

# WHAT MATTERS . . . . . May 26, 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

***This letter was sent Friday, May 22, in response to the call by President Trump for all churches to be open on Sunday.***



Dear Partners in Ministry,

This afternoon the President declared that governors should open churches immediately and said that churches should be essential businesses. The President also said he would override state decisions if churches were not allowed to worship. I offer these reminders so the

picture of the current state of things remains clear.

Three points to remember:

First. We continue to be in the midst of a still-active health crisis. Some indicators go down, and others are on the rise. While Dane County and others have already classified religious organizations as “essential,” that does not lessen the safety concerns. And while a number of businesses and organizations are beginning to open, these openings are mostly being done slowly and cautiously, and always acknowledging that each opening carries risk. In Wisconsin, we are not yet in Phase two, in which 50 people may gather; some advisories are moving some capacity limited upwards, but generally current advice is still for any groups to be less than 10. Nearly all of our congregations continue to observe that.

Second. The recent State Supreme Court decision made clear that gatherings of more than 10 will not be subject to fines or punishment. But health department advisories continue to be in place. The governor does not prevent any of us from worshipping. Because of the separation of church and state, the government cannot prevent us from worshipping, or compel us to worship, at any time. However, it is strongly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and our own state health department that we limit public gatherings as much as possible. It

continues to be my counsel that congregations wait until we enter Phase two before they return to in-person worship. When we are able to gather, we should do so with all the health precautions in place – cleaning, distancing, masks, etc.

Third, a civics lesson that a colleague bishop observed:

There is a legal issue at play. The 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution states, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people” ([www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)). The power to make decisions about when businesses or organizations must be closed or can be open resides with the State or Commonwealth. The Governor has the authority to set those limits and rescind those limits. The President of the United States cannot interfere with a Constitutionally given right. The President can strongly suggest, and can try to convince the Governors to follow his suggestion, but he cannot override the powers given to the States unless there is an impending national emergency. Covid-19 is a national emergency, but having to worship online for the sake of protecting our people – is not a national emergency.

I hope these reminders are helpful. I have been grateful for the careful thought of so many of you during these times. You and I and all our people are uniformly eager to gather together again. But we are aware of the news reports of choirs and churches and meetings having become events for the spread of the virus among those gathered, and beyond. We need to continue to care for one another. So while the President's announcement may fuel a sense that “normal” has returned, it has not. I pray for good and careful thought and planning to prevail.

I thank God for you daily!

Grace and Peace,

Peter Rogness  
Bishop

To all rostered ministers: Please note that Bishop Rogness' weekly sermon series can now be downloaded with ease from the Connected Community page of our website: <https://scsw-elca.org/community/>

## Public Health Orders For All Counties

### – Dane County – Re-Opening Phase 1 Begins Today



This is the most up-to-date Public Health order for Dane County. Churches in Dane County should pay close attention to sections 2 and 4 of this order.

[https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/2020-05-22\\_Order\\_3.pdf](https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/2020-05-22_Order_3.pdf)

### Non-Dane County Congregations - Find Your County's Health Department Page – Links Can be Found On Synod Website

Our congregations cover 13 counties in South-Central Wisconsin. Please check your county's public health orders. **For a link to your county's health department, see page 8 of this document posted to the synod website:** <https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SCSWCoVID19.pdf>

### SYNOD OFFICE AND STAFF UPDATE

Now that some offices and businesses are cautiously opening, Synod staff will be in the office occasionally, as there is need, but will continue to work remotely when that is workable. As has been the case, calls to the synod office are picked up live, and routed to other staff, whether they are in the office or working remotely. Staff is also easily accessible by [email](#). Meetings that were held in the synod office before the pandemic will continue to be held via Zoom, not in the office. Cleaning protocols will be in place for staff and anyone who needs to stop in. The statistics regarding spread of the virus continue to rise, and practicing caution is still advisable. Other in-person synod events are being evaluated on a case-by-case basis (updated May 26, 2020).



