

WHAT MATTERS April 28, 2020

News from Your Synod and Ministry Partners

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



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Can You Serve as a Hosting Site for the 2020 Synod Assembly Videoconference?

The Synod's Assembly Planning Committee and Executive Committee have authorized Assembly planning for 2020 to proceed with plans to hold our Synod Assembly across **a multi-site videoconference**, anticipating no more than 50 people gathered at each site. The legal and logistical considerations are in hand, and we know what technical requirements we will have for each site. It will be a one-day, Saturday event, with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. and the proceedings projected to be done by 4:30 p.m.

- **Date:** We don't yet know what the date will be. This event was projected to be held on June 20; given the states "Badger Bring Back" protocol for returning to group gatherings, it is unlikely that date can be used. Our current planning outline calls for us to make a "go/no-go" decision 35 days in advance of a date that becomes permissible.
- **Registrants:** Every congregation in the synod will be assigned one of the sites to which they are to attend. This allows us to control the numbers at each site.

Now we are looking for 11-12 sites. We are asking congregations and other ministry sites to consider offering their place as one of our sites. Our originating site will still be Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Verona.

Here is what will be needed from the hosting locations.

- One person to serve as the site coordinator, who would work with the assembly planners and oversee the arrangements at each site.
- We would also need one person (could be the same person) who would serve as our communication link during the assembly.
- A place for 50 people to gather, practicing social distancing – a sanctuary would work fine
- Projection capability, so a 12-site videoconference meeting can be seen by all participating.
- A strong sound system.

- The assembly will begin with a 50-minute worship service, most of which will be projected from the main site, but with communion celebrated at each site, with a presiding minister leading that portion of the service.
- A nearby separate room for a group of six to count ballots.
- The lunch will be box lunches, arranged by the Planning Committee. (If you have local caterers, that would be great.)
- The technical needs are critical. The leader of our tech team is Eric Holmer, on the staff at the place that will serve as our main site, Good Shepherd Verona campus. Here is what each site will need to effectively link with the whole:
 - (1) Windows/Mac Laptop, with
 - * Built-in Webcam,
 - * Built-in Microphone,
 - * Ability to send audio out to house audio system,
 - * Ability to send video of display to house projection/display system,
 - * ZOOM Desktop App installed
 - (2) Projector and/or Large Video Screen capable of receiving signal from the laptop
 - (3) Speakers/Audio System capable of receiving signal from the laptop
 - (4) Broadband Internet Connection, minimum of 5.0 Mbps Upload/Download Speed
 - (5) High-Speed Wireless Smartphone (Android or iOS) to Serve as Backup Device in case of network issues at host site.
 - (6) And, of course, a “techie” who can oversee both the technical preparations (which will include at least one dry run beforehand), and be present the day of the assembly.

If you believe your congregation could be one of these sites, we invite you to respond as soon as possible to Vicki Hanrahan at the Synod Office. Please email her at: vickih@scsw-elca.org If you are willing and able but have certain Saturdays that would pose a conflict, let us know that as well.



Are you able to help us out with devotion or prayer for our synod weekly worship service?

We have changed our worship every Thursday at noon a little bit during this time of social distancing. We would love to see all the different Pastors, Deacons, Seminarians, and Lay Leaders in Congregations of the synod lead us in a devotion and prayer time. This time is all up to you, you can make it your own. The only requirement is we would like to add some prayers to

whatever prayers you would be doing. Robyn Zimmerman on our staff will forward to you the names of people to pray for the week you are scheduled.

Robyn will set up a zoom meeting to help you record your devotion or you can send her a video that we can access. She would love to fill the next month. You can sign up at the link below. Please call the office with any questions at (608) 270-0201. Thank you for all you do!

<https://signup.com/go/NQMwNNG>

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION EVENTS!



Pastor Ron Waters

ARE YOU REACHED OUT?

The lack of true outreach ministry and the need of it.



Register Now

Streaming Online
Saturday
May 23rd
11 - 2 CDT
boldgathering.com



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION BOLD GATHERING STREAMED MAY 23

11:00 am – 2:00 pm CT



Gifted speaker, Pastor Ron Waters will be a leader at the Bold Gathering that is originating from South Carolina. He is the Senior Pastor of Freedom of The Met (Non-Denominational Church). It is a ministry

founded on the love and outreach of Christ. He is a proud husband to Co-Pastor Tam Waters and a father of five wonderful children. His mission through Christ is to reach the lost and looked over. Pastor Ron will be presenting on "Are You Reached Out?" The lack of true outreach ministry and the need for it.

Registration is now open.

