



The Illuminate

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Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. -Romans 12:9-14

Happy New Year Family of Christ!

It is a new year and for many of us there is great hope that 2015 will resolve some of the struggles or things left undone in 2014. I imagine that most of us will begin 2015 with the resolve that this New Year Resolutions will actually be accomplished! The problem is that we usually set resolutions to change behavior that we really don't want to change. For example, I really do not want to give up chocolate and probably won't. I know I need to get more exercise, but I know from past experience that I will usually find something "more important" to do. You get the idea. But then I was thinking; what if my resolutions were about things more important than chocolate or exercise—although really, I am going to try to be better about that one! So I looked to the scriptures for help.

In Romans the apostle Paul gives us great advice for setting our New Year resolutions. I like using the scriptures to help me think through things, and at this time of making resolutions—looking for those ways I can do better and maybe be more of a blessing to others, the text above is especially helpful. Ok, so here goes:

I resolve to let the love I have be more than a feeling, but translated into sincere actions, even when I'm tired and want to focus on me.

I resolve to use my voice to counter the message of hate and anger in the world. I will hold fast to the good and generous gifts of God's grace not just for me but for everyone, regardless of who they may be.

I resolve to seek new and exciting ways to serve my Lord and God's people beyond our doors.

I resolve to look for the good even in the midst of hard situations, to be patient when things don't move as fast as I'd like, and to pray, pray, pray.

I resolve to be more giving in material ways as well as in ways less tangible and yet meaningful.

I resolve to have an open hospitable heart and home.

I resolve to keep growing and to move purposely into God's future.

I resolve to laugh more, speak less, and listen deeply.

I resolve to read at least one book without skipping to the end to see if I'm right.

I hope you will consider using a verse like this one from Romans, or whichever one speaks to you as you make plans for 2015. Happy New Year and God's Blessings.

Pastor Kit



WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS "FAMILY NIGHT @ FAMILY OF CHRIST" JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT @ FAMILY RESUME JANUARY 7TH!

Take the night off from cooking, and relax and enjoy the fellowship while you enjoy a hot dinner prepared by loving hands. The cost is just \$4 per person, but no family pays more than \$13. There's plenty for everyone, so come and join us! Oh, and bring a friend—their dinner will be on us! After dinner, join in on one of the scheduled activities.

- * Dinner served between 5-6:30 pm
- * Ring of Joy intergenerational bell choir 5:30
- * Little Christians for children PreK-4th grade is a night of lots fun, crafts, and fellowship from 6:00-7:00p.m.
- * Route 56 youth group for 5th and 6th graders! Fun, service, and faith supporting conversations makes this an awesome time! We meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- * Confirmation with Pastor Kit & Pam Ausman ~Pam will lead the class while Pastor Kit is away.
- * Adult Bible Study/Book Group lead by Edie Dietzen and Linda Marousek
- * Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:00--8:00P.M

Interested in sharing your culinary talents? Sign Up sheets for Family Night Cook Teams for January through May are in the Family Room or contact Sandi Beems.

Adult Christian Education Offerings and Small Groups

Sunday: The first two Sundays in January, Pastor Kit will be on vacation visiting family in Arizona. *Adult Sunday School will be on hiatus until January 18th* when we will continue our in depth look at Martin Luther's Large Catechism. Written during a time of extraordinary upheaval in the church and in the world, the Large Catechism served as a catalyst for change in the Church even as it addressed deep social issues. Together we will explore Luther's wisdom for his day, but will ask how they might inform our time. Is the catechism bound in its time, or does it remain relevant and helpful in our day? How might it inform our faith and our living? Meet Pastor Kit in the Library @ 9:45!

Monday Night @ 7:00 – Bible Study at the home of Jerre & Sharon Crisp.

Tuesday 10:00 A.M. – Tuesday morning Bible Study will be on hiatus until Tuesday January 20th/ Join us as we take on the text for the upcoming Sunday Pastor Kit will meet in classroom 4.

Wednesday 1:00 P.M. – Small Group Bible Study @ Donna Lucky's .

Wednesday Family Night 6-7 pm Book Group led by Edie Dietzen & Linda Marousek



Have you been worshipping at Family of Christ for a while and think you've found your church home? We are so glad you're here! Consider uniting with us! Join Pastor Kit for a new members conversation, Thursday, February, 12th at 6 pm.

