

Musings from MATONGO

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How Then Are There Weeds?



STEELES IN AFRICA

There is the opportune time to train up faithful pastors and deaconesses to meet the need of the growing Church in Kenya and throughout East Africa.

Neema Lutheran College, Matongo instructs and trains men and women from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, and even Ethiopia.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) has been a partner Church of LCMS, in full altar and pulpit fellowship, since 2004.

The approximately 130 pastors and 200 trained evangelists are not enough to serve the growing need. This is exciting!



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You have heard the story, haven't you?

The Lord sows good seed in his field, but as soon as the grain begins to grow, alongside it comes up the weeds.

The workers have a suggestion. "Lord, we could yank up the weeds."

But the Lord says, "No! Lest you also yank up the good plants along with the bad."

It takes wisdom to be a smart farmer. It takes wisdom to be a good pastor. It takes education, skill, and experience.

Pastors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are blessed with the very best of education, training, and pastoral formation.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) wants the same for the men who serve in East Africa.

Just as the old, evil foe spreads weed seeds of false doctrine and evil practice in America, so too does he in Africa.

We are going to Kenya so that Walter might teach future pastors and deaconesses of the ELCK, and form godly servants of our Lord and his people.

We are overjoyed and humbled by your willingness to partner with us in this work

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, your encouragement and your financial support. The Lord continue to bless you where you serve.

Installation Service at Resurrection Lutheran

Thank you to the saints of Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, Quartz Hill, joined by those of Grace, Lancaster and Good Shepherd, Tehachapi—and the High Desert Lutheran Chorale for making it a special day.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safety as we travel the country.
- For the Church in Kenya and for Neema Lutheran College
- For the Lord's work in your town as well.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our gracious and faithful partners.
- For good health.
- For our teammates in the ministry.
- For an encouraging installation service.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Good friends and faithful stewards of our Lord's resources.
- For opportunities to share the Word of God as we travel.
- For salvation by grace, through faith in Christ, apart from works!

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:1-2)

OUR TRAVEL PLANS

September:

- 9/1 Grace Lutheran, Lancaster CA
- 9/2 Trinity Lutheran, Sacramento CA
- 9/3 Grace Lutheran, Grass Valley CA
- 9/8 Our Saviour's Lutheran, Ridgecrest CA
- 9/10 Lutheran Church of Prayer, Bakersfield CA
- 9/15 Resurrection Lutheran, Quartz Hill CA
- 9/29 Immanuel Lutheran, Terre Haute IN

October

- 10/2 St. Paul Lutheran, Fort Wayne IN
- 10/6 St. John Lutheran, Pierce NE
- 10/8 MISSION CENTRAL
- 10/10 Faith Lutheran, Mount Pleasant IA
- 10/13 St. Andrew Lutheran, Rockton, IL
- 10/15 & 16 Trinity Lutheran, Menasha WI
- 10/19 Sands and Sage LWML, Tehachapi CA
- And more...

So what have we been up to?

Since we returned from the first week of missionary orientation, we have been sharing news of the challenges, joys, and opportunities in Kenya.

We have had on-going training. And we have met many of our teammates.

We thank those of you who have listened to us and we look forward to sharing the story with those of you who have yet to hear.

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There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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