

# WHAT MATTERS . . . . . February 12, 2019 . . . . .

*News from Your Synod and Ministry Partners*

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA/ 6401 Odana Road / Suite 20 / Madison, WI 53719 / (608)270-0201 / www.scsw-elca.org



**Our Mission:**  
We care for, connect and equip the congregations of our synod to be the heart and hands of Jesus.

## FIRST South-Central Synod of Wisconsin LatinX Strategy Meeting!

**THIS Saturday! PLEASE REGISTER NOW!**

**February 16, 2019 / 10 am - 3 pm**

**All Saint's Lutheran Church - Fitchburg**

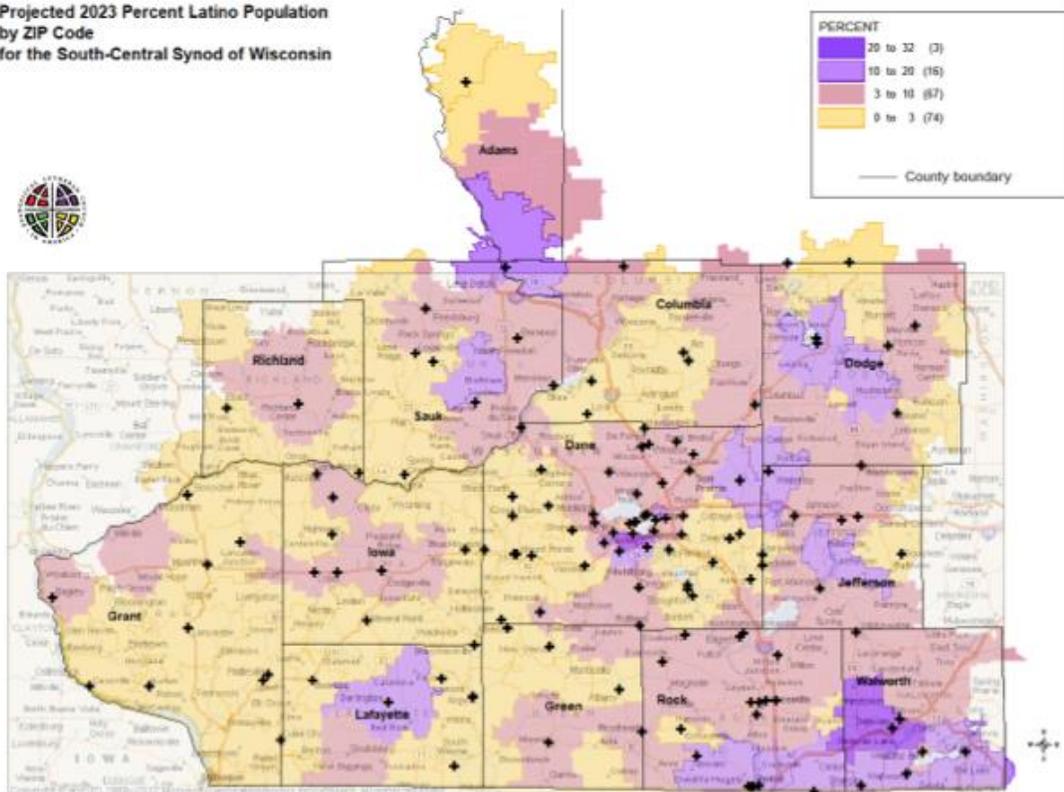
**Please call the synod office by Thursday to register to assist with meal planning. 608-270-0201**

On Saturday, February 16, 2019, we will hold our first SCSW LatinX Strategy Meeting. This gathering is for all persons who are interested in growing our witness to Christ into the Hispanic community within our synod. Whether you are a pastor, a deacon, or a layperson, we invite you to come and share in this event. **It will be held at All Saints Lutheran Church/ Iglesia de Santa Maria, 2961 Chapel Valley Rd., Fitchburg, WI 53711 from 10AM - 3PM. Lunch will be provided.**

At this time, there are three (3) congregations which reach Hispanic people: one housed at **St. Paul Lutheran Church - Beloit**, one housed at **All Saints - Fitchburg** and one housed at **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church - Watertown**. We are aware of the growing population of people who have a Latin heritage on the territory of this synod. Being led by Christ's admonition to go into all the world, we seek to be siblings in Christ to this population but recognize that we need to be intentional with an outreach that recognizes the gifts that each culture brings into the church.

