



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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO
BISHOP'S CHRISM EUCHARIST
Renewal of Commissioning and Ordination

Vows, and Blessing of Oils

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Midvale Community Lutheran Church

4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53711



The Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, Presider and Preacher

Bishop, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA

All are welcome to this special service of Holy Communion for rostered ministers and lay leaders. While traditionally held during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, we have moved it up to Tuesday to facilitate your participation. It is a time for you to receive, to gather together with colleagues for "prayers and thanksgiving" and to receive from God the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. You will receive oils that can be a tangible sign of God's healing of the world.

The use of oils (Chrism) is mentioned often in scripture. This religious service has been held in Lutheranism to bless the oils that are used by you for anointing in baptism, confirmation, and services of healing. In addition, oils are used in the consecration of deacons and ordination of pastors.

We hope you are able to join in this service. May your Lenten Journey continue to lead you to the Cross and onward to the empty tomb.

2 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HANDS ON MINISTRIES TO TAKE PLACE AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY!

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES "GHM" GATHERING AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We know many of you are already rolling up your sleeves with this ministry as part of your Lenten offerings. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Ted Sehmer, member of Covenant, Stoughton, we will be holding an in gathering for Global Health Ministries at Synod Assembly this year to transport you kits to the GHM warehouse in St. Paul, Minnesota. Thank you Ted!



Global Health Ministries
Helping the hands that heal

WE WILL ACCEPT HOSPICE, NEWBORN, BLANKETS AND BANDAGES

Location: Drop off your kits at the **ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison**

Drop off times are: Friday, May 4 – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday, May 5 – 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Please pay attention to boxing instructions by taping shut and labelling all boxes with quantities of items in each box. This is very important as we are required to provide this information to GHM before we arrive so they can schedule the appropriate volunteers for unloading at the warehouse.

Financial Donations Needed Too! Even if your congregation can't participate in creating kits, you can still help. Financial donations are needed for transportation costs to get the donations to the warehouse in St. Paul as the synod does not have a budget for this. We are needing \$500 to cover transit expenses. You can send donations made payable to SCSW and mail to South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA, 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719. Thank you!!!



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK! THIS IS A NEW HANDS ON MINISTRY FOR OUR SYNOD ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR!

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Some of our congregations are participating in this hunger ministry in their communities and making a big difference in feeding children. The assembly planning team is very excited to bring this hands-on activity to our assembly with an associated workshop that will teach you how to start this hunger ministry in your community. At assembly, our attendees will be invited to help pack the backpacks with food that we purchase from the Blessing in A Backpack organization. This assures high quality products that provide consistency in content and freshness. Our goal is to pack 1,000 backpacks for children in our synod.

How you can help? Instead of in-kind donations, **we need to raise \$2,900 to fill 1,000 backpacks.** These backpacks will be distributed to congregations that are engaged in this ministry and ready to distribute to the schools in their community.

Donations should be made payable to SCSW, with Blessings in A Backpack in the memo. Mail to South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719 by April 30.



Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters will hold their next Council Meeting on April 13 at Bethel (Madison), 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison

Council members will join together from 8:00 am to 10:30 am on Saturday, April 13. If you have questions about participating, contact Todd Long at 608-447-1860



SYNOD ASSEMBLY - MAY 4 & 5, 2019 ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER EXHIBITION HALL - Madison

& CLARION SUITES AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER

DEADLINE FOR ROOMS AT THE CLARION IS TOMORROW,
APRIL 4 MIDNIGHT...REGISTER TODAY IF YOU NEED A
ROOM!

To register: <https://bit.ly/SCSWAssembly2019> and choose this in the optional items. Please do NOT call the hotel directly.

April 12 – Registration deadline attendees not needing hotel rooms

April 18 - Payments due to the synod office for all registrations.

Still Wondering If You Want to Attend? What Can You Expect?

In addition to doing the important work of the church, we will share meals, engage in hands-on ministry together through our Blessing in A Backpack Hunger and GHM ministries, and we will learn how to love our neighbor from experts at 12 different workshops.

One of those workshops is: “Unlocking the Treasures of Evangelical Lutheran Worship”

We are excited to be joined by **Deacon John Weit, Program Director for Music** in the Office of the Presiding Bishop, ELCA. Since the publication of the ELW in 2006, the family of resources surrounding the ELW has grown to over 150 publications. This includes musical enhancements for hymns, songs, and liturgical music in ELW as well as new assembly song for particular occasions. This workshop will explore some of the musical treasures in ELW, some of the new resources, and ideas for musicians and worship planners to support the ongoing song of the church.

Deacon Weit works with the worship team in supporting the worship life of the ELCA through resource development, education, and worship leadership for churchwide events. Prior to his call to the churchwide organization, John was cantor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester, Massachusetts where he served as the principal musician and facilitated the worship and music life of this urban congregation. His experience is rich including but not limited to conducting the seminary choir at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and as organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago.

