

# WHAT MATTERS . . . . . June 30, 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

Please note: The synod office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.  
Please call the synod office for pastoral emergencies for pastor-on-call contact information.

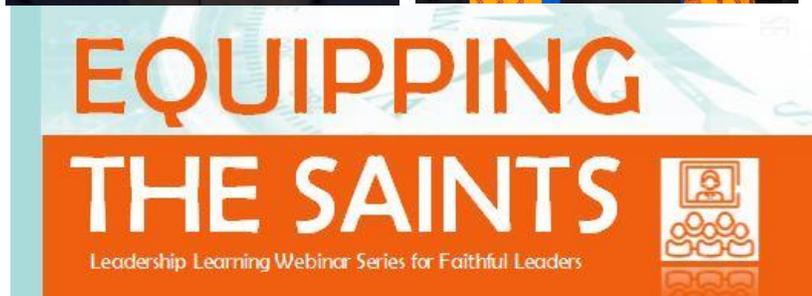
## A Conversation About Race with Bishop Rogness and Rev. Everett D. Mitchell

**OUR WEEKLY WEBINAR WITH BISHOP ROGNESSE WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 AT 2:00 PM (Not Our Usual Tuesday This Week)**

**JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE RECENT PROTESTS AND WHAT IT MEANS TO RESPOND AS CHRISTIANS**  
**We will be joined by special guest, the Honorable Rev. Everett D. Mitchell.**



We will spend the hour in conversation with **Rev. Dr. Everett D. Mitchell** as we continue to explore our reactions to the killing of George Floyd and the resulting upheaval from that. One of the names we hear most in this part of the synod as we talk about leaders in the community is Everett D. Mitchell who is a judge but is also an AME pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church. Dr. Mitchell will bring a helpful perspective for our conversation. Bishop Rogness has been in conversation with him and as he is in the courtroom on Tuesdays, so for this week only, we have switched our time to Wednesday at 2:00 pm.



The **Honorable Rev. Everett Mitchell** is very passionate about community engagement and social justice. A graduate of Morehouse College, Mitchell also holds a master's degree in theology and divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin Law School. In 2016, Mitchell became the third elected African-American Dane County Circuit Court judge in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Previously, Mitchell served as associate director of the Madison Area Urban Ministry from 2004-2010 where he worked extensively with restorative justice programs for ex-offenders. As a restorative justice coordinator with Madison-area Urban Ministry, he and his team developed a system so men and women who return from prison would have a residence, employment, support, treatment and education.

**To Register:** Lay leaders should email Robyn for the link: [robynz@scsw-elca.org](mailto:robynz@scsw-elca.org)  
Rostered Ministers already received the link today to the webinar via an email from Robyn Zimmerman.

**Webinars Are Recorded:** 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/>

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 – WE WILL GATHER ACROSS A 12-SITE VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**REGISTER BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, JUNE 30 AND SAVE!**



### **SYNOD ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD VIA A 12-SITE VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ALL CONGREGATIONS WHO HAVE OFFERED TO SERVE AS HOST SITES WERE NOTIFIED AND AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 AT 7:00 PM. See an email from Deacon Hanrahan that was emailed today to all pastors and technicians at each of the sites last week.**

Even if you were registered for the May 1 & 2 assembly, you will need to register for the new assembly. All prior registrations were cancelled and monies reimbursed. There will be a new fee of \$25 for early bird registration until midnight tonight and \$30 after that day has passed that you will need to pay.

These are unprecedented times with new procedures and timelines to follow. Safety will be our first priority for this assembly. Electing a bishop will be our second. We will be finalizing the remote host locations soon and when we have a better idea of the distribution of registrations, we will assign voting members to specific locations. Please know that you will all be assigned at a location within comfortable driving distance. For most this will be under 30 minutes away. Voting members from host locations will be scheduled at their own congregations. As ever, if you have questions, contact Assembly manager, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at (608) 270-0201 or email her at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org), but please watch What Matters for helpful information over the next few weeks.