Who's WHO at FOC

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Family of Christ Annual Meeting Sunday January 25th following the 2nd service.

One of the strengths of our Lutheran tradition is lay governance. What that means is that the congregation makes the major decisions directing the ministry of the congregation. Our elected representative, the congregation council and officers, have worked hard to ensure that the ministry of FOC remains strong and vital. This is a great opportunity for us to express our appreciation for their dedication and service. To prepare for this meeting, our ministry teams will provide written reports on our ministry over the past year. The treasurer will update us on our fiscal status and present a budget that will detail the anticipated mission support needs for 2015. You will be asked to vote on the annual report and budget proposal. The annual report and budget will be available to be picked up the Sunday prior to the meeting. Please join us on January 25th for this important conversation.

Staff Schedules in January

Pastor Kit will be on vacation the first 2 weeks in January. Pastor Dave Holmquist will provide pastoral care while she is away. You may Contact the office or Pastor Dave Holmquist at 360-723-8737

Susan's hours for January

Tuesday 10-1:30, Wednesday 6-7pm and Thursday 9-1:30 all other times are by appointment. You can reach her at conglifemin@foclutheranchurch.org. *Please note* Susan Dollinger is out of town January 6th – January 19th. She is heading to Minnesota for January intensives at Luther Seminary.

We are on moving purposefully into God's future by making a difference!

We had a great time staffing the **Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) at St. Paul**. Thanks to everyone that gave their time to ensure our neighbors in need had a warm safe place to sleep! **Then to top that off, nearly 100 Holiday Food Boxes with turkey and all the fixings went out to our neighbors! Well Done!!**

Friends of the Carpenter Second Chance Thrift Store is in desperate need of Saturday volunteers! Due to illness and changing circumstances, Second Chance has lost a few of their regular volunteers. Over the past several months, they have had to reduce hours of operation, especially on Saturday. This means fewer sales and reduced income that goes to support Friends of the Carpenter's Friendship Center ministries. Do you have a few hours to give? Stop by Second Chance and fill out a volunteer application. While you're at it, go shopping. They have lots of wonderful items available!

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Through Lutheran World Relief

Ordering fair trade can make a real difference by purchasing coffee and chocolate products through LWR's network of coop farmers in developing countries around the world. Go to:

http://lwr.org/getinvolved/fairtrade/coffee_tea

For more information.



Speaking of chocolate!

OWLS

OWLS will be meeting this month on Tuesday, January 20th at 12:00 PM. We are looking into craft nights and bringing in a person to do Yoga once a week, and maybe a spring field trip. If you have ideas or just want to enjoy the fellowship, bring a brown bag lunch and join us.

MOVIE TALK

Come see **EXODUS: GODS AND KINGS** Join us for a matinee at the Regal Cinema 99 Stadium 11 (by Walmart) on Monday, January 5th, time TBA. Then join us on Tuesday, January 6th at 12:00 for a brown bag lunch movie talk If you have seen the movie at any time whether you liked it or not, come join our lively discussion.

Chocolate Dessert Contest

Wednesday February 11th during Family Night Dinner



Make your favorite chocolate dessert to be judged and share at dinner. There will be prizes!



VBS

Mark your calendars now! Family of Christ VBS will be the week of July 27th-31st! Many hands are needed for VBS. Please prayerfully consider helping. Committees will be forming in the coming months.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who donated turkeys and food box items, filled boxes on Saturday, and delivered the boxes on Sunday. Your generosity in food and time spent with the boxes demonstrates your love for the needy in our community and is very much appreciated.

ADVENT FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Family of Christ's first Advent Festival was a hit! Thank you all for coming and participating. The Singing with Sue was so much fun and all the crafts were wonderful. Thank you so much to Dan Neeley, Sue Lincoln, Cheri Herzog, Jamie Leatherwood, Tiffany Alexander, Marissa McCay, Pam Ausman, Randi Osborn, Sandie Beems, Sharon Ferdig, for all of your time and help.

Route 56

Susan will be out of town for the first two weeks in January. Teare Caton will be taking over during that time. THANK YOU TEARE! The theme for January is the *Armor of God* in which we will be talking about truth, peace, faith, and the Word of God. This is a great time to be a part of Route 56!

Social Concerns January Collection is Peanut Butter



Because **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** is located in Ridgefield, it really does help our neighbors. Place your donation in the basket by the sanctuary doors.