And of course, Our Keynote Speaker will be Ruth Haley Barton!

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ruth Haley Barton, Founder and CEO of the Transforming Center, a ministry dedicated to strengthening the souls of clergy, Christian leaders and the congregations and organizations they serve. Dr. Barton will share honestly about the **challenges of spiritual leadership in a high performance culture**. She will also help you assess the state of your soul and then explore crucial disciplines for forging and maintaining a **connection between our souls and our leadership as we strive to build beloved community**. We look forward to an uplifting and spiritual weekend with you.

Questions about synod assembly registrations can be directed to the Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at 608-270-0201.



LUTHERAN OFFICE FOR PUBLIC POLICY *in Wisconsin*

MISSION MOMENT

Our Work With Human Trafficking Is Making a Difference!

Thank you for your weekly offerings that get sent on to your synod and a portion to our larger church through your mission support, for without it, we would not be able to be a healing presence in a world that desperately needs Jesus. Here's our story:

By Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life

On March 27, 12 Wisconsin state representatives and approximately 50 concerned citizens gathered at the State capitol for the *Assembly Committee on Children and Families public hearing on Assembly Bill 41*. Under this bill, a person who is under the age of 18 may not be prosecuted for committing an act of prostitution. Many compelling arguments were made in favor of this bill and the fact that 25 states have already passed it, strengthened the arguments.

As one of 50+ concerned citizens, I wanted to share some powerful moments where I saw God's presence at this public hearing where law and gospel informed our common goal of protecting the rights of victims and safe harboring them through the social services process instead of the criminal justice system.

I got off the elevator on the 4th floor with several of the people speaking in favor of the bill and they were excited to see that a line was forming to get into the room. I was happy for them because sometimes just showing up as a member of the beloved community is all it takes to affirm to each other that what we are about to do is important and matters.



As we entered the hearing room, we filled out a voting registration form where we could indicate our position on the bill and whether we were there to speak to it. Several from our synod spoke eloquently in favor of the bill: Shown here at the microphone are the Rev. Cindy Crane, Director of Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin and LOPPW intern, Kelsey Johnson, and LOPPW volunteer, Margaret Staniforth. Later, at the microphone were Women of the ELCA including Helen Sheahan, President of the South-Central Synod of

Wisconsin WELCA group & Margo Holman from Dekorra Lutheran's women's group, Shirley Paulson, East Central Synod of Wisconsin WELCA and Lori Wells, President of the NW Synod of Wisconsin's WELCA group. The chairperson commended their testimonies. Also present were representatives from League of Women Voters, State Public Defenders Office, the Department of Children and Family Services, Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee, and the National Council of Juvenile Justice to name a few.

After nearly 4 hours of testimonies, the session adjourned. Before closing, Chairman Snyder read out loud the names of people voting and speaking for Assembly Bill 41 and one could hear the echo of "ELCA" behind each of our names. One of the authors of the bill, Representative Jill Billings who has led several of our rallies with LOPPW at the capitol, could be seen smiling at Rev. Cindy Crane in recognition of our shared passion and years of walking together caring for God's children. This was one of many spirit-filled moments.

This is a mission moment that filled me with awe and gratitude for the opportunity to be a voice for the survivors of human trafficking. For all of us in that hearing that day, I can speak with bold and daring confidence that our presence and voices spoke very loudly that we are Lutheran, we are Church, we are Church Together and we are Church for the Sake of the World. What a beautiful witness to our faith!

Why is this so important? Here are some sobering statistics:

- There are an estimated 36 million people in modern-day slavery in the world today.
- Human trafficking (both sex and labor trafficking) is the fastest growing organized crime and is the second largest criminal enterprise in the world.
- Human trafficking generates \$32 billion per year in profits.
- 98% of sexually trafficked victims are women and girls.
- In the United States there are an estimated 100,000 – 300,000 children prostituted each year.
- 33% of children that run away are lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.
- Mortality rate for prostitutes can be 100 times greater than the general public.
- The average age for being sex-trafficked is 13.
- Sex trafficking has been found in every county of our state.
- 46% of prostitutes attempt suicide.

Wisconsin Sex Trafficking of Minors

It is difficult to determine how many youths are being sex trafficked in Wisconsin because even though it is pervasive, it is very covert. To date (2017) cases have been reported across the state in every county, and as awareness of sex trafficking increases professionals are recognizing more youth who are victims of trafficking. Jan Miyazaki, the director of Madison's Project Respect, said that in her work with local women in the sex trade, she encounters between 50-75 cases a year involving force, fraud or coercion. A community educator who works with Milwaukee minors in the sex trade said she has come into contact with more than 100 young people in the past year that she believes fit the definition of human trafficking victims. Milwaukee was referred to as "The Harvard of Pimp School," in the November 2, 2015 article in The Guardian. However, many of the traffickers have moved into suburban and rural areas. The Internet as well as public places are used for recruiting. It is common for traffickers to spend significant time tracking potential girls and boys for prey and they often work in team.