This Bold Gathering will be adapted to meet the needs of our communities at this time. All viewing of this streamed event will be online. Register yourself for \$5 and watch from any of your electronic devices. Or, with current CDC guidelines, gather 8 (or less) men together and watch as a group for \$25.

Click the link below or text BGSC to 773-696-2597 and you will be prompted to register.

<https://lutheranmeninmission.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/bold-gathering-so-carolina-may-23-2020>

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NEW!!! Join other Lutheran Men in Mission for An ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY – EVERY THURSDAY

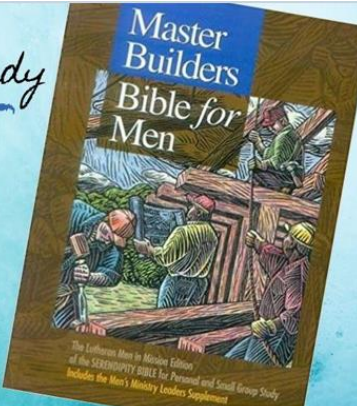
Join other Lutheran Men across the country every Thursday night for an interactive Bible Study via Zoom.

7:00 pm Central at:

<https://zoom.us/j/353022558>

or for audio only, by dialing 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 353 022 558

If you have a Master Builders Bible for Men, use it, but if not, open whatever version you have.



Interactive
Online Bible Study

Starting Thursday, March 26
7 pm CDT

Look for an invite link to a
Zoom video call

This first week will cover:
John 9:1-34
and using the
Master Builders Bible for Men

2021 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

boundless **INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS**
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

1:00PM-2:30PM
7:00PM-8:30PM

SIGN-UP ONLINE
WWW.SCSW-ELCA.ORG/ELCAYG2021

The banner features a night cityscape with lights reflecting on water. The text is overlaid in white and blue. A central white box highlights the date. The background shows a bridge and city buildings.

2021 ELCA Youth Gathering Informational Webinar - May 7 – Choose 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm CT

Join our Gathering Synod Coordinator, Jason Poole-Xiong, on Thursday, May 7 for an informational webinars to learn more about the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering and how your congregation can begin to plan for this amazing event being held next summer in Minneapolis, MN. We will hold two sessions, one at 1:00 p.m. and again in the evening at 7:00 p.m. To learn more about the Gathering and to sign-up for one of the two webinars visit our website at <https://scsw-elca.org/elcayg2021/>.

75,000 
FACE MASK
CHALLENGE!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF LAUNCHES FACE MASK CHALLENGE!



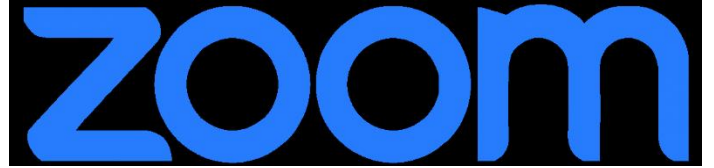
As part of our response to the coronavirus in the countries around the world where we work, Lutheran World Relief has launched the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge, a request for volunteers to sew cloth face masks that will be sent overseas to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Sign up for more info. www.lwr.org/masks



**ZOOM TRAININGS BY SYNOD
STAFF, ROBYN ZIMMERMAN –
Wednesdays & Fridays**

EXTENDED THROUGH MAY!



We continue to have steady attendance at these Zoom trainings, so Robyn will extend these trainings into May. Anyone who wants to learn how to conduct and set up meetings via Zoom is invited.

This is a basic training to help people feel more comfortable logging into to zoom meetings as well as scheduling zoom meetings. This would be great for council members, lay leaders that want to conduct committee meetings and rostered...essentially everyone who wants to stay in connected community.



The next series dates are:

Wednesday's at 3:00 PM

Topic: ZOOM Training-The Basic's

Time: 03:00 PM Central Time

Apr 29, 2020 3:00 PM

May 6, 2020 3:00 PM

May 13, 2020 3:00 PM

June 3, 2020 3:00 PM

May 20, 2020 3:00 PM

May 27, 2020 3:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/253253729>

Meeting ID: 253 253 729

Friday's at 9:30 AM

Topic: Zoom Training-The Basic's

Time: 9:30 AM Central Time

May 1, 2020 9:30 AM

May 8, 2020 9:30 AM

May 15, 2020 9:30 AM

May 22, 2020 9:30 AM

May 29, 2020 9:30 AM

June 5, 2020 9:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/376722052>

Meeting ID: 376 722 052

Bethel Horizons, Crossways Camps, Lutherdale, and Sugar Creek Bible Camp Looking for Summer Staff



We are looking for summer staff. You may know young adults who have changed their summer plans. You may know someone who would be a fantastic cabin leader, or archery instructor, or dishwasher. We need your help connecting with these folks so we can include them in our recruitment process. Please contact the following people if you are interested or if you know someone who may be interested.