In preparation for the synod's recent Strategic Planning Meeting, the ELCA provided demographic intelligence on our synod. **Latino Population Projected Growth shown here:**

Projected 2023 Percent Latino Population by ZIP Code for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin



Prepared by ELCA Research and Evaluation, 1-15; Office of the Presiding Bishop

Hispanic Ministry in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is committed to welcoming and promoting the cultural identity of the diverse faces of our local church, and to building a deeply Lutheran and multicultural identity. To accomplish this in a constructive way requires us to build **an intentional strategy for this outreach**. Come join us in building this ministry together!



**PLAN MEMBERS: Earn Wellness Dollars and As Important...Live Well!**

*A note from Assistant to the Bishop, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan*

I learned some things at the Assistant to Bishop's Gathering last week that I've highlighted here for you. In truth, when our rep, Jennifer Prinz, reminded a room of Assistants to Bishops that doing the wellness activities isn't just about the money, we all laughed.

Yes, we recognize that we are motivated first by the wellness dollars we earn, but in reality, when you start doing these to earn the wellness dollars, you find yourself pleasantly surprised at the lifestyle choices that you make that improve your quality of life. For example did you know that:

- There are 100 different wellness activities that help you to live well and earn up to \$400 wellness dollars along the way?
- You can tie your fitbit to your Live Well Activity tracker?
- John 10:10 is scripture to ponder about wellness – What does abundant life look like to you?
- You start your live well journey with three assessments: Emotional, Financial and Spiritual dimensions because our faith is central to daily life and can enhance our overall wellness.
- You set your own course.
- When you finish each activity, you should remember to come back and mark it completed.

**What are you waiting for? Take a quick introductory tour of the 2019 Live Well tool and get started today:**  
<https://vimeo.com/305544501/95f07b1745>

**Next Racial Equity Ministry Learning Event!**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

**4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Location: New Life Church - 7564 Cottage Grove Road, Madison

**“Monocultural to Transforming: Peaking Inside Congregations”**

This workshop will engage participants in examining the place of the synod and any individual congregations on the journey from monocultural to pluralist to authentically integrated. We will identify areas for analyzing a congregation's growth and will explore the depth and meaning of cultural values, norms, and practices and the roles they play in fostering or inhibiting congregational change.

**Our Leaders!**

**Rev. Marilyn Miller** is a lifelong Milwaukeean. Her first call, and still one of her passions, is teaching. She has served for over 40 years in some capacity of education with every part of the age range in several institutions.

Rev. Miller currently serves as Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation Lutheran - ELCA on the north side of Milwaukee. One of her current calls to community service is as the President of the Board for Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAHA, [www.micahmke.org](http://www.micahmke.org)).



"I am always amazed at how much I learn at the synod's racial equity events. There are so many different topics and the speakers we get are so knowledgeable. It is such a great use of my time on a Sunday afternoon when I would probably just be watching TV or surfing the internet anyways!"

