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As The Body of Christ We Pray Together

If you are coming to Anchorage for hospital treatment and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Presbytery office.

- Lloyd Nageak
- Jimmy Pederson
- The family of Elizabeth Kowanna on her loss

And our military chaplains:

- Rev. Ted McGovern
- Rev. Patrick Bracken
- Rev. Kevin Wainwright
- Rev. John Kaiser

Dear Melissa,

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM JAN BURGER

Many thanks to the Presbytery Leadership Team, the personnel committee, and especially to Merle Apassingok who carved these two frolicking whales as a good-bye gift to me upon my retiring as the Presbytery admin assistant. I was told that the whales' spouts are sending praises to God. It is something I will treasure forever. Thank you all very much.

- Jan



CWS Severe Storm Response



Church World Service is responding to the extensive damage caused by the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma and Texas. More than 2,000 CWS Blankets, Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets have arrived in the area to meet the needs of those affected.

For nearly seven decades, CWS has helped communities recover from disaster over the long term. Our job is to continue to be a presence of healing to those most in need. "We have worked extensively in communities struck by tornadoes in the region," says Donna Derr, the agency's chief of emergencies. "Our job is to provide immediate assistance with CWS Kits, and focus on helping the most vulnerable, who typically have the hardest time recovering in the long term."

As with most disasters, the most helpful contributions are financial. Donations to CWS disaster response may be made online at www.cwsglobal.org/oklahoma or by mailing donations to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. (REF: 2013 Tornadoes, Appeal #627-Y.)

The CWS Kits Program is another way to help those affected by disasters. Assembling and donating CWS Kits help us restock our warehouse to be better prepared for future emergencies. To learn more about the CWS Kits Program, visit www.cwsglobal.org/kits.

June is GREAT OUTDOORS Month!



God's Creation is a beautiful and abundant gift, and now is the perfect time to go outside to explore and enjoy it! In fact, June has been proclaimed "**Great Outdoors Month**", in honor of the many natural spaces and public lands that we have been blessed with throughout this country.

Spending time in nature offers a wealth of opportunities for renewal, spiritual connection and recreation. As people of faith, we take seriously our call to



protect Creation, but we also recognize the importance of celebrating the many gifts of God's Earth. So this month, don't forget to take some time to explore a new National Monument, take a walk through a local park, or even spend some time in your own backyard!

Mark Your Calendars...

September 16 - 19:

[2013 National Evangelism and Church Growth Conference](#)
Tradewinds Island Grand Resort
www.ECG2013.org

September 2013 - June 2014:

[Certificate in Lay Ministry Program](#)
Whitworth University
Click [HERE](#) for further information about this program.

September 2013 - June 2014:

[Certificate in Teaching the Bible](#)
Whitworth University (online course)
Click [HERE](#) for details about this opportunity.

October 14 - 17:

[Western Christian Educators' Conference](#)
Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe
Click [HERE](#) for more information about this event.

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