### Bishop Nominee Forums – Meet Our Four Bishop Nominees!

The first forum was recorded and is available to view from the synod website:

<https://scsw-elca.org/2020bishopelection/>

In alphabetical order:

- Rev. Ramie Bakken
- Rev. Stacie Fidler
- Rev. Naomi Garber
- Rev. Joy Mortenson-Wiebe

### SUBMIT A QUESTION(S) TO BE ANSWERED BY NOMINEES FOR BISHOP AT OUR FINAL NOMINEE FORUM

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING: JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The next forum will be available for viewing on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to submit questions to be answered by our four nominees. The deadline for submission is June 15<sup>th</sup>. There are two ways to submit your questions:

- 1) Using a form on our website:  
<https://bit.ly/NomineeForumQuestions>
- 2) Emailing Executive Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Robyn Zimmerman at [robynz@scsw-elca.org](mailto:robynz@scsw-elca.org)



**JOIN US EACH  
TUESDAY AT 2:00 PM  
FOR CONVERSATIONS  
WITH THE BISHOP,  
ROSTERED MINISTERS  
& LAITY**

As things are rapidly changing during this time of the pandemic, the bishop is leading conversations with

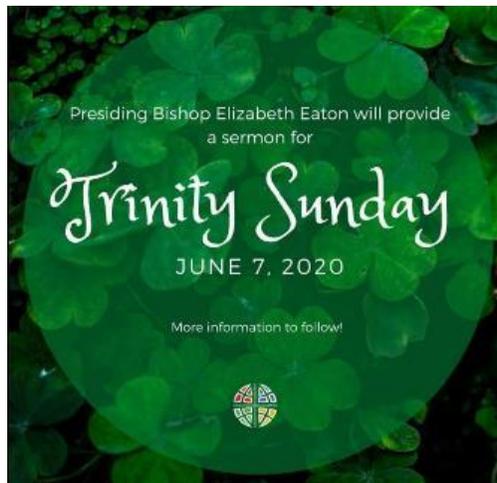
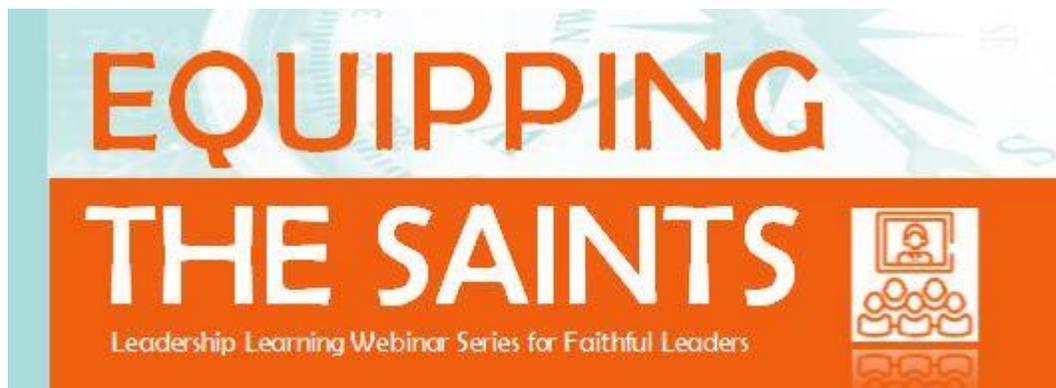
rostered ministers and lay leaders of our synod and creating space for us to share ideas and ask questions of the bishop and of each other. Each week we will continue conversation about re-opening our churches, but we will also invite conversation about topics of interest to you. Next week in addition to topics you bring to the fore, we will invite pastors who are streaming their worship service for those of you interested in exploring this.

Feel free to send your suggestions for topics or specific questions to Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

Rostered Ministers will receive the link to the webinar each week from Robyn Zimmerman. Lay leaders should email Robyn for the link: [robynz@scsw-elca.org](mailto:robynz@scsw-elca.org)

Whether you were on the call and would like to review the information shared, or you were unable to attend today, the recordings are available on the synod website.

<https://scsw-elca.org/healthresources/webinars/>



### **Pastors and Deacons –We Encourage You to Make Use of Sermons and to Share Resources**

In these chaotic times during the pandemic, we encourage you to take a weekend off by utilizing sermons that have been prepared in advance. Here are a couple excellent choices:

**Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** has recorded a message that will be ready for Trinity Sunday although it is a sermon that can be used at other times.

**NEW Information from Bishop Eaton:** The sermon will use the texts for Trinity Sunday, Year A, with a focus on II Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28: 16-20. I am taping it on May 21<sup>st</sup> and it will be ready for release on May 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be Spanish subtitles, a

printed text in English and Spanish, and a You Tube and Vimeo.

**Bishop Rogness** – Bishop Rogness prepares a weekly message that follows the lectionary. These are posted to the synod website on a weekly basis, except for June 7, when use of Bishop Eaton's sermon is encouraged. Use them as you wish. Some pastors are using them when they need a break and we wholeheartedly encourage this! They can be downloaded with ease from the Connected Community page of our website: <https://scsw-elca.org/community/>

**Messages from fellow pastors and deacons in our synod** – some pastors are sharing their taped sermons with congregations who are currently using supply or have a part-time interim. We encourage this type of sharing as well. We are church together!