*Regular attendee*

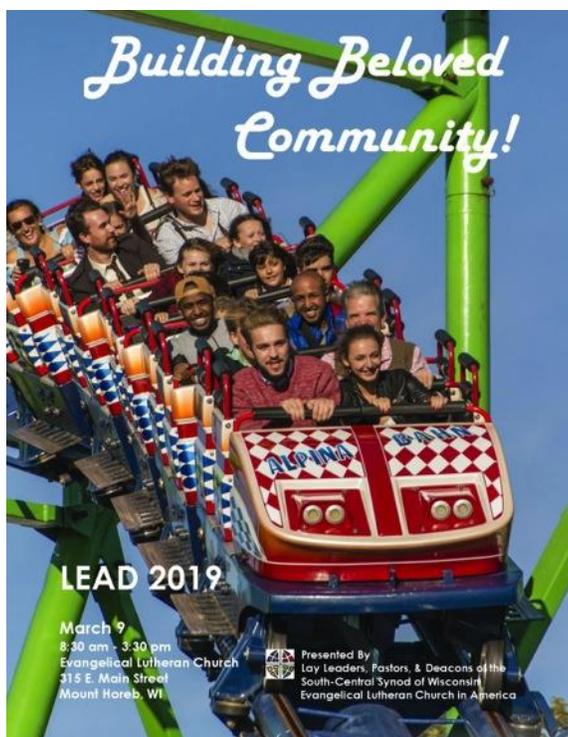
**Dr. Joyce Caldwell** is a skilled adult educator and has written several resources on race, culture, and white privilege, including the **ELCA resource *Troubling the Waters for Healing of the Church: A Journey for White Christians from Privilege to Partnership*** and the ELCA web-based resource *One Body, Many Members*.

Her dissertation explored how a congregation that is living in the intersection of race and class reflects on and negotiates those intersections, and the factors that foster or hinder practices and interactions in the intersections that could lead toward becoming an authentically integrated multiracial congregation or a mutual partner in its diverse neighborhood. For the past 11 years, she has served as a university professor and Associate University Provost and Dean of four adult campuses. She is recently retired.

\* Light Refreshments \* Free will offering \* No need to pre-register...just come!

**If you missed Henning Garvin's presentation on Ho-Chunk history, you can watch it on Youtube:**

the link: <https://youtu.be/K6UgcfZAjll>



## **LEAD 2019 - Registration is OPEN!**

Early bird fee of \$25 will be applied until **February 21**  
After that, the fee is \$30/registrant.

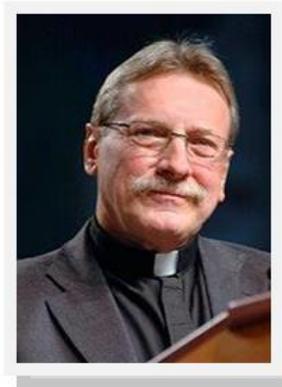
<https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2019>

**Saturday, March 9 - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Location: Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**315 Main Street - Mount Horeb**

Leadership Education and Development is an annual synod event for all! If you are a member of a congregation, a lay leader or pastor or deacon, or a partner that works with our congregations, you are invited!



**Building Beloved Community** is the theme for this year's Leadership Education and Development Day!

Our keynote speaker is:

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman**, Former Executive Director of the Domestic Mission Unit, ELCA

His keynote, "**Three Roads to Beloved Community**" will draw us into communal conversation about what we seek in our own lives of discipleship, in the life of our communities of Jesus, and our impact in the world. We will share ideas and inspiration about forming leaders and communities that connect to the life of the world God loves. All will be grounded in deeply meaningful biblical texts that show us the three roads to Beloved Community. He is a great storyteller and dynamic speaker!

Workshops will plentiful and will engage us around the topic of Beloved Community...there will be something for everyone and time to attend 3 workshops in addition to the keynote. We will start the day by gathering for worship, and there will be displays from synod-affiliated and Lutheran ministries to visit. Lunch will be included and refreshments provided, childcare and free meals for kids over 3.

Cost: \$25 early bird - register on or before Feb. 21 After Feb. 21 - \$30

Ministry partners with questions about displaying should contact Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, at 608-270-0201.

**Registration Tips:** If you are registering multiple people for your congregation, click on the checkbox indicating "I am registering for this person." You will receive a copy of each person's confirmation. You can also use your confirmation to go back to the registration website. Once you land and enter your confirmation number, click on the "GROUP" tab and from there you can see all your registrants' information.

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## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY PACKETS WERE MAILED. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THERE IS NEW INFORMATION THIS YEAR.**

**Hopefully, you have noted the announcement that we made that there is a new location for Assembly: The new location will be the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall and the Clarion Suites at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison.** The Clarion is conveniently connected by enclosed walkway to the Alliant Exhibition Hall.



