Holiday Hours and Office Hours Note: Robyn Zimmerman will be on vacation from August 28 through September 4. Due to this and staff commitments this Thursday, the synod office will open two hours later than usual at 11:00 am. We will have worship at noon. Also, the synod office will be closed on Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. For pastoral emergencies, call the synod office at 608-270-0201 for staff-on-call contact information.

Message from Synod Vice-President, Jane Cahill Wolfgram, Regarding Resignation of Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

Many of you have asked questions regarding the resignation of Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld and the future plans of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. I will try to answer your questions to the best of my ability, while recognizing that there are limitations because the resignation is a personnel matter and some matters regarding the future of the Synod are still being discerned.

Q. What was the reason that Bishop Viviane resigned?

A. After many individual and Executive Committee meetings with Bishop Viviane, on June 12th, the Executive Committee of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin presented Bishop Viviane with an extensive list of concerns regarding health matters, performance problems and unethical behavior. After many hours of discussion with Bishop Viviane, the Executive Committee found her Unable to Serve under S8.56 of the Constitution and she was placed on immediate suspension. This action was described as Medical Leave until the matter could be resolved. The SCSW Council affirmed this decision on July 13th. On July 15th, Churchwide interviewed about 30 individuals from across the Synod including rostered and lay leaders, Council members and staff. A report was prepared by Deacon Schwabe and provided to Bishop Eaton.

Q. Did Rev. Viviane receive a severance package?

A. Yes, her separation agreement provides for 5 months of salary and benefits.

Q. What happens to the programs and initiatives, such as LatinX, Small Town and Rural Ministry, and Youth Ministry, started by Bishop Viviane?

A. These are initiatives formed mutually by Synod leaders and staff. These vital ministries are the focus of our new DEM, Rev. Walter Baires, who with our congregations and rostered leaders will continue to grow and nurture.

Q. Will we have an interim Bishop?

A. We will have an interim Bishop. The Executive Committee is collaborating with Bishop Eaton and her team to identify an interim Bishop and to determine when we will receive him/her.

Q. How will an interim Bishop be selected?

A. Once Bishop Eaton presents us with a name, the Executive Committee will meet with the proposed interim to determine if the candidate is someone that they will recommend to the Council for acceptance.

Q. Is the Synod Council reviewing how we elect a bishop?

A. A Bishop Election Task Force has been formed and is being led by Pastor Tim Hansen. This group is looking at many aspects of the process: candidate selection, qualifications and requirements of a bishop, vetting of
candidates, the voting process, etc. As this process unfolds, we will share information and secure input from you.

Several of you have asked when we will hold the Election. As of this date, the Council has not determined when the Election will be held.

If you have thoughts or questions, please feel free to contact the Task Force via Pastor Hansen or me.

Q. Are we still having an Assembly in November? Is the agenda as announced at the May Assembly?

A. There will be an Assembly on November 2nd. The Assembly will be held at a congregation in our synod. The Assembly will begin at 10 AM and will last until 2 PM. The agenda will consist of three primary matters; approval of the 2020 Synod budget, plans for establishing a healthy synod and healing the pain resulting from Bishop Viviane’s departure, and possibly the introduction of an interim Bishop. We will also worship together.

Those elected to vote at the May 2019 Assembly, rostered leaders and Synod Council will need to attend the November 2nd Assembly.

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MUSIC for God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday.
September 8, 2019

Did You Know There is a God’s Work. Our Hands. Hymn?

A hymn titled “God’s Work, Our Hands” written by Wayne Wold was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA’s “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday hymn contest. People submitted original compositions to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA’s annual day of service. Wold is also the director of music ministry at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Md. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. The hymn is available as a year-round worship resource. [https://www.elca.org/dayofservice](https://www.elca.org/dayofservice)

Listen to it and view it here as Churchwide staff sing it in chapel at the Lutheran Center in Chicago: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkULNcJ3KXA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkULNcJ3KXA)

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOS LIKE THIS OF GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY WANTED FOR SYNOD WEBSITE!

We are looking for photos for the synod website. Please take pictures of your God’s work. Our hands. Sunday events that capture the essence of being church together for the sake of the world and email them to our synod office. We would love to hear and see your stories!

Email to Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life at: vickih@scsw-elca.org

(New Heights Church GWOH brought singing and joy to this senior community in 2016)
Bishop’s Convocation for All Rostered Ministers and Spouses

Please send your pastors and deacons to this event! It is an expectation that they attend and that their congregations support them in this time of learning and collegiality and retreat. Dates: October 6-8, 2019

Online registration is open!


