giving music into each day.

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Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 Programs

For More Details or to Register for These Programs
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10/17 7pm-9pm Sunday	God Is Already Speaking Then... Explore the dynamics of interpretation that take place within the Bible itself. Due to popularity of this speaker, this event is held off-campus at Shepherd of the Hills UCC in Phoenix, AZ.	Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA	\$20 p/person
11/7-9 6pm Sunday to Noon Tuesday	Tending to Mission in Anxious Times.. Clergy, lay leaders and church staff explore the challenges of change & family emotional process as it applies to their congregations, the mission of the church and the ways a parish can make a difference in the world.	Peter Steinke Nationally known church consultant with over 20 years of working <i>ecumenically</i> with scores of congregations.	\$185 for meals & class materials Lodging \$85 p/night (dbl occupancy)
11/11 9am-4pm Saturday	Traveling to Bethlehem with Matthew... This Advent Text study on the Gospel of Matthew takes you on a unique journey finding <i>NEW</i> ideas for spiritual growth!	David Lose Professor of Biblical Preaching, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN	\$40 p/person Includes Lunch & class materials
1/23-25 6 pm Sunday to Noon Tuesday	Hope, Relationships & Renewed Living-Women's Retreat Can I balance hope & reality, find JOY in every day living, live a JOY-filled-Holy Spirit-led life & practice wholeness in body, mind & spirit—Yes! This Women's Retreat will help you become spiritually resilient... <i>it's for every woman!</i>	<i>From Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul:</i> Diane Jacobson Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, & Director of Book of Faith Initiative Janet Ramsey Professor of Pastoral Theology	<i>All Inclusive Rate!</i> \$225 for meals, lodging & materials Commuter: \$175
1/25-27 Tues to Thurs 8 to 4:30 daily	Discover Your Call... this Dependable Strengths® Workshop helps people see how God calls them to ministry in their homes, communities, workplaces & congregations. An <i>active, hands-on</i> workshop back by popular demand!	Sally Peters Director of Center for Lifelong Learning at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN Patty Bales, Consultant Future Path LLC	\$290 for meals & class materials Lodging \$85 p/night (dbl. occupancy)
1/27 9am to 4pm Thursday	Lessons of Lent ... Explore how can the Lenten texts can deepen the lives of individuals & the community as a whole for the sake of God's mission in and for the world.	Diane Jacobson & Janet Ramsey (see above for bio's)	\$40 p/person Includes Lunch & Class materials
2/15-16 2/16-17 Noon to Noon each workshop	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOPS! Relationships Unfiltered "It seems that at its most basic, youth ministry is about relationships...but relationships are anything but basic!" 3 Session Workshop Future of Meaning, Identity, Belonging & Community in the Church 1) Melting of Meaning & the Hyper-Real; 2) Melting of Identity; 3) Melting of Belonging & Community of the Trinity	Andrew Root Professor of Youth & Family Ministry, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Areas of reflection: Youth ministry and theology; practical theology; pop culture; emerging adulthood and the church; divorce and young people.	<i>All Inclusive Rate!</i> \$175 for meals, lodging & materials Commuter: \$95 One Event: \$85
2/22-24 9am-22nd to Lunch 24th	Spiritual Well Being for Clergy A time for spiritual leaders to look at what makes your life whole thru spiritual, social, emotional, physical, financial & intellectual wellness. Daily scheduling allows time for rest, relaxing and renewal.	Sandy Rothschiller ELCA Board of Pensions	\$175 for meals & class materials Lodging \$85 p/night (dbl occupancy)
2/21-23 1:30pm Monday to 11am Wed	Process Preaching A tested system for delivering sermons freely without manuscript. Hands-on class, limited to 15 so register early as this very popular workshop retreat fills up quickly!	Jerry Larson D.Min. Luther Seminary & Parish Pastor for 39 years, serves as Pastor Emeritus at Calvary Lutheran in Edina, MN.	\$195 for meals & class materials Lodging \$85 p/night (dbl occupancy)
3/4-5 6pm Friday to 3pm Saturday	Worship Synergy...Developing Harmony Between Musicianship & Ministry Five experts in their field help you hone your skills in musicianship & ministry for Vocal, Audio/Media, Instrumental, Synthesizer & Spoken Word. For musicians, pastors and lovers of music!	Music Serving the Word Presenters Music Serving the Word Ministries exists to worship God through music and art forms that serve His Word.	<i>All Inclusive Rate</i> \$149 for meals, 1 night lodging & class materials
3/29 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday	Christianity in Dialogue with Islam & Other Faith Traditions Three Sessions: 1) contemporary challenges faced by Muslim & Christians; 2) Biblical vision for Inter-faith relations; 3) Palestinian-Israeli crisis-ramifications	Mark Thomsen Former Global Mission Director for ELCA Harold Vogelaar, Former Professor of Christian/Muslim Relations, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago IL	\$40 p/person Includes Lunch & class materials



"I must say to all of the staff...you make my heart sing! What gracious connected and caring folks-you change lives!" It is words like this that we hear so often from our guests that remind us why the **WINGS IN THE DESERT ANNUAL FUND** is such an important ministry of hospitality and outreach!

Thanks to YOUR GENEROSITY the **WINGS IN THE DESERT ANNUAL FUND** is close to being on track. As anticipated we will need a strong last quarter of the year to achieve our goals.

One of the highlights we're seeing is higher than expected support from congregations. Even in troubling economic times many of you know the value of this ministry and are supporting us with generous gifts. **THANK YOU!** 35% of our operating budget is funded through the annual fund which includes gifts and grants. We need donations of \$264,400 to reach our goal in 2010 and we appreciate your support as we continue to serve God's people.



We hear over and over again how **SPIRIT IN THE DESERT** provides a welcome respite during these challenging times. The Labyrinth, Islands of Silence and general tranquility that permeates this sacred place are gifts for everyone to experience. **THANK YOU** for making it possible for so many people to embrace this ministry!

All gifts are welcome so if you haven't had a chance to give your gift yet this year please consider using the form on Page 4 to support a welcoming and hospitable ministry that serves 3,000 people annually. **THANK YOU!**

Testimonials

"Spirit in the Desert gave me the calm & quiet I needed to be flexible & useful & loving to my family who live close by in some stressful situations. This is a Wonderful place, a place of ministry."

"My small retreat was wonderful...people were healed from years of bereavement...I believe the facility played a major role in it... you worked gently and professionally with me...I honor your vision and thank God for leading me to it...I would recommend this to anyone wishing to treat a spiritual group to an anointed place."



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