Bethel Horizons
Eric Kneuve
EricKneuve@bethelhorizons.org



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Imago Dei Village,
Pine Lake, Waypost
Sharon Cook
Sharon@CrosswaysCamps.org



Jeff Bluhm
Jeff&Lutherdale.org



Jesse Klosterboer
J.P.Klosterboer@gmail.com

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

(POSTPONED TO AUG. 3-5, 2021) July 14-16, 2020
Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention, Phoenix, Arizona

(POSTPONED TO AUG. 5-8, 2021) July 16-19, 2020
Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering, Phoenix, Arizona

Sept. 18-19, 2020
South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization Fall Retreat at
Lutherdale Bible Camp
(with overnight retreat or day retreat options)

Sept. 26, 2020
Railroad pickup in Madison of Lutheran World Relief kits & quilts

Congregational Newsletter Editors - please include this text 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."

Please also add a link to the synod website to your website: www.scsw-elca.org



Save the Date!
September 21, 2020

**Keeping Faith: Empowering
Faith Communities to
Recognize and Respond to
Child Abuse**

An Interfaith Workshop with **Victor Vieth** with Zero Abuse Project in Minnesota and **Honorable Rev. Everett Mitchell**, Dane County Circuit Judge and Senior Pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church



Monday, September 21, 2020

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Madison Christian Community / 7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison WI 53717

Participants will learn:

- best practices to prevent abuse within faith communities;
- how to recognize and respond to physical, emotional and spiritual impact of child abuse;
- spiritual care for both survivors and offenders;
- how to recognize and respond to sexual behaviors of children;
- corporal punishment, the law and the faith community;
- optimal response to allegations of child abuse within a congregation.

Current Sponsors: Madison Christian Community and Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ
Endorsed by: South-Central Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA

Registration information to follow at www.madisonchristiancommunity.org - CEU's for mental health professionals applied for.

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Positions in the 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!

Church Administrator – Part-time – West Koshkonong (Stoughton)

West Koshkonong Lutheran Church in rural Stoughton is seeking applications for a 16-20 hour per week administrator. This outgoing, ambitious, and forward-thinking person will report directly to Pastor Eric Bakken. Pay will commensurate with experience and skills. We are seeking a person to coordinate weekly and monthly publications, working with financial statements and budgets, scheduling, handling correspondence, phone calls and more. Knowledge of Microsoft, spreadsheets and basic computer skills. Training on church based software will be available. Please submit resume to both wkoffice@tds.net & mbarth@charter.net. (03/30/20)

Choir Director – Bethlehem (Portage)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is looking to fill our part-time Choir Director position. The ideal candidate would be able to lead the choir, as well as play the organ for worship services, funerals and weddings, and lead the Praise Band. Previous experience preferred to include the ability to motivate choir members, read music and conduct; knowledge of liturgical flow and connection to worship; piano experience strongly preferred. Part-time September through May. Please send resume to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, W8267 Hwy 33 E, Portage. (03/11/20)

Organist – Bethlehem (Portage)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is looking to fill our part-time Organist position. The ideal candidate would be able to play organ and/or piano at worship services, funerals and weddings. Experience in organ and piano playing preferred; knowledge of church music in different styles and genres; good communication and organizational skills, ability to plan for special Sundays in the liturgical year. Please send resume to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, W8267 Hwy 33 E, Portage. (03/11/20)

Associate Director of Music & Worship – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Madison/Verona)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA) seeks an Associate Director of Music & Worship to lead the worship life and music programming at Good Shepherd's Verona Campus. This includes leading worship bands, planning music and liturgy for worship, expanding music offerings and looking for opportunities to develop new music groups, and assist with innovative programming across both campuses. This is a salaried position averaging 32 hours a week with eligibility for benefits. To apply, send a cover letter, resumé, and supporting digital files (leading worship bands) to Rick Blum, Director of Administration, at rblum@gslcwi.com. Review of applications will begin April 6. (3/11/20)

Program Director – Preschool - Good Shepherd (Madison)

This position is responsible for our state-licensed locations in both Madison and Verona. The Director is responsible for the school's management, operations, planning and implementation of preschool curriculum. Responsibilities include supervision and hiring of staff, licensing renewal, working with the church accountant, developing balanced budget and ordering supplies. Director will also teach as needed in the classrooms. Salaried position totaling 30 hours a week year-round. Must be at least 21 years of age, familiar with state licensing rules, have a Registry certificate or Educator's license to verify education, meet qualifications outlined in WI Licensing Rules DCF 251, certified in CPR, Child CPR, AED and Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention training and pass a health and fingerprint check. This position will start on June 1, 2020. Please send applications to Director of Administration Rick Blum at rblum@gslcwi.com. (04/04/20)