The dates remain the same as we have been publishing for the past two years: **May 4 & 5, 2019**

**Packets of information about the assembly and how to register are being mailed this week to all rostered ministers and congregational presidents.**

**The mailing includes information sheets, tips for registering on line, information about the new e-book ap for Assembly books, Assembly Offering, Keynoter Biography and Resolution and Nomination Forms. Please take some time to carefully read through the information before registering yourself and/or attendees from your congregation.**

**Nominations and Resolutions for Synod Assembly** - It's time to be thinking of people you want to nominate for council positions and resolutions you may wish to bring forward to the assembly. All rostered will also receive the assembly mailing digitally via email from Robyn Zimmerman this week.

Also, keep an eye on What Matters for Tips of the Week for registering on line and preparing to attend as a Visitor or Voting member of this important gathering!

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## **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS - Congregational Reports (Forms A & C) are Due Feb. 15**

**This is important work so if you have any questions, contact Robyn Zimmerman in the synod office at 608-270-0201 and she will be happy to help you!**

Congregational report forms were mailed to congregations from the ELCA. You received Form A, Form C, the instructions, and the financial worksheet for your reference. Please make this important work part of your day soon if you haven't already!

Electronic filing - If you have access to the Internet, you can file the Annual Congregational Report Forms online. To complete Forms A and C, go to <http://www.ELCA.org/congregationreport> and type in your Congregation ID number and Password (found on the top right of Form A). After you have finished entering your data, you should print a PDF copy of both forms for your records.

**Paper filing** - If you do not file electronically, complete the paper forms and mail them to the synod office (the address can be found on the bottom right of Form C). Since only one copy of each form is included in your packet, we suggest that you make a copy for use as a worksheet before you begin. Remember to copy the completed forms for your records before returning the originals to the synod office. All these tips and more are found in your packets!



## Join us on World Day of Prayer at Habitat for Humanity of Dane County

Join other congregations in our synod at this event to hear about all the various ways Habitat for Humanity engages with the faith community to support Dane County families in need.

Date: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
Time: 12:00 – 1:30  
Location: 3101 Latham Drive Madison WI 53713

Complimentary lunch provided!

### Agenda:

- 12:00 – 12:30: An update on Habitat, where in Dane County we are building & how families qualify for a home (Associate Director of Development, Kayla Leibfried)
- 12:30 – 1:00: Information on faith engagement opportunities with Habitat (ReStore Associate Director, Emily Blankenship)
- 1:00 – 1:30: Volunteer opportunities with Habitat (Construction Volunteer Services Manager, Claire Kopetsky)

RSVP to myself either through email or call 608-255-1549 x 110. Please include number of attendees and any dietary restrictions.

Hope you can join us!

**Kayla Leibfried, Associate Director of Development**  
Habitat for Humanity of Dane County

Can't make this event, but want to learn more about how your congregation can get involved in a faith build? Select workshop **#15 or 16 at this year's LEAD event!** Kayla and Emily will be there!



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### Report to the Bishop from Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service Are Due Now! If you haven't yet sent your report in, please do so this week!

**Ministers of Word and Sacrament Currently Serving in a Call** - In an effort to receive information that is more valuable to the Bishop in understanding your needs and how best to support your ministry, you received a communication from the Assistant to the Bishop for Administration and Operations, Robyn Zimmerman with a totally new survey form for your annual reports to the bishop. Please use the new form instead of the ELCA form. Thank you!

**Ministers of Word and Service Currently Serving in a Call** - You will receive a communication from Robyn Zimmerman with a link to the form that you should use for your report to the bishop. Please do take the time to fill this out and submit it to the synod office. Thank you!

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### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Madison & Verona) Invites You to Join them for Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack -

**February 21-23**

1300 Volunteers needed and 272,000 meals will be packed! If you would like to participate in this mobile pack to help feed the hungry,

contact member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and synod staffer, Robyn Zimmerman at 608-270-0201 and she will help sign you up. The synod staff will be packing on Thursday afternoon, February 21. This is a great team building event for staffs big and small!

