

WHAT MATTERS April 23, 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.

Please note: *What Matters* will be on hiatus April 30 – May 7. We will resume our normal publishing schedule with the May 14 issue.



ROSTERED WOMEN'S GATHERING THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 AM – 11 AM

We hope you will be able to decompress a bit with at our quarterly women's gathering.

This month Connie Matye will host at West Middleton (**3763 Pioneer Rd, Verona**).

Please RSVP to Julie Krahn @ jakrahn.1230@gmail.com if you know you can join us. And please help her out by inviting anyone new to the synod in your area!

Plan ahead to meet us at Devil's Lake State Park on July 25. Rain location St. Paul's, Baraboo. Julie will send more details in July.

Women of the ELCA - Lutheran/Divinity Educational Student Scholarship

Every other year in connection with our Biennial Convention (September 21) the South-Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA offers two educational scholarships of \$500 each. They are not gender specific. They will be given to students who are pursuing education in Called Ministry (such as Pastor or Diaconal Minister) or Youth Ministry in a congregation or ELCA Bible Camp Ministry. The scholarship will be used toward the 2019 - 2020 academic year. The student must be enrolled full time. Our purpose with this scholarship is to support one another in our callings.

The completed form and reference letter can be obtained by emailing Helen Sheahan at sheahan1@sbcglobal.net. Completed forms need to be submitted by August 12, 2019. Please stop by our Women of the ELCA display at Synod Assembly or email Helen Sheahan at sheahan1@sbcglobal.net



Find Some New Coaches at the Next One Year to Live Retreat for Men!

September 13-15, 2019 Register today – space is limited.

MacKenzie Environmental Education Center, Poynette, WI

This retreat has been life changing for many attendees! Join with men of all ages seeking to follow the guidance of Proverbs 27:17.

For more information and to view participant testimonial videos:

<http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org>. Call or text LMM synod leader, Jim Schieble:

(920) 763-3433 with other questions.



Lutherdale

Ministry Professional Family Retreat

August 14-16, 2019

Lutherdale is inviting all Ministry Professional Leaders and their families out to camp to Recharge Together!

WHY

Make memories and build connections that will last for years!

SCHEDULE

Arrive 10 am Wednesday
Depart 10 am Friday

ACTIVITIES

Games, music, crafts, Bible study, campfire with S'mores, and more!

COST

Only \$75 per Adult
\$50 per Child
Includes 6 meals, snacks, lodging and program cost!

This two night retreat will be packed with games, songs and activities for all ages. Campfires with s'mores, craft time, interactive Bible study, swimming, slip 'n slide, farm animals and ropes course. Any and all church professionals with families are welcome at this retreat. There will be activities for every member of the family no matter what age they are. We will stay in Lutherdale's family friendly Watson Retreat Center.



N7891 US HWY 12, Elkhorn WI 53121 Tel 262.742.2352 Email: info@Lutherdale.org

Download posters and registration materials here!

<https://www.lutherdale.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Ministry-Professional-Family-Retreat-Flyer.pdf>

<http://lutherdale.wpengine.com/programs/retreats/adult-family-retreats/>

St. Peter's (Loganville) Hosting Mental Health Training – Tuesday, April 23 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Location of Church: 325 Mill Street, Loganville

St. Peter's, Loganville, is hosting a QPR Training Session on Tuesday, April 23, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jodi Bruni, Sauk County Public Health Nurse, is the presenter.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, a mental health intervention that teaches people to recognize and respond positively to someone exhibiting suicide warning signs and behaviors.

There are three guiding principles around which the QPR method and training program were designed. In broad terms, the training is designed to increase awareness about the problem of suicide, enhance surveillance of others in possible distress, which leads to greater detection of observable suicide warning signs.

QPR training includes; local statistics, myths and facts about suicide, warning signs of suicide, how to apply QPR and how to offer hope and support.

This free training will equip you to:

- Recognize the warning signs of suicide
- Know how to offer hope
- Know how to get help and save a life

Trainer: Jody Bruni is a Public Health Nurse for the Sauk County Health Department and is a member of the HOPE Sauk Prairie Suicide Prevention Coalition. She has been a QPR trainer since 2016.

If your church or organization would like your own QPR training, contact Jody at 355-4316. She would be happy to schedule a session.



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

Dr. Dan Feaster is the Executive Director/
Psychotherapist with Samaritan Counseling
Center.