As Human Trafficking is one of the priorities of Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, Rev. Cindy Crane, Director of LOPPW, shares "The passage of this bill would place Wisconsin law in alignment with federal law, and would enable trafficked youth to receive human services rather than be re-victimized by being treated as criminals. We have supported this bill for three legislative sessions, each time it has come closer to passing."

Would you like your congregation to be more informed? Invite LOPPW to speak by calling Rev. Cindy Crane at 608-270-0201 and by checking out other speakers such as Dawn Heath on the synod's Speaker's Bureau to invite people who have made Human Trafficking their life's work. <https://scsw-elca.org/resources/speakers-bureau/>

More on the Assembly Bill 41 - <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/proposals/ab41>

More on the Talking Points -<https://www.loppw.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/45/files/2019/03/Talking-Points-and-Info.pdf>



Equipping Our Beloved Community!

Multi-Staff Church Event

for South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

Pastors, Deacons and Lay Staff



Tuesday, May 21 - 8:30 am - Noon

This is a **FREE Event!**

Refreshments will be served.

McFarland Lutheran Church - 5529 March Road, McFarland

Have you ever wished you could talk to people in other congregations that have similar roles to yours? If so, we hope you are paying attention to this invitation to the event that is designed for YOU!

For the last several years, congregations have sent all staff members to a morning of worship, conversation and collegiality.

Staff members split up into break-out sessions based on ministry roles. Past groups have included: administrative assistants/secretaries; musicians; children, youth and family ministers; custodians; bookkeepers; visitation/home bound/care ministers; lead pastors; associate pastors; etc. The conversations are always nurturing and thought-provoking and attendees leave feeling more equipped for ministry than before! Your entire church staff is invited!

Please RSVP with McFarland Lutheran by email: office@mcfarlandlutheran.org, or phone: 608-838-3184. Please indicate how many staff members will be attending, and their respective roles. We hope your church staff can attend!



SCSW Children, Youth & Family Ministry Network Meetings



Please join us for the next Children, Youth and Family Network Meeting, **Thursday March 28th** 10:30am-12pm. We meet to support, dream and vision together.

Location: Upperhouse
365 E Campus Mall #200, Madison, WI 53715
(There is a parking garage directly under the building)

Typically our meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at Upperhouse in Madison. **We also use Zoom for those that cannot join us in person.** We would love to see you there! Contact us if you want to Zoom into the meeting!

Future Meeting Dates Are: April 25 & May 23 - Both at Upperhouse 10:30-12noon

Contact: Jay Kiel
Director of Youth Ministry
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Middleton, WI
jkiel@stlukes-elca.org

or

Heather Greenley
Youth Coordinator
Central Lutheran Church
Edgerton, WI
youth_clc@yahoo.com



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - DODGEVILLE SPONSORS SPRING COMMUNITY CONCERT:

Saturday, April 13 starting at **3pm**. Michael Massey, regionally known composer, songwriter, singer and pianist from Madison joins up with Emily Wicker, singer and vocal teacher (originally from Barneveld), to perform a lovely concert here at Grace Lutheran. Refreshments and fellowship to follow concert.



This is a free will offering event, with proceeds (minus expenses) donated to the Dodger Food Locker project. Questions: call the office (608) 935-5718 or email churchoffice.glc@gmail.com



Kids Receive Peer Support at Time for Us Camp



Time for Us is an annual camp for youth, ages 10 - 18, who have a family member living with cognitive, neurological or trauma-related challenges such as Alzheimer's disease or dementia, PTSD, or Parkinson's.

The nature-based Keepers of Memories activities help campers find paths toward understanding changes, developing coping skills, learning good nutrition, and

creating connections between cognitive health and the health of our environment.

June 16 - 21, 2019

Bethel Horizons Camp, Dodgeville

Summer 2019 registrations are being accepted now.

Time for Us is sponsored by ADAW, Bethel Horizons, and **forMemory**, a network of persons affected by early-stage memory loss. Questions?

Contact Christine at (920) 734-9638 or Mary Kay Baum at (608) 935-5834. www.formemory.org



Invitation to PREVIEW from Luther Seminary - April 30, 2019

Luther Seminary will be hosting on campus this spring: Preview!



Preview encourages emerging young leaders to explore their gifts in the context of theological education. It is a day-long seminary campus visit like no other! Our staff and faculty have merged to shape presentations, workshops, mini-classes, tours, worship and a meal specifically for high school students and their pastors and other

ministerial mentors.