Register by September 6 if you need a hotel room and to take advantage of the early bird registration discount.

New Location! Grand Harbor Resort & Conference Center on the Mississippi River – Dubuque, Iowa

As we have gathered on the east side of the synod for more than 10 years for the Bishop’s Convocation, we are moving it to the west! This year, the Grand River Center in Dubuque Iowa will serve as our gathering place. We will also worship together at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

SPEAKERS:
Rev. Dr. Wayne Muller – Wayne Muller is an executive leadership mentor, therapist, minister, community advocate, consultant, public speaker, and bestselling author of several books including, “Sabbath,” “How Then Shall We Live” and “A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough.” A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, he has spent the last thirty-five years working with people suffering abuse, alcoholism, poverty, illness and loss.

Judith Roberts, ELCA Program Director for Racial Justice – Judith will lead us in Advancing Racial Equity Training. This training will equip participants to apply a common framework and lens in identifying the many ways racism and other forms of oppression—manifest within ourselves, interpersonal interactions, institutions and across society. Through presentation materials that you can bring back to your settings, and discussion topics—participants will acquire practical tools and strategies for implementing racial equity.

Other highlights of our time together will include:

• Sharing of four delicious meals
• Worship at Wartburg Seminary Chapel with Wayne Muller preaching
• Free time on Monday afternoon. Options Include:
  o A Meditation Exercise and Conversation with Wayne Muller at the Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
  o National Mississippi River Aquarium & Museum
  o Eagle Point Park Hiking and Spectacular Views of the Mississippi
  o Golf Outing
  o and more!

Register by September 6 to guarantee a hotel room!  https://bit.ly/BishopsConvocation2019
“I’m tired of helping others enjoy God. I just want to enjoy God for myself.”

With this painful admission, Ruth Haley Barton invites us to an honest exploration of what happens when spiritual leaders lose track of their souls.

Jesus indicates that it is possible to gain the whole world but lose your own soul. If he were speaking to us as church leaders today, he might point out that it is possible to gain the whole world of ministry success and lose your own soul. So how do you know if it’s happening to you?

In the Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership retreat, you will assess the state of your own soul and explore practical ways of forging a stronger connection between your soul and your leadership. Topics include: solitude as the place of our own spiritual seeking, the dynamics of calling, spiritual rhythms in the life of the leader, and leading from your authentic self.

Who Should Attend:
• Pastors & Deacons
• Pastoral staff & Lay Leaders
• Congregational Members
• Leaders of Ministry organizations
• Denominational Executives

Retreat Location:
Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23
Green Lake, WI 54941

Experience Ruth-Haley Barton in a non-hastened time together! See all the details following here:
Housing and Meal Reservations:
The retreat will be held at the Green Lake Conference Center (GLCC), nestled in a lovely wooded setting on the shores of beautiful Green Lake in central Wisconsin. To learn more about the Conference Center: [http://glcc.org](http://glcc.org)

Cost:
**Retreat Registration:** The cost for registration is $150. This includes all materials, refreshments and teaching for the entire retreat. Click here to register.

**Rooms and Meals:** Rooms and meal charges will be paid directly to Green Lake Conference Center.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the *Strengthening the Soul of Leadership* Retreat. There are a variety of rooms available ranging in price from $102 to $133 per night. Please consider booking a private room for yourself rather than sharing in order to give more uninterrupted time to your relationship with God.

The retreat schedule will include 5 reasonably priced group meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners for a total cost of $60 for meals.

The retreat will be dismissed on Tuesday mid-day. If you wish to have lunch at GLCC on Tuesday, please let GLCC know at least 2 weeks prior to the retreat. (November 2nd)

**Please call GLCC to make your room reservations:** 920-294-3323 and reference booking number 13758. It is important to make your reservation by September 15, 2019 in order to secure the discounted rate and to assure the availability of rooms. Room charges will be paid to GLCC at the time of the reservation and meals can be paid at arrival.

What to bring:
Please wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes so that you can enjoy the lovely grounds comfortably.

For more information or to register:
[https://strengtheningthesoulofleadership.org/](https://strengtheningthesoulofleadership.org/)

Additionally, you can Call or email Jane Cahill Wolfgram at 608-438-5358 [jane@cahillwolfgram.com](mailto:jane@cahillwolfgram.com) or Sue Beadle at 608-416-3981 [pastorsuebeadle@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsuebeadle@gmail.com)

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"Even though Jesus often sought times of solace and space to be alone with God church leaders often look at our full calendars and busy schedules with satisfaction that we are busy growing the Kingdom of God and saving souls. I have been a pastor for over 27 years. In that time, I nearly lost my soul, burned out, and contemplated leaving the ministry. When I read Ruth Haley Barton’s book, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, eight years ago, I found hope that there was another way of being in ministry that was life-giving and sustainable. I fell in love with God again and became excited about ministry.