Prayer Breakfast Food & Fellowship

Come share in community, good food and a time of prayer at Jollies restaurant every 1st and 3rd Monday at 8:30 a.m. Drop in anytime. All are welcome.

HANDBELL CHOIR MINISTRY – 2015



We have two handbell groups;

- 1) "Ring of Joy" an intergenerational group for all ages first grade thru adults; meetings Wednesday 5:30 - 6:00.
- 2) "Exultation Ensemble" adults with some music knowledge' meets Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30.

There is room for more ringers in both groups. Intergenerational group is taught the basic music theory and reading the notes that are marked for them; Ensemble is given their parts to take home and mark their parts as they see the need to do so. Instructions are given as to how to mark. I would like very much to have a group such as the group that played for Pres. Bush's Inaugurations; these students were Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi musicians. This is a ministry with men involved also. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me about it. C. Sue Lincoln, director.

Senior Lunch Bunch

Do you enjoy getting together for a great meal and fun conversation? Well then Lunch Bunch just might be your thing. There is no agenda except fellowship and fun. We gather at a local restaurant the 3rd Thursday of every month. Our next lunch is on January 15th, we meet at 11:30 am. Location TBA.

**Feeding the Hungry
Our next in-Gathering is January 11th**

Million Meals Program is a monthly in-gathering of the loose change we accumulate during the course of the month and is dedicated to feeding the hungry. Of course we accept larger donations too. Big or small 100% of your donations go out each month to the Clark County Food Bank to be given as grants to local agencies that purchase food for distribution to those in need. Agencies purchase food from the food bank for just *8 cents per pound*, so our loose change makes a huge difference! We have provided 1,594,568 meals since starting this program! Thank you for your gift of generosity and giving.

Preschool

The Preschool Staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year...

Santa Breakfast

Numerous families enjoyed a morning visit with Santa. We flipped a lot of pancakes, ate a lot of sausage and created many fun Christmas ornaments and holiday decorations. Big thanks to Susan Dollinger for playing cashier at the breakfast event.

Christmas Programs

They are a lot of work but the grand finale is definitely worth it. Once again our Christmas Programs brought laughter and smiles to all of those who were in the audience. This year we were blessed by the accompaniment of the piano played by Sue Lincoln. Thanks Sue the music added a whole new dimension to our program.

Giving Tree & Holiday Baskets

Taking tags from the Giving Tree and donating items to the Holiday Dinner Baskets are a great way for the preschool families to cross over with the congregational events here at Family of Christ. It is always with pleasure that many of our families participate in this outreach to our community and those in need.

Advent Fair

Preschool had a few families join the Wednesday Night Advent Fair this year. It was nice to be able to invite all of the preschool families to celebrate the season with Little Christians... Hoping next year we can get a few more families to join in.

Happening this month

Upcoming activities this month include Family Game Night. We hope that you and your family will join us for this evening of games. Memory, Candyland, Hi Ho Cherrio, Chutes and Ladders, Snail Pace Race just to name a few of the favorites from Preschool.

Have a great month ~ Miss Jackie and the FOCCP Teachers

Little Christians



It's been slightly over three years since this new youth group was formed. It started out as a monthly gathering with the Sunday school kids and their friends so they can have the opportunity to get to know each other better outside of Sunday School.

We meet each Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 for crafts, activities, devotions and fellowship.

We are averaging about 10 children each week, and help is certainly needed to accommodate such an awesome group of kids! All kids from preschool-4th grades are invited to participate!

For more information about how you can help, get in touch with Jamie Leatherwood or Tiffany Alexander...they would love to have you help out from time to time!

FOC Preschool Santa Breakfast 2014





FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Just a reminder - If you are on Simply Giving and have changed your pledge amount, you need to notify me if you want the Simply Giving amount to change.

Even though you may have given me a pledge card, I need your specific authorization to change the amount that is taken out of your bank account.

You can give me that authorization one of two ways:

- 1) Email your authorization to include the amounts and dates at FinSecretary@FOCLutheranChurh.org or to gnpshaw@msn.com or
- 2) 2) put a signed note in my church mailbox with the amounts and dates.

Even though you are reading this in January 2015, you may still submit pledges. By pledging you give the council a better idea of our financial situation during the year.

Also, even if your pledge stays the same for 2015, please turn in a pledge card for 2015.