## **EMANUEL 9 DAY OF REPENTENCE – June 17, 2020 (or the Sunday After)**

In 2019, as a result of grassroots organizing, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a resolution to establish June 17 as “**Emanuel 9 Day of Repentance**,” commemorating the martyrdom of Pickney, Graham-Hurd, Jackson, Lance, Middleton-Doctor, Sanders, Simmons, Coleman-Singleton and Thompson. The resolution calls for worship resources and deepening conversations with the African Methodist Episcopal Church on matters of racism and white supremacy. It was adopted alongside another resolution condemning white supremacy and racist rhetoric, and in the context of the ELCA’s public apology articulated in the “Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent.”

The synod’s racial equity team invites you to use the resources provided by the ELCA in creative ways to raise awareness and to commemorate this day on June 17 (or the weekend after), whether we worship in person or via electronic means.



First, you may wish to become better informed by reading this overview provided by the ELCA, “An Overview of Ecumenical Relations between the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.” It provides insight to the journey the ELCA has taken to come to this place in our understanding.

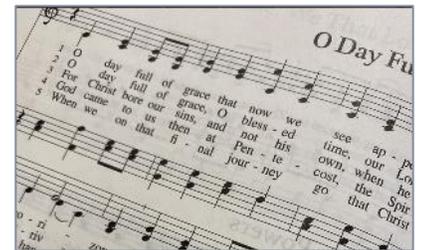
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**Also provided are ELCA created resources available for your use. This page on the ELCA website is rich with resources and useful information to share in your settings.**

<https://elca.org/EmanuelNine>

## O Day Full of Grace - Available for Use on the Day of Pentecost

The [Association of Lutheran Church Musicians](http://alcm.org/virtual-hymn/) invites everyone to participate in a virtual choir singing "O Day Full of Grace." Visit [alcm.org/virtual-hymn/](http://alcm.org/virtual-hymn/). The final product will be freely available by May 28 for use in worship on the Day of Pentecost, May 31.



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

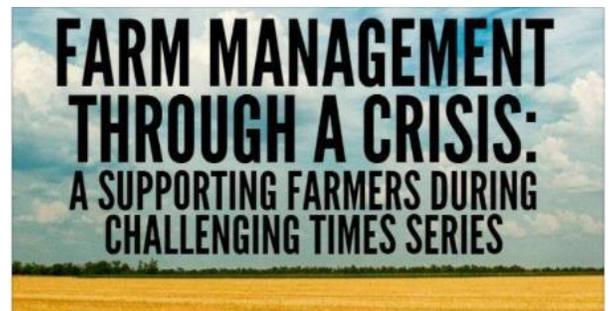
We have changed our worship every Thursday at noon a little bit during this time of social distancing. We would love to see all the different Pastors, Deacons, Seminarians, and Lay Leaders in Congregations of the synod lead us in a devotion and prayer time. This time is all up to you, you can make it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

*Thank you to Rev. Bob Moberg for sharing the gospel message with us last week!*

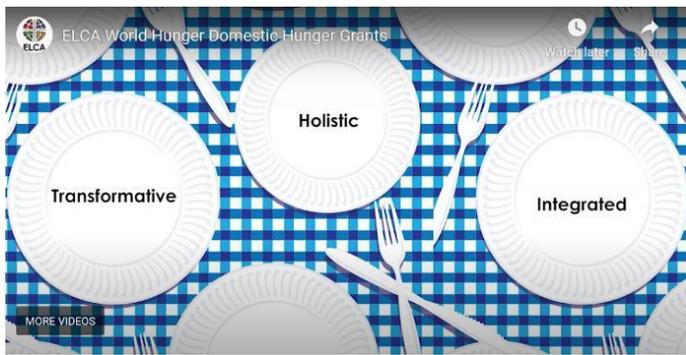
### Heart of the Farm Coffee Chats – Did you know 80% of our synod's congregations lie in rural areas? Many of them are farming communities too. These webinars may be of interest to your congregation.

If you can please help share this upcoming series for the Heart of the Farm Coffee Chats with local contacts and social media it would be appreciated. Below are the Facebook events for the South Central "Location" that Amanda Young, Dodge County Agriculture Educator, and Dorothy Harms, are hosting. If you are looking for more details or other times/dates/locations to share be sure to check out the Heart of the Farm website (<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/heartofthefarm/>).