## Women's Retreat Day at New Life Church – Saturday, April 6 – 8:30 am – 4 pm

This prayer filled event will be led by Sharon Garlough Brown, well-known Christian author and spiritual director.

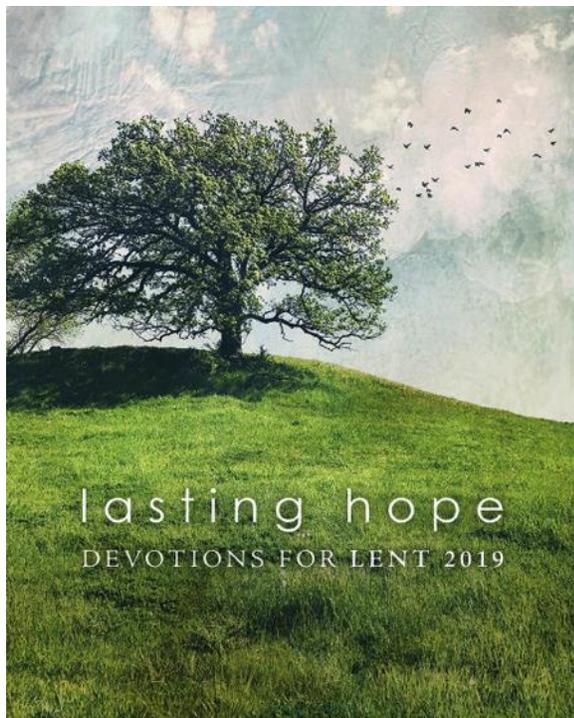
The theme for the day, *Unveiled*, addresses common struggles by offering practices that help us live in authentic community with God and others, by helping us to receive and remain in God's love and by exploring images of God that transform us all.



The cost of the event is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast, catered lunch, and all activities. Scholarships are available!

**To register:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3KGV58P>

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### Lasting Hope Devotions for Lent from ELCA Publishing House, Augsburg Fortress

This beautiful, full-color Lenten devotional explores the Psalms texts for Lent with 40 entries, one for each day in Lent. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey.

The book of Psalms gives us a realistic look at the journey of faith for individuals and a community. From crying for help to singing songs of praise and thanksgiving—and everything in between—the psalms show faith with all its ups and downs, twists and turns. More importantly, the book of Psalms points us to God. During times of celebration as well as suffering, loss, and lament, the psalm writers turn to God and remember God's promises—promises kept and promises still unfolding. God's faithfulness to these promises creates a durable, lasting hope in the psalmists and in the community of

God's people. Lasting Hope explores psalms assigned to Ash Wednesday, Sundays in Lent, and to Holy Week in this liturgical year (year C of the Revised Common Lectionary).

- Psalm 51 (March 6 through 9)
- Psalm 91 (March 10 through 16)
- Psalm 27 (March 17 through 23)
- Psalm 63 (March 24 through 30)
- Psalm 32 (March 31 through April 6)
- Psalm 126 (April 7 through 13)
- Psalms 31, 116, 22, and 98 (April 14 through 20)

**To Order:** <http://bit.ly/LastingHope>

## SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT SCSW DIAKONIA CLASSES!

# Sign Up Now!



If you are interested in teaching, contact Diakonia Coordinator, Barb Zimmerman at 608-535-0264 or email her at: [scswdiakonia@gmail.com](mailto:scswdiakonia@gmail.com).

**If you are interested in taking classes**, more information, along with registration form, can be obtained from the web site [www.scsw-elca.org](http://www.scsw-elca.org) click on Ministries and Partners, Diakonia. Financial Assistance may be available from your congregation and/or synod scholarships are available for those who would appreciate tuition assistance.

You can also contact Linda Wulff at 920-210-2675 or by e-mail at [scswdiakonia@gmail.com](mailto:scswdiakonia@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from prospective students and instructors!