Licensed Psychotherapist – Samaritan Counseling Center (Madison)

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin is expanding our services and seeking a full time licensed psychotherapist. For more information visit our website at: www.samaritancounselingcenterwi.org (11/12/19)

Full-Time Chaplain - Skaalen Retirement Services - Stoughton, WI

Skaalen Retirement Services is a Lutheran retirement community that has been providing care and support of seniors in need since 1900. Skaalen Retirement Services is seeking a full-time Chaplain to provide spiritual care to by promoting a spiritual environment within the campus by leading worship services, providing prayer services, conducting Bible study, leading religious discussions, providing religious education and hymn sings with residents and patients in all levels of care. The successful candidate will need to be ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Ecclesiastical Specialized Care Endorsement status from the ELCA, and is Board Certified Chaplain status from the Association of Professional Chaplains. (09/05/19)

Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities

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

Future Synod Gatherings/Meetings/Events:

March 16 – Synod Office Closed TFN – Staff working remotely – call (608) 270-0201

April 29 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn

May 1 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn

May 2 – Synod Council Zoom Meeting

May 2 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Biblical Images Life of the Church (Dan Odden)

May 5 – Synod Assembly Planning Meeting

May 6 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn

May 7 – ELCA Youth Gathering Informational Webinar (2 webinars – see page 1 for details)

May 7 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Faith in the North American Context (Will Layton)

May 8 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn

May 9 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Biblical Images Life of the Church (Dan Odden)

May 13 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn

May 14 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Faith in the North American Context (Will Layton)



May 15 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 May 16 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Biblical Images Life of the Church (Dan Odden)
 May 20 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 May 22 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 May 27 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 May 28 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Faith in the North American Context (Will Layton)
 May 29 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 May 30 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Biblical Images Life of the Church (Dan Odden)
 May - *The time and nature of the Bishop Nominee forums is being reassessed by the Bishop Call Committee. These may become “stay-at-home” forums.*
 June 3 - Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 June 4 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Faith in the North American Context (Will Layton)
 June 5 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn
 June 11 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Faith in the North American Context (Will Layton)
 June 20 – Pending – Synod Assembly & Bishop Election
 June 24 – Synod Council Zoom Meeting
 September 21 – Keeping the Faith: Empowering Faith Communities to Recognize & Respond to Child Abuse – Madison Christian Community (Madison)

Prayers

Synod Campus Ministry Oversight Team:

- Carolyn Butts, St. John's Lutheran, Evansville, WI
- Krista Nelson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison & Verona, WI

Synod Seminary Student:

- Ian Coen-Frei, Ian is finishing up his final year at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago to become a Pastor.

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Ken Halstead, Contract Pastor and Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Cassville, WI
- Rev. Holly Slater, Pastor and Members of St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church, Deerfield, WI

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Thomas Aitken, the Staff and the congregations of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Churchwide Partners:

- The Rev. Mark J Nelson, Candidacy and Leadership Manager - Region 1 & 2 Domestic Mission Northwest Intermountain Synod, ELCA
- Sister Krista M Anderson, Candidacy and Leadership Manager - Region 3 Domestic Mission Northeastern Minnesota Synod

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

- Deacon Meg Nielsen, Synodical call to Triangle Ministry, Outreach Development Manager, April 30, 2006, churchladymeg@hotmail.com
- Rev. Peter Heide, May 03, 1997, On Leave from Call, Baraboo, WI. pheide@centurylink.net

May these leaders continue to be blessed for service.



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/>

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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.

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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.

SYNOD STAFF AND OFFICE COVERAGE ADJUSTMENTS

The Synod Staff will for the most part, be working remotely until May 26 or until the stay-at-home order is lifted, and our office will be open on a more limited basis. Our main line (608) 270-0201 will be forwarded to Robyn Zimmerman, Executive Administrative Assistant, who will either answer "live" or will retrieve voice mails and forward them to the appropriate staff person. We are reachable via email as well.

Bishop Peter Rogness – peterr@scsw-elca.org

Pastoral Care, Congregational Care

Rev. Steve Kottke – stevek@scsw-elca.org

Mobility & Transitions, Care of Congregations

Deacon Vicki Hanrahan – vickih@scsw-elca.org

What Matters, Events, Pandemic Resources

Robyn Zimmerman – robynz@scsw-elca.org

Candidacy, Appointments, Zoom Meeting Assistance

Rev. Walter Baires – walterb@scsw-elca.org

Faithful Innovations, Mission, Stewardship, Latino Ministries

Jason Xiong – jasonx@scsw-elca.org

Assistance with Streaming Technologies, Webmaster