#### Facebook event page links (remaining sessions are from 7-8pm):

- **May 28<sup>th</sup> – Relationships: Nurturing Healthy Relationships Under Times of Stress: Bidding for Connection:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/586453918744809/>
  - Registration link: <https://bit.ly/CoffeeChatMay28>
  - Night During this session learn what bids for connection are and why they matter in building and maintaining a healthy relationship. Participants will learn how to respond and bid for connections in positive, healthy ways.
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> – Financial: Finding Financial Well-Being:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/237546454131094/>
  - Registration link: <https://bit.ly/CoffeeChatJune4Night>
  - People who feel good about their finances have four things in common. We'll explore what those four factors are and ideas to find your own path to financial well-being. Spoiler alert – you don't need money to get started!



## ELCA DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 1

Do you have a ministry that draws on the strengths of its community to break the cycle of poverty and hunger—for good? Apply for an ELCA Domestic Hunger grant. The application period has been extended through June 1! 2021 Domestic Hunger Grant Applications - <https://www.elca.org/domestichungergrants>

**Domestic Hunger Grants:** Redesigned in 2018, Domestic Hunger grants are available for up to \$10,000 per year for three years, designed to support transformative, holistic and integrated ministries of congregations and their partners. Successful applicant ministries will address multiple root causes of hunger and poverty, intentionally cultivate leaders with lived experience of hunger and poverty and have strong, demonstrated connections with ELCA congregations and their communities with a commitment to measuring their success.

How to Start a Food Pantry!  
Join us Wed., May 27 at 2:00 PM  
on FB Live with Sharry Herbert,  
Food Pantry Coordinator, Trinity  
Lutheran Church, Eau Claire  
Search **LOPPW** on Facebook



### THE LUTHERAN OFFICE FOR PUBLIC POLICY IN WISCONSIN

LOPPW.org

May 27, 2:00 pm: *How to start a food pantry!* join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin for a discussion with experienced Food Pantry Coordinator Sharry Herbert, Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire. Feel free to ask questions in the comment section by joining us on [Facebook Live](#).

**ALSO COMING UP ON JUNE 3 – Join us for:**

**“The Pandemic and Living on the Margins of Safety”**

[Register Here](#)

**Panel Discussion on Wednesday, June 3, 2020,  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Central Time**

Sponsored by the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin and the Women of the ELCA

Join three professionals to learn about how the pandemic is impacting child abuse, sex trafficking, and domestic abuse. Our three panelists will give brief presentations and then open the discussion up for questions.

- Executive Director Sharyl Kato, Child and Family Therapist, The Rainbow Project (Madison) serving children and families who have experienced violence and deep trauma.
- Director Jan Miyasaki, J.D., Project Respect (Madison) serving adult and juvenile victims of prostitution, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking.
- Executive Director Sue Sippel, The Family Center (Wisconsin Rapids), guided by survivor voices, working through education and community involvement to eliminate violence and provide safety for all people victimized by abuse.
- Opening Prayer: Women of the ELCA Director for Justice Jen DeLeon



**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](mailto: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](http://www.scsw-elca.org)**

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

**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

May 27, 2020 3:00 PM

June 3, 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 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



**"I FEEL A LOT MORE COMFORTABLE USING ZOOM FOR ALL MY MEETINGS AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE SYNOD'S TRAINING. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT!"**

~Zoom training Attendee

## 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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org). Please notify Deacon Vicki when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!**

### **Financial Manager – Part-Time – Madison**

Lake Edge Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time financial manager responsible for the financial management of the church with an average of 15 hrs/wk, \$20/hr. Position entails interesting work with a chance to be of service to a faith community involved in social justice. Benefits include pro-rated holidays, vacation, sick time and a flexible schedule. No health or retirement benefits are included. A minimum 2 year accounting degree and 2 years accounting experience, including use of accounting software with accounts payable, accounts receivable and financial statement preparation. Please submit cover letter and resume to [dalednet@aol.com](mailto:dalednet@aol.com). (5/26/20)

### **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](mailto:wkoffice@tds.net) & [mbarth@charter.net](mailto: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)

### **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](mailto:rblum@gslcwi.com). (04/04/20)

### **Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities**

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

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### **Future Synod Gatherings/Meetings/Events:**

**May 27 – Zoom Training – The Basics with Robyn**

**May 27 – LOPPW Facebook Live – “How to Start a Food Pantry”**

**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)**

**June 2 – “Re-Opening Our Churches” Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness, Rostered & Laity**

**June 3 – LOPPW – “The Pandemic and Living on the Margins of Safety”**

**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 9 - “Re-Opening Our Churches” Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness, Rostered & Laity**

**June 11 – Diakonia Zoom Class – Faith in the North American Context (Will Layton)**

**June 15 – Deadline for Submitting Questions for Bishop Nominee Forum**

**June 20 – Pending – Synod Assembly & Bishop Election**

**June 24 – Synod Council Zoom Meeting**

**June 29/30 – Bishop Nominee Forum Video Available**

**September 21 – Keeping the Faith: Empowering Faith Communities to Recognize & Respond to Child Abuse – Madison Christian Community (Madison)**