Preview registration is now open, and we would love for you to share this opportunity with your congregation's members! The main event information can be found [here](#), and the Facebook event invite, [here](#). If you need or want to stay overnight, Luther Seminary is happy to arrange for rooms on campus.

Link: https://www.luthersem.edu/lifelong_learning/events/community/preview.aspx Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1226829620818267/>



NEW THIS YEAR!

The 2019 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly

Has Gone Mobile!



For your convenience and to care for God's creation, we have introduced the **Synod Assembly Guidebook app**.

This app will house the entire assembly "book" and will allow for convenience of referencing materials during the event and will allow for live updates and increased communication capabilities. The app is available on all mobile devices including cell phones and tablets and can be downloaded by following this link from your mobile device*:

<https://guidebook.com/g/scsw2019/>

1) Download the **"ELCA Organizations & Events"** app on to your mobile device.

2) Open the app and tap "Find Guides" from the menu and search for **"2019 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin"**

3) The guidebook will automatically download once you select it. You are ready to explore!

***NOTE: If you do not own a tablet or a smartphone, you can rent one for \$25 for the entire assembly. Choose this on your assembly registration. It is an OPTIONAL ITEM. You will receive your Ipad when you check in at the event registration area at the Alliant.**



Call for Pictures for Synod Assembly Slide Loop - Pictures Wanted of Your Beloved Communities!

This went so well last year with photos of walking wet in baptism, we'd like to do it again! Do you have pictures that show your congregation **Building Beloved Community?**

In other words....

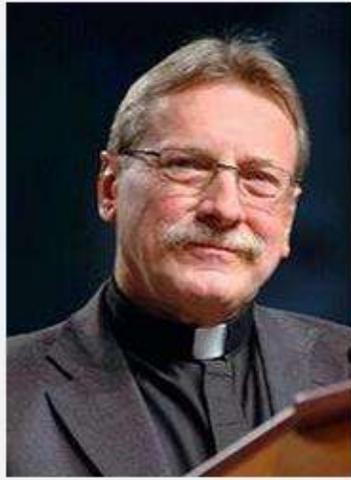
Where are you reaching out into your community?

Who are you serving in the world?

What does beloved community within your congregation look like?

Please send pictures **(.jpgs)** that tell the story of this year's Synod Assembly theme "Building Beloved Community" to Robyn Zimmerman at robynz@scsw-elca.org by **April 17**.

We would love to show pictures from different congregations throughout the synod as we strengthen our beloved community together.



Introducing New Speaker on the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Speaker's Bureau!

Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman! Yes...you heard correctly! Dr. Bouman was our keynote speaker for LEAD this year and as ever, received an overwhelmingly positive response by our attendees. So we are extremely excited to introduce him as one of our newest speakers to the synod's Speaker's Bureau.

As he is now retired from his call to the ELCA churchwide office as Executive Director of the Domestic Mission of the ELCA, he has started his own consulting business, **3 Roads Consulting**.



He is available to work with your congregation in the areas of congregational renewal, community ministries and leadership training. As ever, you work directly with our speakers to make arrangements and negotiate details. See the synod's website for his contact information.

<https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Stephen-Bouman.pdf>

Link to Speaker's Bureau page: <https://scsw-elca.org/resources/speakers-bureau/>



LEAD Presentation by Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman and Bishop Thomas-Breiffeld's Message

If you would like to hear Dr. Bouman's keynote from LEAD or Bishop Thomas-Breiffeld's message, they are posted to the synod's website. For Dr. Bouman's presentation, advance the video to the 13 minute mark where Bishop Thomas-Breiffeld introduces him. <https://scsw-elca.org/event/lead2019/>

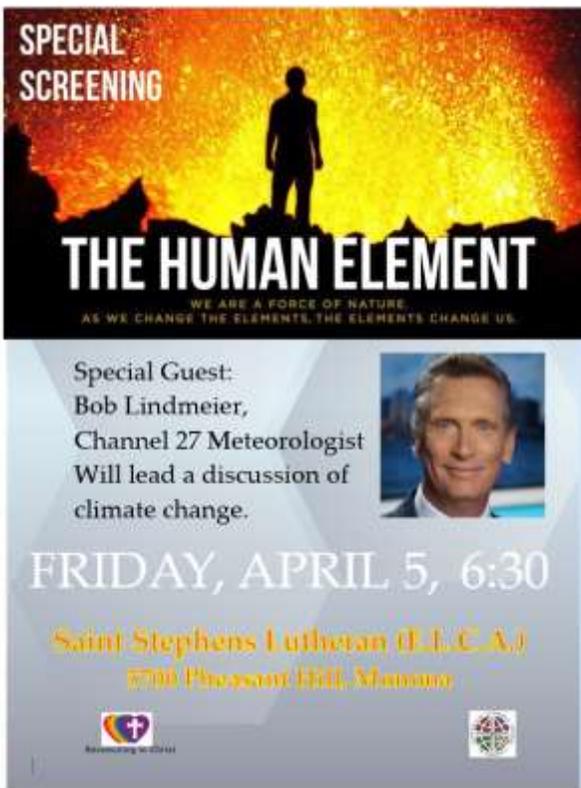


People of Faith United for Justice Just Around the Corner! April 11

Thursday, April 11, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm from First United Methodist Church to the Capital.