If you are looking for ways to forge a stronger connection between your soul and your leadership, I encourage you to attend this retreat. You will meet many pastors and ministry leaders who are experiencing the same things—and you will meet those who have fallen in love again with God and God’s church. Come and listen; come and rest; come and be renewed by the grace of God."

~Sue Beadle, Sr. Pastor
Christ Lutheran Church,
DeForest, WI

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### Sign up NOW for fall Diakonia classes

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To get on the class list.
Send a quick email to scswdiakonia@gmail.com

Classes will be offered pending sufficient enrollment, so 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!

**Three locations to choose from! Learn more about Diakonia and how it might enhance your faith journey, your discipleship, and your commitment to your congregation as an integral member of the body of Christ. Call Linda Wulff at 920-210-2675 or if you are interested in teaching and would like to learn more contact, Rev. Tony Dusso (Our Savior’s Beloit) at 608-362-0718.**
One of the best God-sightings for me at the Churchwide Assembly was being wonderfully surprised to see this group of Adults at worship on Thursday, August 8. These friends attended the assembly as visitors from Midvale Community Lutheran Church (Madison). Led by Rev. Ken Smith, this fun group attended the Churchwide Assembly while on one of three summer field trips as part of their Adult Bible School! How cool is that! Since it is Summertime, I decided I liked thinking of them as participating in Adult VBS! The vision and actuation of this way to feed our souls is such a creative idea, we think it is worthy of this week’s Mission Moment.

As explained in their brochure about it, Adult Bible School (ABS) is a new learning opportunity for adults at Midvale Community Lutheran Church. Learning ministry and growing in the faith for all age groups is a strength of their congregation and Adult Bible School grows on that tradition. Their theme for the summer is Community (part of their congregation’s name) as they focus on Christian Community: Its biblical roots, its spirit, current conversations and challenges, and foundation. The program is developed by the Adult Education Committee and coordinated by Rev. Ken Smith, a member of that committee and visitation pastor for Midvale. The focus of this CWA Holy Communion service was on Ecumenical and inter-religious partnerships, so this was a great day to celebrate being part God’s beloved community in the world.

Midvale has clearly looked at one of their strengths as a congregation being that currently over ten pastors and one deacon rostered in the ELCA are members of their congregation. In addition to their called pastors, Rev. Katie Baardseth who led a session on Forgiveness and Rev. Blake Rohrer, who led a session on the Future Shape of the Church Community, these rostered served as resources for congregational reflection and discussion. Several of them took part in this year’s summer opportunities for adults as volunteer instructors. Their summer schedule included topics such as Contemporary Spiritual Practices, led by Deacon Judy Nolde, Lamentations for Today’s Laments by Pastor Larry Pinnow, Creation Untamed & Biblical Narratives of Creation led by Rev. Jeff Wild and Reflections and Poetry with Rev. George Bauman. Field trips included a Rural and Urban Dialogue for Lutherans in Wisconsin: A Half Day Conversation with Pastor Dick Inglett who leads the synod’s Small Town and Rural Ministry initiative. The third field trip included a morning at Edgewood College learning about the use of illustrations with the St. John’s Bible.

Research indicates that by the year 2033, there will be more people living that are over the age of 65 than under the age of 65. Adult Bible Study and field trips seem like a wonderful way to continue to engage with this beloved community of Christ followers! Well done Midvale Community Lutheran!
At a recent meeting, Pastor Mike Lee recommended this book. He said that it was a book that offered sound advice. I ordered the book and have found it to be a great read and recommend it for you. It would be a good book for Councils and church leaders to read and discuss. It is available on Amazon.

~ Jane Cahill Wolfgram, Synod Vice-President

About the book:

“The changing dynamics of contemporary church life are well-known, but what’s less well-known is how leaders can work most effectively in this new context. In *Quietly Courageous*, esteemed minister and congregational consultant Gil Rendle offers practical guidance to leaders—both lay and ordained—on leading churches today. Rendle encourages leaders to stop focusing on the past and instead focus relentlessly on their mission and purpose—what is ultimately motivating their work. He also urges a shift in perspectives on resources, discusses models of change, and offers suggestions for avoiding common pitfalls and working creatively today.”

