



Emmanuel Lutheran  
Church,  
Moscow, Idaho

*in conjunction with the  
Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,*

*presents Diana Butler Bass and other distinguished presenters,  
who will encourage and teach us the joys of stewardship.*

# **Attitude of Gratitude: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks**



*A Conference that will prepare you to help  
lead your congregation and its members into a  
deeper understanding of what it takes to sustain  
a meaningful God-centered life of gratefulness.*



**October 25 - 27, 2019**  
**Moscow, Idaho**



### **Dr. Diana Butler Bass**

Dr. Diana Butler Bass is an accomplished, award-winning author of books on spirituality and culture, including *Grounded: Finding God in the World –A Spiritual Revolution*, and her most recent offering: *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. Her writings explore the transformative power of gratitude for our personal lives and in our communities. She notes that four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those larger feelings seem disconnected from the considerable concerns of our public lives. Using her trademark blend of historical research, spiritual insights, and timely cultural observations, Dr. Bass shows how to overcome this gratitude gap and make changes in our own lives and in the world. With honest stories and heartrending examples from history and her own life, Bass reclaims gratitude as a path to a greater connection with God.

## **ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks**

### **Costs:**

Friday Night,  
October 25 Banquet, and  
Saturday, October 26 Conference  
(incl. lunch)

\$125 per person

Friday Night, October 25  
Banquet Only  
\$55 per person

Saturday, October 26  
Conference (incl. lunch) Only  
\$80 per person

Information is also available  
on our website  
<https://elutheran.church/>  
or by calling our Church Office  
208.882.3915.

*A block of rooms has been reserved at the University Inn Best Western (208.882.0550) and Idaho Inn (855.770.1486) until October 1. The rate is \$119.99 for a king or two queens. Breakfast is included. Other motels in the area include the Palouse Inn and Fairfield Inn.*

**Net proceeds will be donated to Family Promise of the Palouse and Sojourners Alliance.**

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The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks  
October 25 - 27, 2019 - Moscow, Idaho**

*Hosted and Sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Moscow, Idaho in Conjunction with  
the Eastern Washington - Idaho Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

**Friday, October 25, 6:00PM**  
at 1912 Center, 412 East Third Street, Moscow, ID  
Keynote with Diana Butler Bass  
*But I Don't Feel Grateful! What Gratitude Is, and What It Isn't*

**Saturday, October 26, 9:00AM-4:30PM**  
at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1036 W A Street, Moscow, ID  
Saturday will include a series of break-out sessions beginning at 9 AM. These  
sessions will provide you with information and tools that will enable you to  
teach, lead, and facilitate your congregation in the joys of a year-round,  
attitude of gratitude, and use of God's gifts to benefit all of God's creation.

Topics included in these break-out sessions are:

*Gratitude in Our Lives — The Shape of a Practice*  
with Diana Butler Bass

*Gratitude in Our Communities – What the New Testament Says About  
the Grateful Community* with Diana Butler Bass

*Bridgebuilder* with Pastor David Daugs

*What in the World are You Doing? Having Gratitude for Mother Earth*  
with Deb and Kas Dumroese

*HOLY WATER - The Care of this Most Precious Resource*  
with Jon Kimberling

*Are Strangers Welcome?*

*Biblical Perspectives on Inclusion and Exclusion* with Dr. Kurt Queller

*Understanding Cultural Diversity Through Literature*  
with Dr. Carol J. Nelson

*Safe Internet Savvy* with Ben & Barb Kirchmeier

*Rethinking Stewardship* with Pastor Bob Kenyon

**Sunday, October 27, 9:30-11:00AM**  
at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Moscow, ID  
Diana Butler Bass will be the guest preacher at our regular worship service.  
All are welcome!