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## Portico Retirement Seminar Will Be Held Close to Our Area - LaCrosse - on February 21

Retirement takes planning. No matter where you're starting from, taking small steps today can have a big impact on your life later. Join Portico on Feb. 21, 2019 in La Crosse, Wisconsin for a Pre-Retirement Seminar. In the morning, learn how to invest for your future in the midst of current financial goals. In the afternoon, discover ways to create a sustainable income in retirement. Join for the morning, afternoon, or both, and start the year with new tools for navigating the path ahead. Learn more and register by Jan. 21 at [PRS-WI.eventbrite.com](http://PRS-WI.eventbrite.com) Questions? Call us at 800.352.2876

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OAKWOOD  
VILLAGE

## Oakwood Village University Woods needs additional Sunday Worship Volunteers

Volunteers are needed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help Assisted Living residents attend the service (at least once a month - scheduling negotiable) and up to four volunteers for the service in the Oakwood chapel every other month on the third Sunday of the month. Interested persons should plan to volunteer on an ongoing basis. Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Kim Viney at (608) 230-4238 or [kim.viney@oakwoodvillage.net](mailto:kim.viney@oakwoodvillage.net) for more information.



## Volunteer Opportunities in the Synod – We Are Church Together! Please Prayerfully Consider Volunteering!

<http://signup.com/go/urPBwwv> - General Office Volunteer Work

<http://signup.com/go/NQMwNNG> - Pastors, Deacons, or Vicars to Lead Worship

If you have questions please call Robyn Zimmerman at the synod office, 608-270-0201.

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## Positions in Our Synod

**We are happy to help promote your positions. Please submit 100 words or less to Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Synod Communicator, email: [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) Please notify Vicki when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!**

## Office Assistant for New Life Lutheran Church (Madison)

This is a part time position, 20 to 25 hours a week. This position is responsible for the daily operational management of the church office. Skill with Microsoft Word and Publisher is needed. For more information contact us at [newlifelc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newlifelc@sbcglobal.net) or visit us on Cottage Grove Road. (02/12/19)

### **Digital Communications-Media Intern – Bethel (Madison)**

We are looking for a motivated, strategic storyteller who will create and distribute written and digital communications, along with videos to members of Bethel. The main focus will be telling stories through video creation. Candidates will work with the Director of Communications and other staff to create content and need to be proficient with web-based content delivery platforms and social networks, including WordPress, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. Preference is given to candidates majoring in Communication, Public Relations, Marketing, or Journalism. This is a full-time (40-hours/week) for the summer. Please apply on our website [www.bethel-madison.org/post/summer-internship](http://www.bethel-madison.org/post/summer-internship). (02/12/19)

### **Organist and/or Adult Choir Director – St. John's Lutheran – Prairie du Sac**

St. John's is seeking an individual who will serve as our organist and/or choir director. The position is 15 hours/week. Major responsibilities include playing for Sunday worship and/or conducting two choirs (two adult choirs). Position is currently open. Email resume to [fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org) or mail to St. John's Lutheran Church – 100 Oak Street, Prairie du Sac, WI, 53578. Contact Rev. Fred Rilling at [fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org) for more information. Find here a full job description: <http://www.stjohnssaukprairie.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Director-of-Music-job-description.docx> (01/29/19)

### **Program Development Coordinator of Christian Education - Covenant (Stoughton)**

We seek a creative, enthusiastic, organized strong administrator who is self-motivated with a collaborative spirit to develop a Christian education program for all ages at Covenant Lutheran Church. This is a two-year full time position with the possibility of extension. To apply, visit employment opportunities at [covluth.org](http://covluth.org). (01/22/19)

### **Digital Communications-Media Intern - Good Shepherd (Madison & Verona)**

Good Shepherd is looking for a motivated, strategic storyteller who will create and distribute written and digital communications to members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Candidates will work with the communications ministry team to create content and need to be proficient with web-based content delivery platforms and social networks, including WordPress, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. Candidates must be college students majoring in Communication, Public Relations, Marketing, or Journalism. They will also need a valid Driver's License, an ability to pass a background check and be available to work full-time for the duration of the 10-week program. This internship is a paid \$12/hour, 40-hours-a-week position during the summer months. To apply, send your cover letter and resume to [eholmer@gslcwi.com](mailto:eholmer@gslcwi.com), or apply online at <http://gslcwi.com/connect/jobs/> (01/15/19)