Understanding Extremist Groups

This program will look briefly at cults, gangs,
Satanism and hate groups operating in

America. Learn about some extremists groups and how they recruit member's especially young people. What does our faith say about these groups and how do we respond. 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.

Dr. Feaster is experienced in several areas...see **more information** link below for a list of all of his offerings.

More information: <https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Extremist-Groups-Dan-Feaster.pdf>

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

Samaritan Counseling Center will have a display at Synod Assembly. You can meet Dr. Feaster there!





Pictures Wanted of Your Beloved Communities for Synod Assembly Slide Show!

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

Pastors, Deacons, Interns, Diakonia Graduates and Collaborative Learning Students! Share Your Gifts With Your Synod by Leading Worship! We Are Needing Worship Leaders for the month of May



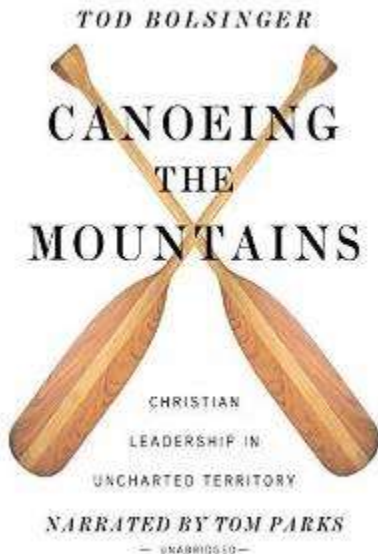
Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/NQMwNNG>

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 informal and you could make the 30 minute service look however you would like. Also feel free to invite members of you congregations or friends to join us. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch and join us for fellowship at 12:30. It is so fun to be together!

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.

We are always looking for volunteers for General Office Volunteer Work - <http://signup.com/go/urPBwvw> -

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



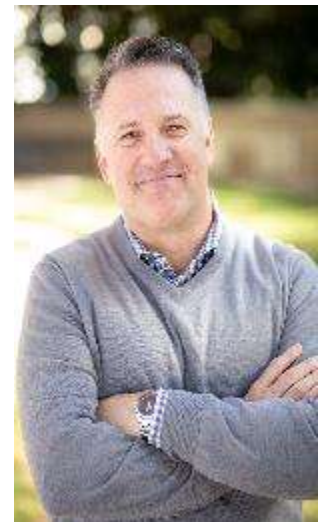
Samaritan Counseling Center & Solihden Institute

April 29 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church – 550
Lincoln Dr., Sun Prairie

Register by April 23 please

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. Cost: \$35.00 (covers lunch.)For more information and to register: <http://samaritancounselingcenterwi.org/event-for-pastors-leaders/> Register by April 23 please.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY - MAY 4 & 5, 2019
ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER EXHIBITION HALL -
& CLARION SUITES AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER,
MADISON

REGISTRATION HAS REOPENED UNTIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 midnight. After the
25th, we will not be able to modify

registrations so if you need to make any changes, please call the synod office by Thursday.

To register: <https://bit.ly/SCSWAssembly2019>

Payments are due NOW. Please mail them to the synod office to be received by this Friday. Please be sure to include the names of the attendees for whom you are paying so that we can accurately apply payments.

This would be a good time to download the Ap and read the book to prepare for the assembly!

LET'S MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY! THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED! WE STILL NEED TO RAISE \$2,665.00 MORE TO PURCHASE THE FOOD THAT WILL BE PACKED IN THE BACKPACKS AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY! Please help us feed hungry children in our communities!



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

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

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.

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.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES "GHM" INGATHERING AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY

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!!!



NEW THIS YEAR!

The 2019 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly

Has Gone Mobile!

For a fun and **informative video** that explains how this works click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/198034366879923/videos/437495230391065/>



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!

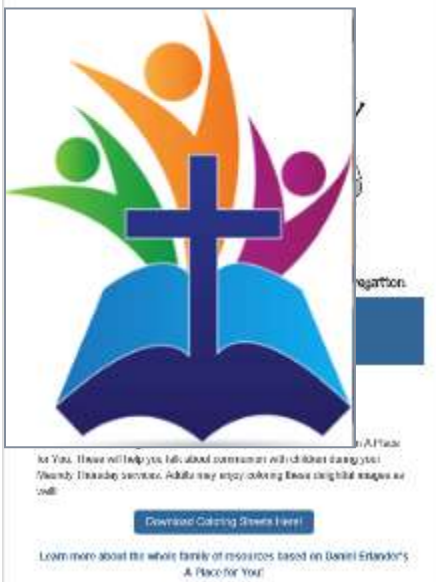
*NOTE: If you do not own a tablet or a smartphone, you can rent one for \$25 for the entire assembly. Choose this on your assembly registration. It is an **OPTIONAL ITEM**. You will receive your Ipad when you check in at the event registration area at the Alliant.



