

# Guest Speakers

## Guest Speaker: The Reverend Susan Briehl



**Susan Briehl**, a Lutheran pastor, has served in team ministries as director of Holden Village, campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University, and pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran in Bellingham, WA.

Currently she is a member of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod (ELCA), called to her work with the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People of Faith. Her recent publications include *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life*, a book for emerging adults edited with Dorothy Bass (Upper Room, 2010), *Holden Prayer Around the Cross*, with Tom Witt (Augsburg, 2009) and "To Christ Belong," and "Lift up your Eyes," two hymn text.

Susan lives in Spokane with her husband, Martin Wells. They have two daughters.

## ELCA Representative: Ms. Else Thompson



**Else Thompson** has been the Executive for Human Resources for the churchwide expression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since January 1998. In this role she is responsible for all of the personnel practices and policies including staffing, compensation and benefits, training and development and employee relations.

Prior to coming to the churchwide organization, Else was the director of strategic human resource planning for Aid Association for Lutherans in Appleton, Wisconsin (now Thrivent). She holds a B.A. from St. Olaf College and an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin.

Else is a member of Bay Shore Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. She and her husband Mike have two adult children, Matthew and Maggie.

## Banquet Entertainment: Encore Performance by Mr. Robert Sampson



**Robert Sampson** is a self-taught musician who plays the piano, guitar, bass guitar, harmonica, saxophone, drums and banjo. He's been playing music all of his life. He started piano at the age of four, guitar at nine, drums at eleven, harmonica at fourteen, and bass at seventeen. He's also a very accomplished song writer and vocalist. "God is the one that gave me my talent, and there's no one else I can credit other than my Savoir Jesus Christ", says Robert. "I love people, and seeing them happy is just the greatest thrill for me."