Blessings to each of you,

Greg Shaw, Financial Secretary

Adding Online Giving and Credit and Debit Card Processing

Family of Christ is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account **or processed using your credit or debit card**. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Simply follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at www.foclutheranchurch.org

Click on the button,

Online Giving

Click on the **Create Profile** button, then

Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



NEW!!

Scan this QR code with your smart phone and it will take you directly to our secure online giving link! Thank you!

Sanctuary: Safe Conversations on Gay Issues

On January 20, Julie and Pastor Duane Sich will be with us again, this time to talk about a wedding Duane WAS able to preside at, after being denied the opportunity by his church to do so for his son's wedding a year or so earlier. And on February 17, Leo Bancroft, formerly Laura Bancroft, will join us to tell about his journey in the Lutheran church, and in regard to his gender identity process. Also, there will be an RIC service in Portland on January 18, carpooling with Linda & Gail is available to this event (see below)

Our Sanctuary Group invites you to join them....

Join the ELCA Lutheran communities of Oregon and Southwest Washington for



**Reconciling in Christ (RIC)
Sunday on January 18 at 6:30 p.m. .**

RIC Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the witness of God's love for persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It's a time to highlight what it means to live a theology of reconciliation.

Where: St. Andrew Lutheran, 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Speaker: Rev. Anita Hill, from Minneapolis, who was the first (or one of the first) lesbian pastor to be called by a Lutheran Church, nearly twenty years ago. She has a prophetic voice and perspective. And she now directs ReconcilingWorks (formerly Lutherans Concerned/North America).

Coat Give Away Success--Judy Enders reports that ten people came to the warm clothing give-away. She said, "Sometimes we are disappointed by the small showing of recipients, but when I thought of all who received warm clothes, I knew we had to keep doing this each year even for that few." Of course we generated many bags of warm clothing, and what was not taken on December 6, was given to Neighbors Helping Neighbor; so many more people will benefit from the congregation's generosity. When Pastor Kit blessed the coats during a service, she observed, "This is just a small thing really; we are giving away clothing we no longer need or want." This struck me as true and right to say. But we also realize that it might be a big thing for someone who needs warm clothing! So we rejoice at being able to maintain this project as part of our Advent practice. Bless all donors and recipients!
Gail Sieckman



Sunday School News

On December 14th, our Sunday school children put on a fantastic Christmas musical production called

“An Out of the Box Christmas.” This musical takes place at the final dress rehearsal for the Christmas pageant and when the costumes finally arrive and pulled ‘out of the box,’ it’s discovered that they are the wrong costumes! Working together, the children come up with some unique, comical and heartfelt ways to share the Christmas message.....after all, if God can use a donkey to speak to Balaam and a burning bush to speak to Moses....he can surely use cowboys, pirates and cheerleaders!!

The children who performed were wonderful and several members of our congregation, families and friends came out to watch and support them! (see pictures posted on FaceBook) A Spaghetti Feed was held afterwards with proceeds going to help support our youth ministries.

Thank you to Pam Ausman & Teare Caton for directing and coordinating this musical and to our pianist Sue Lincoln. Thank you to Cecilia Shepard & Sandi Beems for helping and coordinating the Spaghetti Dinner, and to everyone who helped with the cleanup afterwards!

We are so grateful and blessed to have your support with our Sunday school ministry and we say a huge “THANK YOU!”

After a nice winter break, we resumed back to our Sunday school classes on January 4th.

February 8th will be our 2nd Heifer International gathering which will take place in the Family Room during the Christian Education hour. We hope you’ll join us to learn more about this wonderful organization that our Sunday school ministry is supporting this year with their weekly offerings.

Happy New Year and God’s peace and blessings to you and your families....

~Cheri Herzog
Sunday School Coordinator

Troop 479 & Pack 494

January 3rd is this year’s annual Boy Scouts Tree Recycling pick up day, and the Scouts will be in your area picking up your Christmas tree for a small donation fee. This is their major fundraiser which helps to support the Scouting groups.



Did you know that Troop 479 was the first Troop in Clark County to introduce this service project/fundraiser several years ago, and it has now become a county-wide fundraiser for all Boy Scouts in Clark

County! We are certainly proud of our Troop! J

If you would like to help provide snacks for our scouts on January 3rd, please bring them to the church on Saturday. Our scouts and families will be using the Family Room throughout the day to gather for snacks, warm up a bit, and then head back out again! It’s a long day for all involved! If you have any questions, let Cheri Herzog know.