People of Faith United for Justice is a day-long gathering to learn, discuss, pray and advocate together for social justice issues of importance to all the people of Wisconsin. As a new legislature starts work on the next state budget, our representatives need to hear our values, priorities, and concerns, our expectations and

aspirations. Issues for Advocacy will be Clean Water, Expanding Badger Care and Early Child Care. Whether we expect them to agree with us or not, they need to hear from us. Together, we can ensure that our commitment to compassion and justice is reflected in that budget. ^[1]Co-Sponsors: Wisconsin Council of Churches, WI Faith Voices For Justice, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, Madison Area Urban Ministry, Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Jewish Federation of Madison and Wisconsin Jewish Conference. Registration & Lunch: After March 18 - \$50 (lunch not guaranteed).



Special Screening: The Human Element
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
This Friday, April 5
6:30 pm

Join Members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and others from our synod for this special event with Special Guest from the Synod's Care for God's Creation Team, Meteorologist, Bob Lindmeier

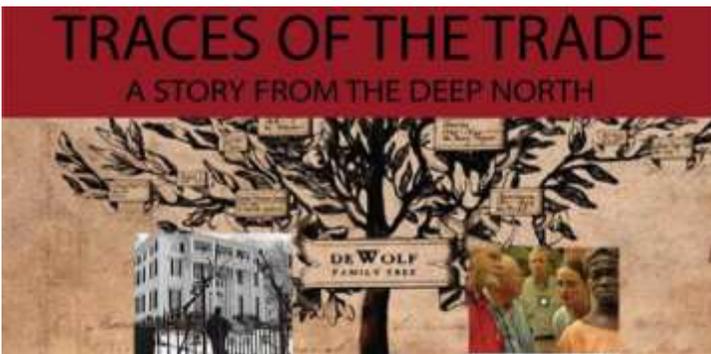
All are Welcome...no registration necessary...Just come!

St. Stephen's is located at 5700 Pheasant Hill.



Mass Children's Choir Forming for ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Invitation to Young Singers!

Young singers with unchanged treble voices, having completed 3rd through 8th grade, are invited to participate in a mass children's choir for the festive opening worship of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, on Monday, August 5. Under the direction of Karol Kinard Kimmell, the choir will participate in the service of Holy Communion with Presiding Bishop Eaton, singing selections throughout the service and helping to lead an assembly of over 1,500 people in song. Interested congregations, choirs, or individual singers may contact worship@elca.org or call 773-380-2554 for more information and to learn how to register. Registration by May 1 is appreciated.



East Central Synod of Wisconsin Invites Us To "Traces of Trade" - April 13 / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Beloved Community Church, 900 Brilowski Road, Stevens Point

East Central Synod of Wisconsin is excited to join as an ecumenical partner sponsoring **Traces of the Trade**, an event where we will explore faith's role in confronting racism and engaging activity toward racial healing. The morning includes a viewing of the

award-winning film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, followed by discussion with its creator, Katrina Browne. The afternoon will include an introduction to the "race and faith" dialogue series *Sacred Ground*, a new resource from the Episcopal Church (may be used for free when partnering with an Episcopal congregation). *Sacred Ground* is a film-based race dialogue series for use by small groups in congregations. The registration fee is to cover food costs. The East Central Synod is proud to be an ecumenical partner in sponsoring the other expenses of this event with the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Winnebago Presbytery, and North East District of WI, UMC. More details on the event can be found here: <https://www.diofdl.org/tott.html>

For a trailer to *Traces of the Trade: a Story from the Deep North*: <http://www.tracesofthetrade.org/view-clips/>
 Information on *Sacred Ground* curriculum and series here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>



Women of the ELCA South-Central
Wisconsin Synodical Women's
Organization

2019 Saturday

Spring Conference Gatherings

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend!



**SCHEDULE BY
CONFERENCE**

Baraboo Conference – April 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac, Speaker is Kathy Roberg, RN on Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin, ministry in Thiotte, Haiti. Registration starts at 8:30 am. More information and RSVP to tnmdegi@gmail.com or 608-643-4514

Barneveld Conference – April 27 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb, Speaker is Bev Burns of "Passages", a women's

shelter, and Darlene Masters of Family Advocates at 9:30 am. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Lunch. More information and RSVP to elc@mhtc.net or 608-437-5012

Beaver Dam Conference – April 6 at Marquardt Village Towne Centre, Watertown, hosted by Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watertown. Speaker is Kay Ward, Don't Just Live – Thrive at 9 am. Registration starts at 8:30 am. More information and RSVP by March 31 to jshackley.immanuel@gmail.com or 920-261-1663. Lunch

Beloit Conference – April 27 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville, Speaker is Dr. John Haeberlin, Mission of Miracles, Registration starts at 8:30 am. More information and RSVP by April 12 to 608-754-2071 or mail to First Lutheran, 612 N Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545. Luncheon will feature uniquely decorated tables.

