

# Mission

## 2013 East Central Synod of Wisconsin Trip to Western Diocese of South Africa June 18-July 10, 2013

### The 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries were the great “Missionary era”

Churches from Europe and North America sent missionaries to all corners of the globe to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Africa was one of the centers of that effort:

- by 1900 there were nine million Christians in Africa
- by 2000 there were 380 million Christians in Africa
- Today there are more than 390 million Christians in Africa

20 million of those 390 million in Africa are Lutheran.

### What is happening in the 21st Century?

A great shift is occurring in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century. When our ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ) was formed in 1988:

- 81% of Lutherans lived in the Northern Hemisphere
- 19% of Lutherans lived in the Southern Hemisphere

By 2006 the percent had changed to the following:

- 65% of Lutherans live in the Northern Hemisphere
- 35% of Lutherans live in the Southern Hemisphere

### What does this mean?

Two realities of which we are often unaware in our ELCA:

1. **Lutheran World Federation** - 95% of Lutherans around the world belong to the LWF representing 70 million of the 74 million Lutherans in the world today. The ELCA is the only Lutheran body in the United States that belongs to the LWF [www.lutheranworld.org](http://www.lutheranworld.org)
2. The 143 member church bodies in the LWF are learning to relate in what is termed “**mutual accompaniment**”. This means that instead of sending missionaries to save people in other countries, we are learning to be in mutual, shared mission together, strengthening and encouraging each other in our witness to the world and in our own localities.

## Please pray for this mutual, shared Mission

### Wisconsin River Valley Conference - *visiting Madikwe Circuit*

- **Grace Lutheran, Tomahawk** - *visiting Lekubu Parish:*

Mike & daughter, Michaela Galganski  
Chase Hilgendorf  
Brent Kelley  
Marlee Kiander  
Bob & Jackie, Aaron, Abrina Leonhard  
Jack & Sandy (Maley) Sonnentag  
Anna, Rachel, & Sarah Sudbury  
Jean Schaefer  
Marie Stark  
Karen Torkelson  
Margie, Nicole & Stephanie Welke  
Mary Wilke  
Pastor Mark Ziemer

- **Calvary, Antigo** - *visiting Mahanaim Parish:*

Julie Barger  
Karen Hegranes  
Glenn & Joann Schmidt

- **Mt. Calvary, Rothschild** - *visiting Dinokana Parish:*

Pastor Rich & Sandy & Kathryn Block

- **St. Paul, Aniwa** - *visiting Ikageleng Parish:*

Betty Wyatt

- **St. John's, Wausau** - *visiting Rietpan Parish:*

John Marquardt

- **St. Peter, Wausau** - *visiting Immanuel Parish:*

Salley Stubbe

### Appleton Conference - *visiting Tlhabane Circuit*

Grace Van Eyck & Sabrina Greene from Zion, *visiting Thabang Parish*  
Ed Benedict from Prince of Peace, *visiting Kopano Parish*

### Green Bay Conference - *visiting Odi Circuit*

Pastor Scott Adams from Incarnation, *visiting Maboloka Parish*

### Oshkosh Conference - *visiting Borwa I & II Circuits*

Ayse Timmerman from First English *visiting Wolmaransstad Parish*  
Sarah Stansfield from Grace, Ripon *visiting Naauwpoort Parish*

### Shawano Conference - *visiting Moretele Circuit*

Pastor Karla Kirkeby *visiting the Dean & parishes of Moretele Circuit*

### Tomorrow River Conference - *visiting Kgeteleng Circuit*

Eric Ecklund *visiting Melorane Parish*  
Terry Nellis *visiting Saron Parish*