We look forward to this day when we will gather to do the work of the church: Elect a bishop, elect synod leadership, vote on resolutions, participate in a contemplative, non-singing worship, and celebrate our shared mission in Christ.

**Registration is for Voting Members Only: <https://bit.ly/NewSCSWAssembly2020>**

**Early Bird Registration Closes tonight midnight, June 30 – register now and save! Registration closes July 20. Payments are due to the synod office by July 22. There will be no handling of money at the host locations. Please pay in advance. Thank you.**



## Bishop Nominee **Forum #2** Available For Viewing! Have You Met Our Four Bishop Nominees?

The first and second forums were recorded and as of yesterday, both are now available to view from the synod website:

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

**Nominees answered the questions that you submitted. It was an enlightening and interesting conversation. A big Thank you to our nominees!**

Nominees for Bishop In random order:



Rev. Naomi  
Garber



Rev. Stacie  
Fidler



Rev. Joy  
Mortensen-  
Wiebe



Rev. Ramie  
Bakken

## 2020 Bishop Election



All documents and videos can be found on the synod website.

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



*“ELCA social teaching supports human rights for all people, regardless of their sex (biological), gender, or sexuality. This stance is rooted in respect and welcome for all people as created in the image of God and evident in the ELCA’s longstanding commitment to protecting civil and human rights”*  
[\(Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action, 2019\).](#)

As National Pride Month is celebrated across this country, I rejoice in the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling that employment discrimination on the basis of a worker’s sexual orientation or gender identity is illegal under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The court’s decision is an important recognition of equal protection under the law for LGBTQIA+ people and for all.

LGBTQIA+ people are not faceless or nameless. They are our children, parents, siblings and colleagues. They work hard and pay taxes. They serve in our congregations and communities. Our life together is enriched. They are us. The U.S. Supreme Court ruling brings us a step closer to realizing our founding conviction, “We the people of the United States.”

St. Paul writes, “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26). The June 15 decision brings the civic body a step closer to the cherished American value of equal rights for all. There is more work to be done to guarantee equal rights for LGBTQIA+ people beyond the workplace — in housing, medical care and military service. We are committed to this work as we celebrate, during Pride Month and all year round, the gifts of our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

In Christ’s peace,

Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8044>

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### Season of Creation Devotions Offered by Four Heads of Communion

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and leaders from The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have prepared a series of devotions to observe the Season of Creation 2020, Sept. 1–Oct. 4.

The season, which begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, is a time to join with the global Christian community in renewing, repairing and restoring commitments to God, to one another and to all of creation. For the four churches, it is also a time for strengthening relationships with one another. Through Scripture, hymns, advocacy and action, the weekly devotions, which begin Sept. 6, invite people to live out their vocation as stewards of creation.

### SEASON OF CREATION 2020

*Renewing, repairing  
and restoring*

**our commitments to God,  
to one another  
and to all of creation.**

Weekly devotions for  
Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, 2020

"We pray that our actions as stewards of God's good creation will continue to deepen not only in this season, but for all time," said Eaton. "Even as our relations as churches are not bound by national or ecclesiastical borders, neither is our witness to the One who came to redeem all of creation."

In addition to Eaton, the devotions were contributed by the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, presiding bishop and primate, The Episcopal Church; the Rev. Susan C. Johnson, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, archbishop and primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

"I pray that these reflections will open hearts and minds to experience our relationship in and with all of creation in new ways," said Nicholls.

In the opening devotion, the leaders stress the significance of a collective responsibility in caring for creation. "Waking up to matters of climate justice and environmental stewardship are among the most important callings people have today. Over many years, through many voices, our churches have come to a growing conviction that loving our neighbor includes loving Mother Earth as a neighbor."

"It is timely, relevant and exciting for our churches to join together in prayer, worship and reflection during the Season of Creation," said Johnson. "With open hearts, minds and souls may we discern new actions and practices to show love for God's creation."