East/West Conference – April 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, Speaker is Jane Harrison on UPAVIM at 9 am. Registration starts at 8:30 am. More information and RSVP to pfcart48@gmail.com or 608-271-7912. Lunch.

Elkhorn Conference – April 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson, Speaker is Dawn Heath on Anti-Human Trafficking at 9 am. Registration starts at 8:00 am. More information and RSVP by April 20 to 01sPhillipson@gmail.com or 262-337-1368. Lunch.

Monroe Conference – April 13 at Primrose Lutheran Church in Belleville, Speaker is Nikki Matley, FCI Financial Professional from Thrivent Financial. Registration starts at 9:30 am. More information and RSVP to 608-325-9565. Lunch.

Southlake Conference – May attend any nearby Gathering.

Southwest Conference – April 6 at Lutheran Church of Peace in Platteville, Speakers about Women of the ELCA supported missions for Native Americans in AZ & Montana and UPAVIM at 10 am. Registration and continental breakfast starts at 9:30 am. More information and RSVP to tomsuzbart@tds.net or 608-533-2801. In-kind gifts for women's shelter, Family Advocates.

**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Invites You to
Attend 2019 Beaver Dam Conference Women's Spring
Gathering
Saturday, April 6, 2019**

@ Marquardt Village Towne Centre
1045 Hill Street • Watertown, WI



Welcome all women! Invite a friend!

Presented by Kay Ward, Retired Moravian Bishop
Author of *Gather* Summer 2019 Bible Study
on Queen Esther

Saturday, April 6, 2019 • 9 am to Noon
Registration starts at 8:30 am
Lunch served at Noon
Cost: \$10.00 (cash or check to Immanuel W-ELCA)

Next Racial Equity Ministry Learning Events!

Sundays - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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



Dates & Topics:

- April 7** **Bill Greendeer** (Ho Chunk) and **Juliee de la Terre** (Sacred Water Sacred Land representative) will present on Native American reverence for land and water
- May 19** **Linda Orié** (Oneida Nation) will present on education as it intersects with Native American history and culture
- June 7** **Dr. Pamela Oliver** (Professor of Sociology at UW-Madison) will present on racial disparities and collective action movements



Light refreshments will be served. No registration necessary. Just come!

Learn how to be an ani-mazing VBS Leader!
VBS FunShop—Training With a Twist



THIS Saturday, April 6, 2019

Yes, You Can Register at the Door!

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church
7337 Hubbard Avenue - Middleton**



This Hands-On Training is something to ROAR about!

Register online: group.com/vbsfunshop

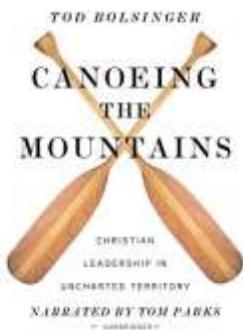
At a Roar FunShop, discover time-saving and budget-stretching tips from Group's VBS veterans! Meet and mingle with other VBS Groupies in your area, and coordinate sharing props and decorating resources. Learn how to create amazing decorations with step-by-step instructions; experience a "Day at VBS"; network and learn how to plan, coordinate, and pull off an amazing VBS event. Get practical pointers on all thing VBS—including fundraising, volunteer recruiting, decorating, and family follow-up. Get an energizing jump-start to your VBS season, and...have fun! Bring all your key leaders!

Plus: Give-Aways, Exclusive Fun Shop Gift! New to VBS Q&A

Register Your Team Today:

- Early Bird Rate: \$20/person (ends Monday at noon MST 13 days prior to the event)
- Group Rate: \$15/person (five or more people from same church/ends Monday at noon MST 13 days prior to the event)
- Late Registration: \$40/person (registering fewer than 13 days prior to the event or at the door)

Questions: Contact Rev. Heather Hayward (608) 831-6084 or email: hhayward@stlukes-elca.org



Samaritan Counseling Center & Solihnten Institute

April 29 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church – 550 Lincoln Drive

Presenting A live interactive webcast for clergy and religious leaders

LEADING IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD: How do we minister? How do we lead a ministry in such a rapidly changing world?