**Prayers 05/19/2020 & 5/26/2020**

**Veteran’s Support Ministry Team:**

- Rev. Todd Iverson, Immanuel Evangelical, Watertown
- Rev. Joe Brosious, Good Shepherd Lutheran Madison & Verona, WI
- Connie Walker, Bethel, Madison
- Mike Gourlie, Bethel, Madison

**Synod Seminary Student:**

- Lisa Lee, Lisa is a Distance Learner at Luther Seminary.
- Grace Lee, Grace is at the very beginning of her path to become a pastor. She will be attending Luther Seminary.

**Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:**

- Rev. Nick Utphall, Pastor and Members of Advent Lutheran Church, Madison, WI
- Rev. Kristin Woelk, Pastor and Members of All Saint’s Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, WI
- Rev. Dan Bohlman, Contact Pastor and Members of Argyle-Apple Grove, Argyle, WI
- Rev. Jim Hearne, Pastor and Members of Barneveld Lutheran, Barneveld, WI

**Neighboring Synods:**

- Bishop Jim Arends, the Staff, and the congregations of the La Crosse Area Synod
- Bishop Tracie L Bartholomew, the Staff, and the congregations of the New Jersey Synod

**Churchwide Partners:**

- Mark Carlson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy – California
- Peter Severson, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - Colorado
- Hilton Austin, Jr., State Public Policy Southeast Synod (Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee)
- Sara E Lilja, Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey

*We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrated their anniversary of Ordination last week (while What Matters was on hiatus) and those who celebrate in the coming week:*

- Rev. Jim Hearne, May 21, 2005, Pastor Barneveld Lutheran Church, Barneveld, WI.  
[pastorjimblc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjimblc@gmail.com)
- Rev. Steven Hanson, May 21, 1982, Pastor First English Lutheran Church, Whitewater, WI.  
[pastorstevevw@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstevevw@gmail.com)
- Rev. Roy Poltrock, May 24, 1970, Retired Pastor, Janesville, WI
- Rev. James Kannenberg, May 26, 1963, Retired Pastor, Waterloo, WI. [ritakberg@yahoo.com](mailto:ritakberg@yahoo.com)
- Rev. Karla Brekke, May 26, 1991, Pastor Cooksville Lutheran Church, Evansville, WI.  
[karlabrekke@charter.net](mailto:karlabrekke@charter.net)
- Rev. Lee Bohnhoff, May 27, 1962, Retired Pastor, Orfordville, WI [baayagdii@yahoo.com](mailto:baayagdii@yahoo.com)
- Rev. Richard Inglett, May 28, 1989, Pastor of Sugar Creek, Elkhorn, WI [ringlett85@charter.net](mailto:ringlett85@charter.net)
- Rev. Sharon Kelly, May 29, 1988, [sharonkelly@usfamily.net](mailto:sharonkelly@usfamily.net)
- Rev. Holly Slater, May 29, 2010, Pastor of St. Paul’s Liberty Lutheran, Deerfield, WI [stpollpastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpollpastor@gmail.com)

- o Rev. T. Brent Walsworth, May 29, 2005, Pastor of United in Christ Lutheran, Morrisonville, WI [pastorw49@centurytel.net](mailto:pastorw49@centurytel.net)
- o Rev. Paul Anderson, May 30, 1976, Retired Pastor, Prairie du Sac, WI [pganders13@gmail.com](mailto:pganders13@gmail.com)
- o Rev. Rebecca Iverson, May 31, 2008, On Leave from Call-Family, Watertown, WI [ivebeenlost@hotmail.com](mailto:ivebeenlost@hotmail.com)
- o Rev. Lynn Peterson, June 01, 1984, Retired Pastor, Delavan, WI [Chaplynn4@gmail.com](mailto:Chaplynn4@gmail.com)
- o Rev. Roger Eigenfeld, June 01, 1966, Retired Pastor, Madison, WI [audibadger@gmail.com](mailto:audibadger@gmail.com)
- o Rev. Rennard Svanoie, June 01, 1962, Retired Pastor, Anahuac, Chihuahua [rennardsvanoie37@gmail.com](mailto:rennardsvanoie37@gmail.com)

**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/>

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



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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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org).

**Visit our website:** [www.scsw-elca.org](http://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.*

**SYNOD STAFF AND OFFICE COVERAGE ADJUSTMENTS**

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Pastoral Care, Congregational Care

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Assistance with Streaming Technologies, Webmaster