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**West Koshkonong Church**

**Norwegian Fish Boil**

1911 Koshkonong Road, Stoughton WI

Handicap Accessible

Entertainment provided by The Promised Band

**Friday, September 6, 2019**

**Tickets available for 4:30pm - 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Menu**
- Fish
- Red Potatoes
- Carrots
- Onions
- Cole Slaw
- Bread
- Lefse
- Norwegian Goodies
- Coffee
- Milk
- (Carryout is available)

A portion of the proceeds will go to:
- Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society
- Free Health Clinic - Stoughton
- Personal Essentials Pantry - Stoughton

Additional funding provided by Thrivent Financial

Advance $15.00
Doors/Carryouts $16.00
Children 6 to 12 years $5.00
5 & under free

**Tickets available at:**
- West Koshkonong Church, 873-8456
- Nordic Nook, 877-0848
- All in The Family Hair Care, 873-8738

**CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!**
Fourteenth Biennial Convention of the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women’s Organization

September 21, 2019, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
One day Convention and Business Meeting at Good Shepherd - Verona Campus
7291 County Highway PD, Verona, WI

Theme: Bold Women - Answering the Call
Nationally known Keynote speaker: Reverend Angela Khabeb at 11:00 am - Love, Light, and Salsa: Infusing the flavor of our faith throughout the facets of our lives.

Cost - $25, includes box lunch.
Free child care is available. Handicap assessable.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend (or a carful of friends).

Registration, nomination, resolution, and scholarship forms, along with workshop descriptions and schedule are available in the July Trumpeter found on the Women of the ELCA page of the Synod Website. https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Trumpeter_July19UPDATED.pdf

Registrations should be emailed or postmarked by Monday, September 9, if possible.
September 9th deadline is firm for Child care, special needs, and special diets.
Business meeting Saturday morning starts at 8:30 am.

Morning options for visitors include attend Business meeting and/or yoga and /or reading scripture workshop.

Afternoon workshop topics are reading scripture, human trafficking, care of God’s creation, white privilege, nurturing children’s faith, small town and rural ministry, and Discovery Doctrine & issues in Indian country.

Worship closes the day.

Come and experience Worship, workshops, fellowship with your sisters in Christ, and visit vendors.
For questions or more information please contact Helen Sheahan at sheahan1@sbcglobal.net or 608-692-7553.
One Coin Found
How God's Love Stretches to the Margins

Book Reading and Signing with Rev. Emmy Kegler

Date: Thursday, September 26th
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
1904 Winnebago St., Madison, WI

One Coin Found follows Pastor Emmy's journey. As a queer woman who grew up in the church she knows how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude - yet she also finds beauty, truth, and liberation within it. Join Emmy in her story of coming to celebrate her sexuality, her faith, and her call to ministry - her story of being found.

Emmy is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in NE Minneapolis, the founder and editor of Queer Grace, an encyclopedia of online resources around LGBTQ life and faith, and the author of the new book, One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins.

This event is sponsored by the Reconciling in Christ Team of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA
Help us Celebrate 175 Years of Ministry!

**Sunday, September 15 – 4:00 pm**

Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church is hosting a Music Festival in celebration of our 175 years of ministry in the state line area and we are inviting others to share their musical talents!

Soloists, duets, groups, choirs, vocal and instrumental musicians are invited to share their gifts to help us celebrate. Please call our church office (815-292-3226) by September 6 if you can participate. Let us know who is participating, what they will be doing (vocal or instrumental), and the music they will be presenting.

Music has been an integral part of our ministry. Please consider sharing your gift with us on **Sunday, September 15 at 4 pm**. If music isn’t your gift, come and enjoy the gifts of others. Light refreshments will be served following the festival. Jefferson Prairie is located at: 23184 Bergen Road, Poplar Grove, IL

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**Lutheran Campus Ministry Seeks Meal Program Coordinator**

Could this be your calling? Lutheran Campus Ministry seeks a Meal Program Coordinator for its Taste of Grace Community Lunch. Serving about 100 students per weekday during the academic term, our community meal supports students experiencing food insecurity and nurtures community and friendships in an environment of genuine hospitality. An ideal candidate for this half-time position will have experience in large scale cooking in an institutional setting and interest in working with students and volunteers to create a welcoming community.

For more information visit: [http://www.lcmmadison.org/job-openings/](http://www.lcmmadison.org/job-openings/) Questions may be directed to Emily Tveite, Campus Pastor & Director (emily@lcmmadison.org) Application deadline: August 15.