## Saturday Break-Out Session: Topics and Presenters

### *Gratitude in Our Lives – The Shape of a Practice* with Diana Butler Bass

In a weekend of lectures and conversations, Diana Butler Bass explores gratitude as a personal spiritual practice and a communal one as well. As being grateful changes our own lives, it also holds the possibility of changing the heart of our communities. Although it seems hard to be grateful in these particular days, it is when thankfulness seems furthest away that we need it most.

### *Understanding Cultural Diversity Through Literature* with Dr. Carol J. Nelson

We live in a diverse society. How can we better understand this society especially for our children? This presentation will introduce you to a variety of children and adult literature that will help you navigate our diverse culture. Presented by a professor who taught children's literature for over 15 years, Dr. Nelson will introduce a number of books to share with family including suggestions for how to apply the insights these books contain. The age range of the books include children through adults.

Dr. Carol J. Nelson, professor emeritus of Lewis Clark State College, is a graduate of both Washington State University and University of Idaho. She taught for both University of Idaho and Lewis Clark State College retiring after 34 years in public school education. She and her husband Steve have been members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for over 50 years.

### *HOLY WATER - The Care of this Most Precious Resource* with Jon Kimberling

The Bible includes more than 700 references to the word water. It comes up in the second verse of Genesis. In John 3 we read: *I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit.* Fast forward to today, you turn on the tap and cold refreshing water instantly runs from the tap. Yet millions on our planet spend most of their day hauling potable water just to survive. Let's talk about the important role our church communities play in safeguarding this most precious resource.

Jon Kimberling is a long-time member of Emmanuel and the co-founder of the Palouse Basin Water Summit.

***Are Strangers Welcome?***  
***Biblical Perspectives on Inclusion and Exclusion***  
with **Dr. Kurt Queller**

How do God's people relate to strangers? Biblical purity codes establish Israel as a people separate from the rest—yet they are commanded to “love the alien as yourself,” making no distinction between citizens and immigrants. The New Testament sees a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in its welcome to people of all ethnicities, as well as to sexual minorities and other traditionally excluded groups. Explore with Dr. Kurt Queller how this biblical dynamic of separateness vs. inclusion works, and how it challenges us today.

Dr. Queller is a linguist and biblical scholar, whose publications include studies of gospel miracle stories. He is currently writing a book on *The Son of Man's Authority in Mark's Gospel*.

***What in the World are You Doing?***  
***Having Gratitude for Mother Earth.***  
with **Deb and Kas Dumroese**

In the Creation story, God told Adam and Eve, "I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals" (Good News Translation). What does it mean to be in charge of the environment? How can a feeling of gratitude for nature help us with God's charge? Come explore those questions with us.

Deb and Kas Dumroese are research scientists with the US Forest Service. Their research on soil health (Deb) and reforestation (Kas) takes them to study plots and conferences around the world.

***Rethinking Stewardship***  
with **Pastor Bob Kenyon**

Ever thought about “rethinking stewardship?” Luther Seminary did in 2013, and this session will bring you some of the information they shared with us. Good useable tools like:

- Consumerism and stewardship: What 2 goals are at the top of every CEO's core values list? What do Sabbath and stewardship have in common?
- Connecting faith and finances: We belong to a good, generous loving merciful God! Just preach that! What should be the place of Sabbath...at the end of the week or beginning?
- Redefining three questions every estate planner asks.

In video as well as handouts, this session will attempt to help you rethink stewardship.

Pastor Bob Kenyon serves Immanuel Lutheran, Ritzville, WA.

**Bridgebuilder**  
with **Pastor David Daugs**

*A structured process for helping congregations  
in times of transition and tension.*

The Latin words **pons** and **facio** mean a bridgebuilder. A **Pontifex**, signifying a priest, is one who draws sides together and connects people to one another. The Bridgebuilder process is a way to move beyond anxiety to clarity, to focus on resources rather than deficits, and to create a clear future instead of remaining mired in confusion.