World Labyrinth Day – May 4, 2019 – 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Celebrate World Labyrinth Day on May 4 sponsored by Madison Labyrinth Walks. The walk will take place at the Madison Christian Community, 718 Old Sauk Road in Madison. You are welcome to join in a short opening ceremony beginning at 1:00 pm. You may also come between 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Most people allow 2-30 minutes for their walk.

The labyrinth is an ancient, quiet, individual, walking spiritual tool for meditation and prayer practice. Labyrinths span continents and cultures, and can be a powerful tool for reflection and transformation. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path representing a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. If you have not walked a labyrinth, the members and friends of Madison Christian Community invite you to come.



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 Marsh 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



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/>

SCSW Children, Youth & Family Ministry Network Meetings



Please join us for the next Children, Youth and Family Network Meeting, **Thursday April 25th** 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 Date: May 23 - 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



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.



All are welcome to attend a CELEBRATION OF MUSIC SERVICE featuring the PLATTEVILLE CHORALE, at HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Mineral Point, Wisconsin on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The church address is 555 Commerce Street. The event is free and light refreshments will be available following the service.



Advent Lutheran and Madison Christian Community Invite Us To Viewing and Conversation of "Traces of Trade" -



Thursday, May 2

7:00 pm

7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison

Movies that Move Us Toward Racial Justice . . .

"Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep North". Thurs, May 2, 7 pm. Join us for movie viewing and conversation. "[Traces of the Trade](#)" makes evident that the whole US economy depended upon and benefited from the slave trade, not just the Deep South, and invites question about repairing the harm. The story of this documentary is told through the lens of a New England family discovering their roots. Other Big Read congregations have been invited.

For a trailer to Traces of the Trade: a Story from the Deep North: <http://www.tracesofthetrade.org/view-clips/>

Racial Equity Ministry Events –
All at New Life Church – 7564 Cottage Grove Road
Sunday afternoons from 4:00 – 6:00 pm



Sunday, May 19 -- Showing of a documentary film "Silent No More" 'Silent No More' is a documentary that seeks to expose the phenomenon of murdered and missing indigenous women in the United States. It was filmed and edited by a 19-year-old student at Duke University who spent the summer as an intern for White Bison, Inc. The film includes heart wrenching interviews with the family members of Native women who have either been murdered or are still missing. The film is 1 hour 28 minutes to be followed by a discussion.



Sunday, June 9 with Dr. Pam Oliver from the University of Wisconsin – Madison

"The USA as a Racial State or, Why We Are Still Talking About Race"

Talk description: This talk will ask "whose history is this?" and will give an overview of US history with an emphasis on explaining why and how it was constructed as a White/European nation. It will highlight the points of view of indigenous Americans, Africans and Afro-descent people who were forcibly enslaved and kept subordinate for 100 years after the end of slavery, inhabitants of the territory that was northern Mexico before US conquest, and inhabitants of Caribbean and Pacific islands taken over by the United States and will also discuss how exclusionary immigration policies kept Asians out. This overview will be used to set up a conversation about how people of faith can locate themselves and act justly in the racially hierarchical world they

have inherited.

Pamela Oliver has been a professor of sociology at UW Madison since 1980. The material for this talk will be drawn from the historical lectures of her popular course "Ethnic Movements in the US," which addresses the history and current politics of US racial minorities. Pamela Oliver has published extensively in the areas of collective action and social movements and news coverage of protests. She has done statistical analyses of racial patterns in criminal justice, especially in Wisconsin, and has given over 150 public presentations, mostly on issues of racial disparities. Her academic blog Race, Politics, Justice posts articles about race, social movements, and criminal justice. <https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/soc/racepoliticsjustice/>

Refreshments will be served. No registration necessary. Just come!



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

Beloit Conference – April 27 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville, Speaker is Dr. John Haerberlin, 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.

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.

