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Ding Dong! Holy Spirit calling....

The synod office doorbell rings and I jump up to answer the door, but there is no one there. It happens the next day, two days later, and then again after several weeks.

Who is this mysterious Lutheran Center visitor who makes me stop what I am doing and open the door? Some of us in the office joke that it is a ghost, a jokester, but maybe even the Holy Spirit!

Actually, I am considering that possibility because that doorbell makes me stop my work, get out from behind my computer, and look for something unseen but surely present. The Holy Spirit, invisible but at work among us, prompts us to pay attention that God is right at our door, working with us and for us. We just have to look for him, see or hear the signs, and know that he is there.

It is always a challenge to find the best way to be the synod messenger.

The work of a communicator these days is an evolving task. The wonders of technology create new opportunities and methods to connect with one another, but the challenge is to use that technology purposefully. If the new software or gadget draws us closer to Christ, or connects us more efficiently, we try to use it. If it does not, we let it go. The goal is to find the perfect balance of old and new that will keep us connected with each other as clergy and lay leaders serving in congregations and on ministry teams within the body of Christ.

How do we share news and information with brothers and sisters in Christ?

- Actual in-person meetings and appointments
- Workshops, seminars, retreats, conferences, resources, educational opportunities, personal congregational visits
- Bishop Stuck's *Called2Connect* visits (more than 100 visits so far!)
- U.S. Postal Service mail
- Communications Committee – an advisory team that meets twice a year
- Phone calls, land line and cell phones, conference calls, voice mail
- E-mail, personal and e-newsletter: Have **YOU** subscribed to the Wednesday e-newsletter?
- Web site: www.iksynod.org, updated and expanding with ministry newsletters and new ministry Web pages
- I-K Lutheran newspaper, free of charge and delivered to each synod household
- The Epistle newsletter, e-mailed and snail-mailed
- YouTube videos (Did you watch our “Sharing Place” Christmas card?)

- Blogs: Stay tuned for **SALT 2 Blog**

Many thanks to all of you who send me gifts of stories, photos and resources that help us empower, equip, and encourage the people of God to make Christ known. May the Holy Spirit continue to work in each of you to help share the stories and proclaim the Good News.

May he continue to ring that doorbell and may we all keep our ears open to hear it.

Peace,
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