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**Are You More About Getting Your Way Than Finding His Way? Find Jesus’ Call for You 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](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org). Call or text LMM synod leader, Jim Schieble: (920) 763-3433 with other questions.
Planning Fall Programming?

Remember to Check out the Synod’s Speaker’s Bureau for Possible Workshops, Guest Speakers, Adult and Youth Forums, Retreat Leaders, Synod Initiative Mission Interpreters and More!

A sample of topics:

- Advocacy
- Holy Communion Ministry
- Retreat Planning
- Holy Land/Israeli/Palestinian Conflict
- Human Trafficking & Social Media
- Meditation & Yoga
- Prayer & Spiritual Practices
- Walking 500 Miles Across the Camino De Santiago
- Writing Your Story

And a whole lot more! Check it out on the synod website!

More information: Link to Speaker’s Bureau page: https://scsw-elca.org/resources/speakers-bureau/

Rally to Support a Safe Harbor for Trafficked Youth

Let’s get it passed!

JOIN US ON

TUESDAY, September 24

10:00 A.M. Registration

10:30 A.M. -12:45 P.M. Program & Lunch

1:30 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. Legislative Visits & Debrief

End back at the church at 5:00 P.M.

The day will begin at MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

5202 Cottage Grove Road Madison

Free Parking Available at Church with Buses to the Capitol

Registration: https://www.loppw.org/evrplus_registration/?action=evrplusegister&event_id=1

Event page on our website: https://www.loppw.org/events/coming-soon/
POLKA WORSHIP & RALLY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00AM POLKA WORSHIP
POTLUCK IMMEDIATELY AFTER
SILENT AUCTION/QUILT RAFFLE

MUSIC BY:

Burke Lutheran Church
608.244.8486 | 5720 Portage Rd | www.burkelutheran.org

PUBLIC INVITED TO JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN AND FESTIVITIES
Lutheran World Relief QUILTS & KITS Boxcar In gathering

NEW SEPTEMBER Loading Date!  NOT OCTOBER

In gathering locations in our synod:

- **September 14 – 7:00 am – 11:00 am** Southern Wisconsin Railroad Station, 1890 East Johnson Street, Madison

- Two of our congregations also hold in-gatherings for those who would find this more convenient:
  - **September 9–13 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm** Grace Lutheran Church – 1025 15th Avenue (Monroe)
  - Platteville – Awaiting confirmation from congregation. Check back in the next issue of What Matters.

For instructions on how to pack your Hospice and Newborn Kits, Bandages, Quilts, see the LWR website:

[https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)

Remember to use the LWR Quilt & Kit tracker to see where your precious cargo and gifts of love go and who they help. The LWR Quilt & Kit Tracker is one way LWR tries to make the world between us a little bit smaller, by connecting the tireless efforts of people who make quilts and assemble kits with the people around the world who receive them with joy and gratitude. These pictures speak 1,000 words!

Track It:  [https://lwr.org/tracker](https://lwr.org/tracker)
Sugar Creek Bible Camp’s

ANNUAL QUILT
and
ANTIQUE AUCTION
CRAFT FAIR, 5K TRAIL RUN
or FUN WALK

SATURDAY - SEPT 7, 2019

FUN WALK & 5K TRAIL RUN: 8:00 a.m.—registration, 9:00—start
COUNTRY STORE: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
CRAFT FAIR: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
QUILT and ANTIQUE AUCTION: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Beautiful Quilts, Antiques, Sports Memorabilia – Packers, Brewers, etc.,
Crafts, Furniture, Paintings, Gift Baskets & so much more!

Great BBQ pork lunch, homemade pies, potato salad, delicious treats
Country Store will be open with a wide variety of rummage items!
Silent Auction for Gift Themed Baskets until 1pm.
Craft Fair featuring the best of our local Artisans runs throughout the day!

Come enjoy a beautiful day and help support all the wonderful ministries of Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd. Ferryville, WI 54628
Phone: 608-734-3113 E-mail: camp@sgrcreek.org
www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Please contact the camp if you have an item to donate or if you have questions.
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.”

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! Come take sabbath time with us and be sent forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection, showing glory to all the world in Jesus’ name. You will be glad you did!

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 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!