"In this season of activism as we seek God's liberating, life-giving love for all, may these prayers and devotions inspire us to care for a world in which all creation can flourish," said Curry.

The relations among the four churches have moved more closely toward "mutual recognition," bringing into mutual relation the two churches of "Called to Common Mission" in the United States and those of the Waterloo Declaration in Canada. One notable feature of the agreement is that it cites the experience of Indigenous people "not divided by national borders established by colonialist power" as grounds for expanding shared life among the churches. A Memorandum of Mutual Recognition (MMR) was approved by both Canadian churches in July 2019. The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted constitutional changes embracing the Anglican Church of Canada, and in November 2019 the Church Council adopted the MMR. Once The Episcopal Church acts, the mutual recognition of the four churches will come into full effect.

The Season of Creation devotions are available [here](#). <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8045>



## Take a Break While Inviting Your Congregation to Hear the Gospel From Another Voice!

**Bishop Rogness** prepares a weekly message that follows the lectionary. These are posted to the synod website on a weekly basis. 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



## More than ever, Campus Ministry needs your help.

This year, with the uncertainty of what form instruction will take in the fall given the COVID-19 crisis, it is especially important that you help us to minister to the young adults that your congregation is sending to college. It is possible that our facilities will not be open and that we will be meeting through virtual means. During this difficult time, it is even more important for young adults to be connected with a faith community and find ways to connect with their peers.

This critical need is why Lutheran Campus Ministry has once again organized a Campus Connect Project, which seeks to gather the names of college students from each and every congregation in our synod. On your behalf, we will share your students' information with the campus ministry staff at whatever school they attend. We have a former student helping us with this task - LCM alum and seminarian Leah will be reaching out and available to help you with this important project this summer.

As you know, campus ministry sites do not receive any kind of enrollment information from the schools we serve, and this means that the only way we can reach out to your college students is to ask you to provide their information for us.

We can't do this without you! Please make a plan now to connect your students to campus ministry. You can submit this information online - follow the link at [www.lcmmadison.org](http://www.lcmmadison.org) - or email [the completed form](mailto:the_completed_form) to [student@lcmmadison.org](mailto:student@lcmmadison.org). Please provide as much information as you can for all of your college students (not just incoming freshmen). We also have a [reproducible insert](#) if you'd like to publish a way for members to do this themselves. If you have any questions, please contact us at [student@lcmmadison.org](mailto:student@lcmmadison.org).



## Public Health Orders For All Counties

### - Dane County - Re-Opening Phases



This is the most up-to-date Public Health order for Dane County. Churches in Dane County should pay close attention. We are in phase 2.

<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/forward-dane/requirements>

**Non-Dane County Congregations** - 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>





## Holy Currencies Webinars – “Stewardship 365”

July 22 & 29 Webinars – 6:00 pm – These are free webinars, but a free-will donation is appreciated and encouraged

- To Register, call Robyn at the synod office: 608/270-0201 by July 20

The SCSW is sponsoring two Webinar orientation sessions on Holy Currencies with the Rev. Eric Law, founder, and director of the Kaleidoscope Institute. This was the information you would have received at the synod's LEAD conference so instead of waiting another year, we are bringing this opportunity to you now!

This first two sessions are free of charge. In order to participate we encourage you to register by July 8<sup>th</sup> ( Please attend both sessions). Below you will find and overview of the course. For more information contact the desk of the DEM and Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Walter Baires at 608-270-0201 or email him at: [walterb@scsw-elca.org](mailto:walterb@scsw-elca.org)

**Stewardship65** is an on-line curriculum that empowers local congregations to expand their vision of stewardship beyond money to include the currencies of relationship, truth, wellness, gracious leadership, time and place. In this uncertain time of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is even more important for our congregations to learn and explore how to maximize their stewardship movement to include these holy currencies moving from maintenance to mission, from scarcity to abundance and from fear to grace.