The primary Bridgebuilders are the people of the congregation who are most in the position to effect decisions, changes, and direction. A French proverb says, "Change is a door that can be opened only from the inside." Bridgebuilder is a way to help this happen. "Organizations grow under pressure, when a change or a crisis reveals new strengths from all quarters" (Max Dupree). It is about staying connected and living in the future.

Pastor David Daugs has served as an ordained ELCA clergy for 34 years. He has been trained in the Bridgebuilder process and has taught it for the past 25 years. He currently serves Emmanuel in Moscow, Idaho. Pastor Daugs has ministered in a variety of settings, especially congregations that are stuck, or in a state of crisis or high anxiety.

**Safe Internet Savvy**  
with **Ben & Barb Kirchmeier**

As non-profit organizations, we must protect our congregation and customers from improper terms-of-use and privacy agreements provided by services offered on the Internet. Individual agreements with free email services enable companies like Google, Microsoft and Yahoo! to mine Inbox content. Find out how to enable your organization to keep electronic messaging secure and safe for children and your congregation.

Ben and Barb work in Information Technology Services and direct the Writing Program Administration at the University of Idaho. As members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moscow, ID, they have developed a plan to enable their congregation to take advantage of TechSoup and Microsoft Office 365, securing email and providing cost-effective solutions for Office Suite software.

# Break-Out Session Schedule...

Saturday, October 26, 2019

## 8:30 - 9:00AM

Opening Devotions  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

## 9:00 - 10:15AM

Session A- Diana Butler Bass - *Gratitude in Our Lives — The Shape of a Practice*  
Session B- Pastor David Daus - *Bridgebuilder*  
Session C- Jon Kimberling - *HOLY WATER-The Care of this Most Precious Resource*  
Session D- Ben & Barb Kirchmeier - *Safe Internet Savvy*

## 10:45AM - Noon

Session A- Dr. Carol J. Nelson - *Understanding Cultural Diversity Through Literature*  
Session B- Dr. Kurt Queller - *Are Strangers Welcome?*  
Session C- Pastor Bob Kenyon - *Rethinking Stewardship*  
Session D- Deb and Kas Dumroese - *What in the World are You Doing?*

## Noon - 12:45PM

Lunch provided by Emmanuel Congregation - Fellowship Hall

**12:45 - 1:30PM** Diana Butler Bass - *Gratitude in Our Communities – What the New Testament Says About the Grateful Community*

## 1:30 - 2:45PM

Session A- Pastor David Daus - *Bridgebuilder*  
Session B- Jon Kimberling - *HOLY WATER - The Care of this Most Precious Resource*  
Session C- Ben & Barb Kirchmeier - *Safe Internet Savvy*  
Session D- Pastor Bob Kenyon - *Rethinking Stewardship*

## 3:15 - 4:30PM

Session A- Diana Butler Bass - *Gratitude in Our Lives — The Shape of a Practice*  
Session B- Dr. Kurt Queller - *Are Strangers Welcome?*  
Session C- Deb and Kas Dumroese - *What in the World are You Doing?*  
Session D- Dr. Carol J. Nelson - *Understanding Cultural Diversity Through Literature*

### ***As children of God***

everything we have is a gift from God. We are grateful. If gratitude is so good for our emotional and spiritual health, why then is it so hard to maintain? Understanding how to expand these private feelings to address the larger concerns in our public lives is a way to maintain our grateful hearts. This conference is a unique opportunity to spend time with an award-winning author Dr. Diana Butler Bass, regional experts, and like-minded Christians looking to improve their capacity for gratefulness.



### ***You are cordially invited***

to come to Moscow, Idaho to see and hear Diana Butler Bass, internationally recognized theologian and authority on Biblical Stewardship. She will speak on Friday, October 25, conduct two break-out sessions on Saturday, October 26, and preach on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019. In addition to Diana Butler Bass, other break-out sessions on Saturday will be presented with opportunities to interact with other trained leaders. The focus of Butler Bass's talks and break-out sessions will be how each of us can close the gratitude gap.



### ***If you have any questions or need further help***



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