Bethel Horizons Camp and Retreat Center, Seeks Full-time Office Manager/Registrar
This 50-year old ELCA camp is seeking a full-time Office Manager/Registrar to coordinate the main office at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. This position will also coordinate summer camp registration and coordinate and manage retreat bookings. Join a staff of 8-10 full time staff that provide support and programming for Bethel Horizons. Compensation will be commensurate with education and experience. Respond with a cover letter, resume and 3 references to Eric Knueve, Bethel Horizons, Madison, WI 53703 at ericknueve@bethelhorizons.org. Link to the job description is at http://www.bethelhorizons.org/who-we-are/employment/.

Worship & Music Director/Lead Accompanist (Piano) - All Saints (Fitchburg)
This is a part time position. Responsibilities include: regularly accompanying All Saints in Worship at both the classic blended service & the New Song Praise Worship; directing the choir with weekly rehearsals & twice monthly performance; leading New song Band twice monthly; and assisting the pastor & Worship and Music team with planning worship liturgies and music. Resumes can be sent to office@allsaints-madison.org. Please return application by September 15. Full job description provided upon request. (08/27/19)
**Substitute Piano/Keyboard Accompanist - All Saints (Fitchburg)**
We are in need of individuals interested in accompanying occasionally for worship, funerals, and special services. Resumes can be sent to office@allsaints-madison.org. *(08/27/19)*

**AV Coordinator Part Time First Lutheran Church Janesville**
First Lutheran is seeking an AV Coordinator to operate and oversee the audio and video-recording equipment at First Lutheran Church. The coordinator will schedule and train operators for worship and events. Additional duties relating to the sound equipment will be provided on an as needed basis. This part-time position reports to the Senior Pastor. Send resume to office@flcj.org *(08/13/19)*

**Property Manager – St. Luke’s (Middleton)**
St. Luke’s in Middleton is looking for a new Property Manager who has experience with cleaning and maintaining the mechanical features of the church building; this includes the grounds surrounding the building and the cemetery. This involves working with other staff and volunteers, purchasing supplies, problem solving, and supervision of part-time custodial staff. They will also be responsible for room set ups and take downs for both the worshiping community and groups external to the church. Please contact Pastor Martha Butzier at mbutzier@stlukes-elca.org by submitting your resume. *(07/30/19)*

**Keyboardist Position—Mcfarland Lutheran Church (Mcfarland)**
Mcfarland Lutheran Church is seeking an organist/pianist to provide music for 3 weekend worship services. This person would also accompany choir rehearsals one evening a week, and accompany choir performances on Sunday morning. The position is approximately 10-12 hours/week. Please contact Pastor Tim Dean at 608-838-3184 or tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org for more information and to apply. *(07/30/19)*

**Bell Choir Director – Our Savior’s (Beloit)**
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI is looking for a part-time bell choir director. This individual would conduct weekly bell choir rehearsals from late August to early May and direct the bell choir in worship services once-a-month from September to May. Included is responsibility for working with staff in planning and organizing this ministry inline with the congregation’s mission. To apply or learn more about this position, compensation, and hours, please contact Pastor Tony Dusso at pastortony@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org or 608-362-0716. *(07/30/19)*

**Director of Youth Ministries - Bethel Lutheran Church (Madison)**
Bethel Youth Ministry (Middle and High School) exists to help young people live lives centered in Jesus Christ that is nurtured by engaging worship, service for peace and justice, development of friends and community, recreation and fun, varied spiritual practices, and exploration of relevant Biblical themes, characters and events. The goal of Bethel Youth Ministry is to enable young people to discover their own spiritual and religious voices, express their views and commitments, act in the world for peace and justice, and discover a sense of purpose in the good news of Jesus Christ. Interested people should submit a resume and references to Pastor Mike Brown at pastormike@bethel-madison.org. View Job Description: https://www.bethel-madison.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Job-Description-Director-of-Youth-Ministries.pdf *(07/25/19)*

**Administrative Assistant - St. Paul’s Lutheran (Baraboo)**
St. Paul’s is looking for an experienced office professional to cover administrative and secretarial duties. This is a part time (30 hrs/ week) position with regular office hours: Monday - Thursday (9am-12; 1-4pm) and Fridays (9am-12). Please contact Pastor Karen Hofstad @ pastor@stpaulslutheranchurch.us or 608-434-3397 with any inquiries or questions. A detailed job description can be provided upon request. Application deadline: Friday, August 16th. *(07/22/19)*

