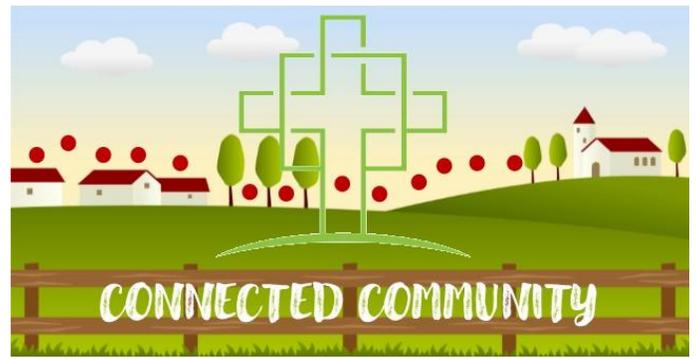


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Curated resources for this time of the pandemic

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Returning to Church

Wisconsin Council of Churches – Returning to Church

The **Wisconsin Council of Churches** has been publishing articles on how we might continue to be safe and faithful in our response to the pandemic restrictions. In case you missed it:

“What future we will find ourselves in depends not only on the behavior of the virus, but on the actions of people – as individuals, churches, communities, and governments. The way forward will not be a matter of following a timetable, but of faithfully discerning the signs of the times, and responding accordingly. It has always been that way for the church: “You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown....”

For the full article:

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/04/23/returning-to-church/?fbclid=IwAR2JGxYgF->

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In case you missed it:

Per Governor Evers, “In order to preserve the progress we have made during Safer at Home, we’ve developed a plan to safely reopen Wisconsin. Our plan is Badger Bounce Back. Here’s what it looks like:

<https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BadgerBounceBack.pdf>



Wondering What Strategies to Use for Hard of Hearing Communication During Your Online Worship or Devotions?

Here is an article that you may find useful. It addresses everything from closed captioning, to blue tooth steaming to hearing devices, to transcription add-ons for apps like Zoom.

http://connect-hear.com/?fbclid=IwAR3_XiFoiN1iAzjPEPnHlnpwISoRS8RM-DgxDO53NggxeHciwl9McvljU4

Calling all Sewers!

Madison Area Jail Ministry is requesting Face Masks

Dane County Jail is in need of more face masks for the staff and inmates. With continued heightened precautions and their supply running low, the need is becoming a priority. If you are able and willing to sew masks for the Jail, please contact Deputy



Juan Bowers, at 284-6174, or by email at Bowers.juan@danesherriff.com. He will arrange for a deputy to pick up the items, so that everyone avoids contact and stays safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Pattern: [Here](#)

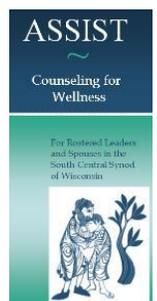
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Instructions available [Here](#)

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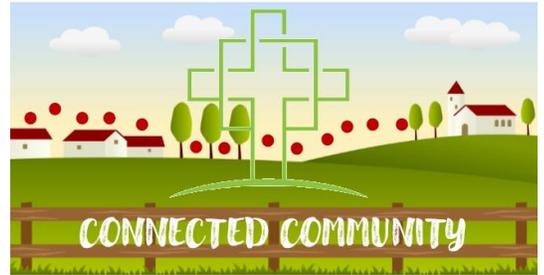
Assist Appointments Are Available Through Tele-Assist During this Time

Our synod has provided this as a benefit to help support healthy pastor and deacons. The ASSIST program provides three visits to address your issues. If additional sessions are needed, typically your health insurance benefit can then be used. For more information or questions contact Dan Feaster with the Samaritan Counseling Center. To schedule an ASSIST appointment call 608-663-0763 ext. 100 and let them know you are calling to set up an ASSIST appointment.



IF YOU HAVEN'T YET, PLEASE TELL US IF YOU ARE STREAMING OR RECORDING WORSHIP OR DAILY DEVOTIONS!

So far, we are showing 40 congregations that are live streaming or worshipping using recorded messages with on-line access. If you are including live streaming in your mode of communications with your congregation and would like your schedule of future streamed worship services or devotions linked from the synod website, we've created a quick form on our website to fill out.



Here's the link: <https://scsw-elca.org/submit/>

We have posted many other links to worship services and future Lenten services being held at congregations in our synod. We would love to post yours as soon as we receive permission from you to share it! When requested, this link is also provided to media in our south-central Wisconsin area who do share it in their news. This is a wonderful way to stay in connected community!

Remember that Synod Leadership Has Assembled an Information Resource Team to Assist You with the SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan – You Can Still Apply!

Over the past couple of weeks, we have stressed the importance of congregational members being strongly encouraged to seek support for their ministries among their own members, and we are encouraged by some accounts of strong response to this need. We know, however, that some congregations will have many who are unable to provide their usual support and may need to turn to the **SBA loan program** offered which holds the possibility of loan forgiveness.



If you are applying, we encourage you to do it now as the funds are awarded on a first come, first-served basis and the pool of money is limited. To assist you with applying for the Paycheck Protection Program, **we have assembled a team of resource people from our synod that can help you** with questions that may arise.

The team consists of an attorney, two business bankers, a certified public accountant and a business advisor. We are grateful to these folks who are volunteering their time to help you.

Rev. Steve Kottke on synod staff will be the first point of contact who will serve as the Information and Referral Source and will direct you to the appropriate person/s on the team depending on the nature of your question/s and situation. If you need assistance, please contact Steve at the synod office: (608) 270-0201.

Before calling, we do recommend that you are very familiar with how the SBA loan program works. Here is a link to the **FAQs** provided by ELCA General Counsel.

<http://bit.ly/PPPFAQs>

The application can be found on the synod website:

<https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Final-PPP-Application.pdf>

The ELCA has updated the FAQs on the Paycheck Protection Program loans to include the latest SBA



guidance. The updated resource can be found here: https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/FAQ_on_PPP_Loans.pdf?

The interim SBA guidance can be found here: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP--IFRN%20FINAL.pdf>

The SBA FAQ for faith-based organizations can be found here:

<https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/SBA%20Faith-Based%20FAQ%20Final.pdf>

Resources with Links that Were Recently Added to Synod Website:

Considerations for Conducting Remote Council and Congregation Meetings

<https://scsw-elca.org/resources/congregation-council-leadership-resources/>

SYNOD WEBSITE IS UPDATED DAILY

Our resource lists continue to grow each day (sometimes multiple times a day) during this crisis.

Communication and Health Resources: <https://scsw-elca.org/healthresources/>

Official ELCA and synod related communications can be found here.

Ideas for Ways to Stay Connected With Your Community: <https://scsw-elca.org/community/>

Curated resources for being in community during this time of physical distancing. Bishop Rogness' weekly video can be found here.

Links to Congregation Streamed Services and More: <https://scsw-elca.org/healthresources/worship/>

Growing list of synod congregations who are live streaming worship services both on Sundays and Lent Midweek on Wednesdays. Links to these are provided. Recordings of worship can also be found here.



If you would like to join in the good work that our synod is doing through synod ministries, individual donations may be made through the synod's [Tithe.ly](#) app.

We are doing What Matters in Jesus' name!

*Text **GIVE** to: (608) 571-1576 –*

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Every offering matters!