Southlake Conference – May attend any nearby Gathering.



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 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!



Daily Life of a Christian

Instructor: Pr Dan Odden

First English, 215 W Pine St, Platteville

April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 30

Themes and Issues in Christian Ethics

Instructor: Pr Bond Haldeman

St John's, 312 S Third St, Evansville

Apr 27, May 11, May 18, June 1, June 8, 9-Noon

Need a review to inspire you?
How's this for a reaction from a current Diakonia Student!

“I will continue Diakonia classes until I am called home by the Lord.

Every instructor brings a special flavor to the classes.”

Wow! That's quite a testimonial!



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!



Come to Be Fed and Gathering in Beloved Community!
WORSHIP WITH US AT THE SYNOD OFFICE!
Thursdays - 12:00 Noon with Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30



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.

Celebrating our 175th Anniversary

Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

Scandinavian Smorgasbord



Full menu featuring specialties such as: Lefse, Fish balls, Meatballs, Scandinavian pastries, salads, and beverages. Great fellowship is included!

Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Serving 4pm-7pm

Adults: \$15 • Children ages 5-12: \$7 • Children under 5: free

Carry-outs will be available;
A variety of baked goods will be for sale at the dinner.

Jefferson Prairie is located at 23184 Bergen Road (at Stateline Road at WI 140/IL 76) Poplar Grove, IL.

Call 815-292-3226 for more information

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!

Crossways Camps Seeks Registration Manager

The Registration Manager position is a full-time Monday-Friday position and is primarily responsible for scheduling all camp programs and retreat groups and overseeing the registration of all camp participants at the three Crossways camps. The Registration Manager serves as the primary communication link between the Camp Directors and the administrative office and serves as data manager for all records relating to camper /attendee participation and camp usage. Contact: Lindy Hartman Lindy@Crosswayscamps.org (04/17/19)

Part-Time Accompanist - All Saints Lutheran Church (Fitchburg)

All Saints is seeking a part time pianist to accompany our classic service at 8:30 am, our New Song band at 10:45 am (practice at 9:40am), and on requests for funerals & special services. Position description provided on request. Send resumes to office@allsaints-madison.org. (04/16/19)

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 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)

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

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 and is seeking its next Executive Director to build upon this legacy 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. Provides management and oversight of all Crossways Camping Ministries sites including programs and operations. 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/>

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 25 – Rostered Women's Gathering – (3763 Pioneer Rd, Verona)

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

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

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

April 27 – WELCA Beloit Conference at First Lutheran Church, Janesville

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

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

May 6 & 7 – Synod Office Closed (What Matters on Hiatus until May 14)

May 19 - SCSW Racial Equity Event - New Life Church (Madison)

May 23 - SCSW Children, Youth & Family Ministry Network Meeting - Upperhouse, Madison

June 9 – SCSW Racial Equity Event - New Life Church (Madison)

September 13-15 – Lutheran Men in Mission One Year to Live Retreat

October 6,7,8 – Bishop's Convocation for Rostered Ministers



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.

Link: <http://scsw-elca.org/resources/callprocess/>



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."

Prayers

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

- Rev. Mae Jean Zelle, Interim Pastor Lake Edge, Madison

Synod Seminary Student:

- Kelsey Johnson, Member of Midvale Community Lutheran. Will be attending Wartburg Seminary Fall 2019

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Shelley Nelson, Interim Pastor, and members of Adams Lutheran, Argyle, WI.
- Rev. Tim Dean & Rev Kelli Schmit, Pastors, and members of McFarland Lutheran Church in, McFarland, WI

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Steven Delzer and the congregations of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Churchwide Partners:

- The Rev. Andrea Walker, Area Desk Director, Madagascar, West and Central Africa, Global Mission at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
- Ms Cynthia Zamora, Manager for Relationship, Asia-Pacific/ Madagascar, West and Central Africa, 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. Brad Pohlman, April 28, 1996, Pastor Luther Memorial in Madison, WI, pohlmanbc@gmail.com
- Rev. Ulrich Rosenhagen, April 28, 2002, Specialized Ministry Synodical Call-Director-Center for Religion & Global Citizenry UW-Madison, rosenhagen@wisc.edu

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

- Deacon Meg Nielsen, April 30, 2006, Synodical Call-Triangle Community Ministry, Madison, WI churchladymeg@hotmail.com

May these leaders continue to be blessed for service.

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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.