**New! Lutheran Campus Ministry Seeks Meal Program Coordinator**
Lutheran Campus Ministry seeks a Meal Program Coordinator for its Taste of Grace Community Lunch. Serving about 100 students per weekday during the academic term, our community meal supports students experiencing food insecurity and nurtures community and friendships in an environment of genuine hospitality. An ideal candidate for this half-time position will have experience in large scale cooking in an institutional setting and interest in working with students and volunteers to create a welcoming community. For
more information visit: [http://www.lcmmadison.org/job-openings/](http://www.lcmmadison.org/job-openings/)  Questions may be directed to Emily Tveite, Campus Pastor & Director (emily@lcmmadison.org) Application deadline: August 15.  (07/16/19)

**Director of Youth and Family Ministries / Coordinator for Small Town & Rural (STAR) Youth Ministry Initiative – Grace Lutheran Church (Dodgeville)**
Grace Lutheran Church (Dodgeville) is seeking a creative, caring relationship-builder with a passion for nurturing Christian faith among middle and high school youth to join our warm-spirited and collaborative staff. This director will be charged with overseeing and coordinating our congregation’s youth discipleship ministries while pioneering an innovative, grant-funded initiative to strengthen connections among youth within a wider cohort of southwest Wisconsin ELCA congregations. Qualified candidates will possess strong organizational and communication skills, a sincere personal faith compatible with the teaching and practice of the ELCA, and a heart for ministry in a Small Town and Rural (STAR) context. Position is half-time devoted to Grace youth ministries and quarter-time to our STAR Youth Ministry Initiative to create a combined .75 FTE employment opportunity. To apply, email a cover letter and resume to Pastor Mark Williamson at mwilliamson.glc@gmail.com.  (07/08/19)

**Part-Time Chaplain – Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge Campus, Madison**
Part time position for ordained or those with CPE or visitation experience to help cover on call duties, and potentially be on campus when Chaplain Shannon is not on campus. Candidate would need to be available on Sundays to preach in chapel on days when Chaplain is away on a Sunday. Anyone interested in this opportunity to serve can contact the Oakwood HR department at 608-230-4530, or Chaplain Wayne Shannon, at 608-230-4561.  (07/02/19)

**Music Director - St. John’s, Madison**
Vibrant, urban congregation with multiple instrumental groups seeks 15 to 20 hour a week music director to nurture the gifts and skills of members within the congregation and connect with other musicians in the broader community. For a full position description and application instructions, visit St. John’s website: [https://www.stjohnsmadison.org/employment-opportunities](https://www.stjohnsmadison.org/employment-opportunities) (06/25/19)

**First Lutheran Church – Janesville is seeking a Children’s Ministry Coordinator**
This is a part-time position for 10-15 hours/week. The Children’s Ministry Coordinator (CMC) provides leadership for the development and implementation of the pre-school through 5th grade Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Programs at First Lutheran Church. The CMC works with the Church Staff, Committees, and Boards of the Congregation. For full position description visit First Lutheran Church’s website - flcj.org or contact office@flcj.org.  (06/04/19)

**Part-Time Office Assistant, St. James Lutheran Church, Verona**
This position is approximately 16-20 hours a week. Please send all inquiries to Michelle at mlichty@stjamesverona.org Please note, email inquiries only.  (05/28/19)

**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)

**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](http://www.stjohnssaukprairie.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Director-of-Music-job-description.docx)  (01/29/19)

**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, or apply online at http://gslcwi.com/connect/jobs/.

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

September 13-15 – Lutheran Men in Mission One Year to Live Retreat – MacKenzie Center (Poynette, WI)

September 14 – LWR Boxcar Loading – WI Southern Railroad Yard – East Johnson Street (Madison)

September 19 – Retired Pastors Gathering – St. John’s (Oregon)

September 21 – Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention “Bold Women - Answering the Call”

September 26 – SCSW Youth & Family Network Meeting – Upperhouse (Madison)

October 6,7,8 – Bishop’s Convocation for Rostered Ministers & Spouses – Grand River Center, (Dubuque, IA)

November 11-13 – First Call Theological Education (Marathon City)

November 17 – 19 – Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership Retreat – Green Lake Conference Center

November 21 – Retired Pastor’s Gathering – Oakwood Village University Woods (Madison)

Rev. Dr. Bishop Driver-Bishop Offers Strength-Finders Workshop
September 23 – 26, 2019  Location:  The Cove, Lake Geneva, WI

This year there is a nearby workshop featuring a comprehensive practical overview of the newly upgraded Gallup Strengths Finders and Spiritual Enneagram. I truly wish someone had shared these resources with me earlier in ministry. They are quite powerful. I am dedicated to sharing them now.