### **Director of Administration - Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison**

Active 167-year-old downtown congregation, seeks a Director of Administration. Full time position with benefits. Congregation is transitioning to a staff-enabled, lay leadership structure and is searching for a lead pastor. Successful applicant should have financial, human resources, and non-profit management experience. Experience in ministry support is a plus. Applicant with less than full qualifications but available immediately might be considered for a temporary period. A fully-qualified applicant might be retained for an interim period of a year or more, although a commitment to a definite term of employment is not being offered. Position description available at <https://www.bethel-madison.org/employment-opportunities> Respond with letter of interest and resumé preferably by December 31 to Human Resources Team [hrteam@bethel-madison.org](mailto:hrteam@bethel-madison.org) (12/17/18)

### **Full-time Office Coordinator - Bethlehem Lutheran in Portage**

Looking for an experienced administrative professional to cover administrative and secretarial duties required of a church office position. A sense of humor and a positive attitude is essential! This position will also assist with some financial and youth ministry responsibilities and will work with the Pastor and other staff members to create a cohesive and friendly office environment as well as parishioners and volunteers, building positive relationships while maintaining a high level of confidentiality. Effective written, verbal communications, and ability to prioritize in an often autonomous environment is required. Contact: Pastor Jen Johnson at [bethlehemelca.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemelca.pastor@gmail.com) or the church office at 608-742-8502. (12/11/18)

### **On Call Chaplain - Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge on Madison's East Side**

Oakwood is looking for another on call chaplain. It is a very part time position for ordained folks, or those with CPE or visitation experience to help cover on call duties, and potentially be on campus when the settled chaplain is not on campus. The person would need to be available on Sundays to preach in chapel when the chaplain is away on a Sunday. Anyone interested can contact the HR department at 608-230-4530, or Chaplain Wayne Shannon, at 608-230-4561. (10/23/18)

**Pianist and/or Choir Director - St. Martin's (Cross Plains)**

Immediate opening for a pianist for 9:00 Sunday and special/seasonal services and an adult choir director; may be filled by one person or these positions may be held separately. **Pianist:** Organ skills welcome but not required. Pay is on per-service basis. **Choir Director:** From September through April, direct one rehearsal per week toward choir participation in worship three Sundays a month as well as special services. Pay is authorized for up to 7 hours/week. For full job descriptions or to submit a resume, please contact [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) or call the church office, 608-798-2777. (09/12/18)

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reedsburg, Wisconsin Seeks An Organist**

Organist will play two to three times per month for Sunday worship at 8 & 10 AM. The ideal candidate will possess some knowledge of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy. If interested contact the church office at 608-254-9763 or email [office@sjrdb.com](mailto:office@sjrdb.com). (08/28/18)

**ELCA Foundation is Searching for a Director of Gift Planning.**

There are two key responsibilities for this leadership position: Through the **direct supervision** of a national staff of about 20 regional gift planners (coaching and managing), lead and manage a robust fund-raising program to identify, cultivate, solicit and steward prospective donors of current and planned gifts; and **Manage the business relationships** with ministry partner organizations through on-site visits. This position is located in Chicago and reports to the Executive Vice President of the Foundation. It requires about 30% travel, visiting regional gift planners, donors, and ministry partnerships. Application, resume and cover letter should be [submitted through the ELCA job board](#). Inquiries about the position may be directed, in confidence, to [Gaye Lindfors of Significant Solutions, Inc.](#), the consultant assisting with this search. Link: [gaye@significantsolutionsinc.com](mailto:gaye@significantsolutionsinc.com)

**Part-Time Youth and Family Ministry Director – New Hope Lutheran Church (Blanchardville / Hollandale)**

Seeking an individual gifted in working with youth and who values cross-generational learning and social opportunities to coordinate faith formation for youth and families. We are looking for an individual who has a heart for sharing God's love with all people. The desired candidate will work with the pastor, staff, and volunteers to plan and carry out faith formation experiences for youth and their families. Experience working in a church setting or in education is helpful. This position is 15 hours/week and while hours are mostly flexible, work on Wednesday evenings and Sundays is required. A full job description is available at [newhopelutheran.info](http://newhopelutheran.info) (10/12/17)

**Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities**

<https://www.wichurches.org/resources/employment-opportunities/>

**Sugar Creek Bible Camp Seeks Executive Director**

Sugar Creek Bible Camp and Retreat Center (SCBC) Ferryville, Wisconsin is an outdoor ministry "Where all generations encounter Christ, experience God's grace, and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth in faith." SCBC is seeking a full-time Executive Director to build on 53 years of innovative camping and retreat ministry, who is committed to living in relationship with Sugar Creek's constituent congregations in southwestern Wisconsin and the surrounding area.

The Executive Director will work in partnership with the camp staff to facilitate outdoor ministry and retreat programs. He or she will have experience in financial management, fundraising, marketing, and personnel management. The Executive Director will expand existing financial resources, develop new ones, and grow the camp's volunteer base. The successful candidate shall be well-versed in Lutheran theology and faith, and implement those Lutheran values in the context of outdoor ministry and retreat programs. Sugar Creek Bible Camp is over 600 acres of valleys and bluffs nestled in the Driftless Region of the Mississippi River.

The SCBC Executive Director Search Committee will be accepting applications January 28 through March 1, 2019, with interviews to begin in March. Cover letter, resume, application, contact information for two personal and two professional references, and all correspondence should be directed to Michael Douglass, Search Committee Chair, at: [michael.douglass@centurylink.net](mailto:michael.douglass@centurylink.net) (01/29/19)



## At-A-Glance Future Synod Events:

Please see the **Congregational Events page on the Synod's EVENTS page** of the website for more events that will be hosted by congregations of our synod. Thanks! [http://www.scsw-elca.org/congregational\\_events.aspx](http://www.scsw-elca.org/congregational_events.aspx)



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### Updates on Congregations in the Call Process and Rostered Leader Updates

Call process and roster changes are updated on the synod website monthly. Please keep these congregations and rostered leaders in your prayers. This is now updated! We apologize for the delays: **Link:** <http://scsw-elca.org/resources/callprocess/>

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## Prayers

Audit Committee:

- Tom Rivers, St. John's, Madison

Synod Seminary Student:

- Elisabeth Himmelman, Intern at St. John Lutheran Church Prairie du Sac. Attending Wartburg Seminary.

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Jerry Tews, Pastor, and members of West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church in Blue Mounds, WI
- Rev. Jared Parmley, Pastor, and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb, WI.

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Jon Anderson and the congregations of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

Churchwide Partners:

- Ms. Mary Rothenbach, Senior Administrative Assistant for Asia Pacific; Europe/Middle East North Africa Global Mission at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
- R. Bishal Maskey, Director for Finance and Administration, Global Mission at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate their anniversary of Ordination during this coming week:

- Rev. Lucy Wynard, February 11, 2015, Pastor of St Paul, Beloit, WI [pastor.wynard@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.wynard@gmail.com)
- Rev. Mark Moller-Gunderson, February 13, 1977, Retired. [mollergunderson@gmail.com](mailto:mollergunderson@gmail.com)
- Rev. Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson, February 13, 1977, Retired. [mollergunderson@gmail.com](mailto:mollergunderson@gmail.com)
- Rev. Bruce Engelbretson, February 17, 1974, Retired.
- Rev. Robert Fisher, February 18, 1990, Retired. [bobcfisher@hotmail.com](mailto:bobcfisher@hotmail.com)
- Rev. Bryan Lagerstam, February 18, 2008, Pastor of St John's Beaver Dam, WI [pastor@stjohnsbd.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnsbd.org)
- Rev. Roger Elliot, February 19, 1984, Retired, [jhawk1970@yahoo.com](mailto:jhawk1970@yahoo.com)

- [Rev. Naomi Garber, February 19, 2000, Interim Pastor of First English, Platteville, WI](mailto:naomic59.ng@gmail.com)

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate their anniversary of Commissioning:

- Deacon Bruce Bengtson, February 18, 1984, Retired

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