Thank you for your support!

Also, Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts, Tuck Wilcox & Justin Wallers!



The Christmas Round Up by Kim Koon

In detail: 128 kids came with their parents to have breakfast, choose winter clothing, ride & paint horses, have their photo on a horse, make crafts & watch a rodeo. There was a hot lunch for everyone, Santa was there & every child was given a gift. The rest of the toys donated will be at the shelter for parents to select for their kids as gifts on Christmas morning.

THANK YOU to Family Of Christ congregation for the generous donations to this event. Because you helped so much, there was an abundance of gifts for all the families. You have given 128 families a Christmas to remember.



Your generosity!



Making ornaments



Many wonderful toys were donated

Centering Prayer for Lent?

What are you doing for Lent this year? I know; it's only January, Christmas is just over, and it's too soon to think about Lent. Well, maybe not. Lent begins on February 18 this year, marking the beginning of the 40 days that we Christians observe as preparation for the horror of the Crucifixion and then the glory of Easter. It's an important time for our faith, and it's worth thinking about it before it creeps up on us.

As we observe Lent, we often consider giving up some material thing, like Facebook, smoking, meat, chocolate, or even coffee (!). But historical observances of Lent often included a commitment to increased spiritual discipline, and to prayer. When you think about it, it's a good idea to prepare for Easter not by just giving something up, but by committing to some practice that will help you on your spiritual journey. Let me suggest that Centering Prayer might be such a practice.

Centering Prayer practice asks that we commit to twenty minutes, preferably twice a day, during which we focus our whole attention on paying attention to God. Not on *thinking* about God, not on praying for ourselves, not on asking God to meet the crying needs of others. Just sitting, receptively, available to and interested only in consenting to the presence of God in the moment with us, and us with God. And then we go on with our daily lives, but we have had the experience of paying attention only to God. What would our daily lives be like if we could do that at every moment? Consider beginning that inquiry with us this year during Lent.

Please join us for the introductory Centering Prayer seminar on Saturday, February 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. Questions? Call Linda Marousek at 425-466-4358.

January Birthdays

4th JoAnn Munson	21st Abbie Corlett
6th Piper Cameron	23rd Lila Nollette
6th Laura Holmquist	23rd Jady Patterson,
10th Teare Caton	26th Evan Matthews
11th Kimberly Gonzalez	26th Jared Mattews
11th Dan Neeley Sr.	28th Thomas Karcher
11th Rachel Nelson	28th Dylan Terry
13th Steve Godfrey	29th Stephanie Terry
17th Linda Marousek	

January Anniversaries

1st Curtis & Kathryn Matthews
15th Andrew & Kathy Jans

You Are Invited!

Lutheran Choral Association

Epiphany Concert

Sunday, Jan . 4, 4 pm

Peace Lutheran Church

2201 N. Rosa Parks , Portland OR



After the holiday rush, we keep the Christmas Spirit alive with the a program of joyous Christmas music, including opportunities for you to sing along!

Reception following

Free Will Offering received



Transforming our world....



ELCA World Hunger

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The ELCA Hunger Appeal will be our mission Partner from January 1st through March 31st. Through your gifts to the ELCA Hunger Appeal you are working around the globe relieving hunger, creating opportunities through sustainable development, investing in agriculture, education, micro loans, and economic opportunities among the world's most vulnerable populations. Along with our global partners, the ELCA Hunger Appeal works to create healthy communities and villages able to provide for the needs of

their people. Together we are working to eradicate Malaria, stem the tide of HIV and end the Ebola epidemic. From fish farms and honey bees in India, to inner city community Gardens, food pantries, and nutrition education in places like Detroit and Chicago, you are making a difference worldwide. Please make your check out the FOC and write Hunger Appeal on the memo line. A single check will be mailed from the congregation to the ELCA Hunger Appeal.

Family of Christ Vision Statement

Family of Christ is a family of God where all are welcome as we worship and grow in spirit and in life by...



- ~ **Connecting the scriptures** with our Christian faith and life experiences
- ~ **Serving** and caring for our neighbors and communities
- ~ **Building** relationships between people of all ages and walks of life
- ~ **Transforming** our world by teaching love, grace, peace, and kindness
- ~ **Moving purposefully** into God's future

and we ask God to help guide us.