Registration and details are at www.lalc.largerchurch.org

$225 fee includes program, meals, and conference hospitality center. Early Bird Fee extended to 8/31! Fee increases to $275.00 on 8/31/19. Register asap.

Spouses are an additional $75. Retired pastors $75 (previous attendees).

People who use Gallup Strength Finders are:

- 6 times more engaged in their work & volunteerism.
- 3 times as likely to claim an excellent quality of life.
- Teams can increase effectiveness as much 20%
- Organizations have realized up to a 30% increase financially.
- Organizations can reduce turnover as much as 70%
Additional research finds people who know and use their strengths every day are more likely to experience positive emotions (energetic, well-rested, happy, respected) and less likely to experience negative ones (stress, worry, anger, sadness)

**Churches benefit by:**

- Improving volunteerism by matching mission needs with member’s gifts.
- Better staff relations and performance.
- Enabling congregational leaders to effectively manage leadership teams.
- Help members celebrate and actualize their God given gifts.

- Beth Lewis shared that Strength Finders helped to transform work at Augsburg Fortress/Media 1517.
- ELCA pastor, Dan Poffenberger, recently received a million-dollar Lilly grant to share both Strengths Finders and Enneagram as part of a mentoring process with younger pastors.
- Nancy Lee Gauche at Luther seminary has been sharing Enneagram and Strength Finders for years. Students have greatly appreciated these tools. Both have proven invaluable for pastors in leadership positions and effectively working with staff and congregational leadership.
- I have spent the past few years (and significant costs) to become certified coach with both. I plan to share essential tools enabling church teams to benefit from these resources in ministry.
- Gallup would normally charge you a couple thousand for a similar workshop. Participants get four meals, breaks, hospitality room, and complete access to Enneagram and the full 34 Strengths Finders for only a couple hundred.
- All rostered staff on teams are welcome to this event. This is the only event larger church teams can attend and grow together.

Rev. Dr. Robert Driver-Bishop, workshop leader, is one of only a handful Lutheran rostered staff who are trained and certified by Clifton/Gallup for leading workshops, working with teams, and individual coaching. Enneagram spiritual director. He is a national consultant helping churches and religious organization with team workshops, coaching, revitalization, capital appeals, and congregations before/during/after pastoral transition.

“I have devoting my time in early retirement to providing coaching workshops for churches, synods, and seminaries. The Gallup organization has been working with me to publish a book for congregational use. I will share these resources all at the workshop. I will also share model workshops for congregational leadership and volunteer ministries. I am available for synod workshops.”

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

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**Prayers**

**Synod Finance Committee:**
- Jane Cahill Wolfgram Synod VP, Christ, DeForest
- Rev. Rev. Naomi Garber, First English Lutheran, Platteville, WI

**Synod Seminary Student:**
- Jim Ranney, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

**Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:**
- Rev. Kathy Jacobson, Pastor, and members of Castle Rock Lutheran Church, Fennimore, WI
- Rev. Kelli Fisher, Pastor, and members of Perry Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, WI

**Neighboring Synods:**
- Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee and the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod
Churchwide Partners:

• Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeals, Mission Advancement at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
• Mr. Andrew Steele, Director, Global Church Sponsorship, Mission Advancement 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. Erich Hartenberger, August 28, 2011, Pastor of St. John Lutheran, North Freedom, WI, erichh24@hotmail.com
• Rev. Jennifer Kuhnert, August 28, 2011, Specialized Synod Call with Mendota Mental Health, Cottage Grove, WI, jennifer.kuhnert@gmail.com
• Rev. Kirsten Fryer, August 29, 2009, Churchwide Call, Global Mission – Egypt, klfryer@gmail.com
• Rev. Kurt Billings, August 30, 1987, Pastor of St. James Lutheran, Verona, WI, kbilling@stjamesverona.org
• Rev. Mark Dressel, August 31, 1997, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, WI, pastormark@trinitylm.com
• Rev. Donald Wendt, August 31, 1975, Retired, Surprize, AZ
• Rev. Kenneth Halstead, September 1, 1976, Retired, Dubuque, IA, khalstead@hotmail.com
• Rev. Robert Voss, September 1, 1974, Retired, McFarland, WI, lestamps@charter.net
• Rev. Scott Geister-Jones, September 2, 1990, Disability, Stoughton, WI, pastorscott@cl cstoughton.org
• Rev. Heather Hayward, September 2, 2001, Pastor of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, hhayward@stlukes-elca.org
• Rev. David Solberg, September 3, 1967, Retired, Dubuque, IA, ddsolberg@mchsi.com

May these leaders continue to be blessed for service.

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