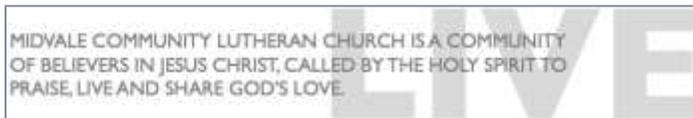


Tod Bolsinger, MDiv, PhD is the Vice-President & Chief of Leadership Formation, and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is a speaker and author of three books including Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory.

Come watch Tod speak, take questions, and hold a conversation during this interactive streaming event at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 550 Lincoln Drive, Sun Prairie on:

Cost: \$35.00 (covers lunch)

For more information and to register: <http://samaritancounselingcenterwi.org/event-for-pastors-leaders/>



Midvale Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL to These Equipping Events in March – No registration required...Just come! Time: All Forums Start at 9:15 am Midvale is located at: 4329 Tokay Boulevard, Madison

April 7 – Pastor Keri Parker, Wisconsin Council of Churches

Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, will join us to discuss how the Council of Churches help address contemporary concerns with creativity and courage. Come and learn about this statewide network of faith communities committed to praying and working together for Christian unity and the healing and reconciliation of the world. The Council's ministry includes initiatives on



major justice issues like immigration, child poverty and gun violence; educational and inspirational events; public theology; and more. Rev. Parker is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary.

April 14 – Becky Kielstrup presents on naturalistic and organic lawn care



Many people are interested in reducing or eliminating pesticides and inorganic fertilizers in the landscape because of concerns about water quality and potential threats to humans, pets, bees, birds and other wildlife. Join Becky Kielstrup, Midvale member, as well as General Manager and Horticulturalist at Avant Gardening & Landscaping and learn about organic lawn care, sustainable planting bed methods, native plants, integrated pest management and simple steps and tips on how to

April 28 – Wade Moder with the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (USRWA)



Upper Sugar River Watershed Association

Wade is the Executive Director of an organization that serves as a steward of the river and its upland environments. The Upper Sugar River Watershed is a refuge from urban life and is practically in our back yard. It is rich in resources, including fisheries, wildlife habitat (including rare and endangered species), native plant communities, and recreational opportunities. Wade will overview the USRWA's conservation projects, community engagement efforts and volunteer opportunities.

St. John's (Madison) Has Office Space to Lease

St. John's Lutheran Church is located 2 blocks off the capitol square in Madison. They have 1,900 square feet on the 2nd floor of their ADA elevator equipped building. Well planned and recently refurbished offices with conference room/s. Ideas space for firms or non-profits needing easy access to state, count/municipal offices and court house. All amenities of our vibrant downtown at your doorstep. Contact Rev. Peter Beeson at peterb@stjohnsmadison.org or 608/256-2337.

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.

If you are interested in taking classes, more information, along with registration form, can be obtained from the web site 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. We look forward to hearing from prospective students and instructors!



WORSHIP WITH US AT THE SYNOD OFFICE!

Thursdays - 12:00 Noon with Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30



Come to be fed and gather in beloved community. Join the synod staff and others on Thursdays for Worship with Holy Communion. We are gratefully led by a different preacher each week from our synod and then gather at 12:30 for brown bag lunch immediately after worship. It's always a wonderful informal and intimate gathering of a

few or many! If you are willing to volunteer your time to lead worship, we would love to have pastors, deacons or vicars lead us. Worship is a simple service consisting typically of a gathering song, word, meal, prayers and sending song. Contact Robyn Zimmerman at robynz@scsw-elca.org if you would like to lend your time and talent this way.

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 Please notify Vicki when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!

Lutherdale - Operation/Facilities Assistant, Part-Time Position

This is a year-round position working with our Operation/Facilities Manager. Work will include maintenance and repair work of all buildings and landscaping of our 52-acre campus. To apply or for more information contact: Paul Degner 262-949-2285 or paul@lutherdale.org

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 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. (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 or mail to St. John's Lutheran Church – 100 Oak Street, Prairie du Sac, WI, 53578. Contact Rev. Fred Rilling at 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. (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@gsclwi.com, or apply online at <http://gsclwi.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 and Ministry Support. 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. Service of our current interim administrator is scheduled to end in late March. If interested, respond promptly. For further information and to apply contact Bethel's consultant, QTI at: <https://www.qtigroup.com/job-posting/director-of-administration/15405> (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 bethlehemca.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)

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. (08/28/18)

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 (10/12/17)

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Crossways Camping Ministries - Seeking Executive Director

Crossways Camping Ministries is currently accepting applications for a full-time, year round Executive Director. Crossways is an ACA accredited, multi-site organization that has been blessed to offer outdoor ministry experiences for more than 75 years. Crossways is seeking its next Executive Director to build upon this legacy, celebrating this rich history, with a clear and creative focus on the future. The Executive Director will be an individual with a vibrant personal faith who can confidently minister within the context of Lutheran theology, as well as possess demonstrated leadership skills and the ability to bring the mission and vision of an organization to life. The Executive Director provides management and oversight of all Crossways Camping Ministries sites (Appleton, Waupaca, Clintonville, and Hatley, WI), including programs and operations. Position reports to the Board of Directors and works closely with them to strengthen and carry out the mission and vision of Crossways. This position holds accountability in areas including, but not limited to, Finance, Fundraising and Development, Communications, Human Resources, Planning and Program Development, Facility and Property Management. To apply, send a cover letter and resume in Word or .pdf to Corrie Ziemer at c_opp13@yahoo.com.

Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities

<https://www.wichurches.org/resources/employment-opportunities/>
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Pastors, Deacons and Interns! Share Your Gifts With Your Synod by Leading Worship!
Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/NQMwNNG>

First, thank you to all our siblings in Christ who have led worship on Thursdays at the synod office. You have been a gift to so many in our synod! For those who have not yet volunteered, we would love it if you would be willing to lead worship on a Thursday at noon in the synod office. Our service is very informal and you could make the 30 minute service look however you would like. Also feel free to invite members of your congregations or friends to join us. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch and join us for fellowship at 12:30.



It is very easy to sign up at the link: <http://signup.com/go/NQMwNNG>. If you would prefer you can simply contact Robyn Zimmerman at robynz@scsw-elca.org and she can do the sign up for you.

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

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

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



April 6 – WELCA Beaver Dam Conference at Marquardt Village Towne Centre, Watertown

April 6 – East/West Conference at Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison

April 6 – Southwest Conference at Lutheran Church of Peace, Platteville

April 6 – Diakonia Class – St. John's (Evansville) & Trinity (Madison)

April 9, 2019 - SCSW Racial Equity Event - New Life Church (Madison)

April 13 – Monroe Conference at Primrose Lutheran Church in Belleville

April 13 – LUAD Board Meeting – Bethel (Madison)

April 13 – Diakonia Class – St. John's (Evansville) & Trinity (Madison)

April 16 – Bishop's Christ Eucharist Service – Midvale Lutheran (Madison)

April 25 - SCSW Children, Youth & Family Ministry Network Meeting - Upperhouse, Madison

April 27 – Baraboo Conference at St. John's Lutheran Church, Prairie du Sac

April 27 – Barneveld Conference at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Horeb

April 27 – Beloit Conference at First Lutheran Church, Janesville

April 27 – Elkhorn Conference at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson

May 4 & 5 - SYNOD ASSEMBLY - Alliant Energy Center and Clarion Suites at the Alliant

May 9, 2019 - SCSW Racial Equity Event - New Life Church (Madison)



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/](http://scsw-elca.org/resources/callprocess/)

Prayers



Of Celebration on the Commissioning of Deacon Beth Faith) who was commissioned this Sunday at Grace Lutheran in Monroe! Pictured here (2nd from right with Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld, Rev. John Tabaka and Deacon Lisa Huber. It's been quite a journey. May you go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Blessings Beth! Well done good and faithful servant!

Care for God's Creation/ELCA World Hunger Team:

- Rev. Cindy Crane, Luther Memorial, Madison.
- Jane Harrison, First English, Platteville.

Synod Seminary Student:

- Jose Rodriguez Paez, intern year at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Chicago, attending Lutheran School of Theology Chicago.

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Gus Barnes, Pastor, and members of Luther Memorial, Delavan, WI.
- Rev. Dan Vojta, Pastor, and members of Zion Lutheran Church in, Horicon WI.

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Jeff Clements and the congregations of the Northern Illinois Synod.

Churchwide Partners:

- Mrs. Hellen Rios Carrillo, Senior Administrative Assistant for Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Mission at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
- Mr. Dennis W. Frado, Lutheran Office for World Community, Global Mission at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

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

- Rev. Felix Malpica, April 5, 2014, Faith Lutheran Janesville, fmalpica001@gmail.com

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

- Deacon David Schipper, April 6, 2003, Windsor UCC, schipperjazz@yahoo.com

May these leaders continue to be blessed for service.



Congregational Newsletter Editors - please include this in your newsletters!



WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!

Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at

vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to "What Matters."

Like Us on Facebook and you'll share in awesome ministry by congregations in your synod, share great ideas and be inspired with selected scripture from your synod staff. **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin**



Remember, when you see this symbol, this is a news item that should be put in your congregational newsletters! Thanks for your partnership.

Share your news. If you have something you would like considered for publication in What Matters, send it to Communications & Event Manager, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, at vickih@scsw-elca.org.

Visit our website: www.scsw-elca.org



Following Jesus, who commanded his followers, 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another,' and believing that all persons are created in the image of God, the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA, strives to be fully inclusive for all. This synod welcomes people of every race, background, age, political affiliation, economic and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and mental and physical ability, while striving to enable all people to participate fully in the life and work of the church and its expressions.