January Serving Schedule

	January 4		January 11		January 18		January 25	
	8:30	11AM	8:30	11AM	8:30	11AM	8:30	11AM
Greeters	Craig & Jodi Church	Sandra Farrell	Brian & Jeri Hanneman	Norris & Elaine Felt	Hazel Olson	Gary & Sue Endresen	Edie Dietzen	Dale & Marilyn Wilken
Ushers	Cliff Benjamin	Chris Connolley	George & Carol Hoffman	Al & Janet Jaffe	Rick & Jackie Oschner	Tom & Sandi Sandeen	Les & Beth Stark	Andrew Ness & Kim Koon
Acolytes	Piper Cameron	James Hastings	Kylie Terry	Deidrich Eisenbarth	Charlie Cameron	Valerie Patterson	Dylan Terry	Christien Born
Assisting Ministers	Susie Caton	Linda Marousek	Neal Adolf	Neal Adolf	Ian Caton	Pam Ausman	Gail Seickman	Don Nelson
Cantors	Susie Caton	Brian Hanneman	Neal Adolf	Neal Adolf	Ian Caton	Pam Ausman	Jeanne Downing	Don Nelson
Readers	Karen Yankee	Linda Marousek	Connie Marshall	Jerry Dietzen	Dale Perry	Teresa Marble	Cecilia Shepard	Kim Koon
Communion Hosts	Randy & Randi Osborn	Sandra Farrell	Connie Marshall	Cliff & Debra Jones	Sandie Beems	Brian & Laura Harris	Jennifer Beems	Marilyn Wilken
Coffee Hour	George & Carol Hoffman	Jim & Carol Collell	Lew & Bobbie Lardie	Gail Seickman	Jennifer Beems	Jeff & Rebecca Wuethrich	Hazel Olson	Debbie Broers/ Evelyn Kinder

Your support makes a world of difference!

Your generous support helps ELCA Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission join hands with neighbors and companion churches around the world to teach, preach, build, grow, give and receive. **Thank you!**








Lanny Westphal
Director,
ELCA Global Church Sponsorship



Missionaries serve longer terms of two or more years in another country. Some serve as pastors, teachers, advisors and doctors. Others are involved in economic development or coordinating the work of Young Adults in Global Mission. Missionaries write email newsletters or blogs, and may be able to visit your congregation during Home Assignment every two years. It costs an average of \$80,000 annually to support a Missionary household or family.

Giving level for Missionaries

 <p>Helping Hands Your covenant commitment of under \$2,000 in one year</p>	<p>Receive regular updates from the sponsored Missionary and ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, including the annual directory.</p>
 <p>Friends Your covenant commitment of \$2,000 or more in one year, or a commitment of \$1,000 or more for two consecutive years</p>	<p>In addition to the above: Sponsored Missionaries make every effort to accept invitations to visit during Home Assignment.</p>
 <p>Neighbors Your covenant commitment of \$10,000 or more in one year</p>	<p>In addition to the above: Sponsored Missionaries make it a priority to accept an invitation and sponsors are acknowledged in the annual directory.</p>
 <p>Companions Your covenant commitment of \$75,000 or more for one year or after three consecutive annual gifts of at least \$25,000</p>	<p>In addition to the above: Companion sponsors are honored at a recognition event, often during the annual Summer Missionary Conference.</p>
 <p>Endowment Companions Your covenant commitment to the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship endowment fund of \$75,000 or more in one year or after three consecutive annual gifts of at least \$25,000</p>	<p>In addition to the above: Endowment companions are invited to name their gift; the Missionaries who receive proceeds from the endowed sponsorship will communicate with the donor or the donor's family.</p>



Young Adults in Global Mission serve for a year as volunteer missionaries in one of these country groups:

- Argentina/Uruguay**
- Madagascar**
- United Kingdom**
- Central Europe (Hungary)**
- Mexico**
- Rwanda** (new in 2014!)
- Jerusalem/West Bank**
- Southern Africa**

You can support the Young Adults in Global Mission coordinator, an individual participant or a whole group. They write e-letters or blogs that they share with their sponsors. It costs an average of \$11,000 to support an individual participant for a year. Each group is led by a long-term Missionary coordinator.



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