### Overview of the course:

- The church team or individual begins the course by participating in an Orientation - two online training (July 22 and 29, please attend both).
- Participants from the Orientation may decide to take the full course by forming a team and signs up for additional six 1.5-hour webinars over the next period of time covering the six holy currencies. See tuition below.
- In between webinars, the church team completes homework assignments in order to deepen the understanding of each currency, including presenting 7 pledge cards covering different the holy currencies to the congregation.
- The church team creates a stewardship365 action plan incorporating learning, processes, and tools for the coming months or year.

(Go to [www.stewardship365.org](http://www.stewardship365.org) for more information.)

**Tuition for full course:** Participating congregations are asked to give a GracEconomic donation between \$300 and \$1,000 per congregation team of 5 members.

**Free will donations should be made payable to:** SCSW with **Stewardship 365 in the memo** and mailed to the synod office by July 30: South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA/6401 Odana Road/Suite 20/Madison, WI 53719 or Text **GIVE** to: **(608) 571-1576 & Select Stewardship 365**

**ZOOM TRAININGS BY SYNOD STAFF, ROBYN ZIMMERMAN – Every Friday at 9:30 am**

**Anyone who wants to learn how to conduct and set up meetings via Zoom is invited.**



Since folks are still logging on to Zoom trainings with Robyn, she will continue to hold them on Friday mornings at 9:30 am. These are for anyone who would like to get more comfortable with setting up and sitting on Zoom meetings. Don't be shy! She is happy to help you.



**FRIDAYS AT 9:30 AM**

**(NO ZOOM TRAINING ON JULY 3 – Synod office will be closed on Friday)**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 376 722 052

**Racial Justice Lesson For Youth**

Are you looking for a racial justice lesson to use with your youth group or church council? One of our Getting Ready lessons from the 2015 Gathering is filled with activities, lessons and factoids pertaining to prejudice, bias and racism (overt and covert).

You can find it on the Youth Gathering page of our website: <https://scsw-elca.org/elcayg2021/> and also as

a PDF link here: <https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/RacialEquityLesson.pdf>



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**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.

**Thank you to Pastoral Intern, Jamie Reising, (First English, Platteville) for sharing this devotional moment with us.**

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>



# Sugar Creek Bible Camp's **ANNUAL QUILT and ANTIQUE AUCTION**

**CRAFT FAIR, 5K TRAIL RUN - FUN WALK**

## **SATURDAY - SEPT 12, 2020**

5K TRAIL RUN and FUN WALK: 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 the  
ministries of Sugar Creek Bible Camp!**

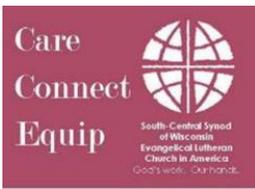
**Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd. Ferryville, WI 54628

Phone: 608-734-3113 E-mail: [camp@sgrcreek.org](mailto:camp@sgrcreek.org)

[www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)

*Please contact the camp if you have quality items to donate or if you have questions.*



**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)

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

### **Office Manager – St. John (Reedsburg)**

St John Lutheran Church in Reedsburg, WI is looking for a manager skilled in church office supervision and general accounting. This person will organize and maintain St John operational and financial systems, produce and manage reports for church leaders and boards, and supervise support staff. The position is 30 hours, Mon.-Thurs. 8- 5 pm, with some benefits. Contact Pastor Paula Harris for more information, [pastorpaula@sjrdb.com](mailto:pastorpaula@sjrdb.com) or (608) 524-4516. To apply, send resume and references. St John is located at 307 6th St, Reedsburg, WI 53959 (06/23/20)

### **Youth & Education Coordinator – New Life (Madison)**

New Life Church on the east side of Madison (Cottage Grove Rd.) is looking for a three quarter-time position to oversee all youth and education ministries of its growing congregation. New Life is a vibrant and non-traditional community that highly values its welcome to all. This position will be responsible for youth activities and education, as well as assist the pastor with adult education offerings. Salary range is \$33,000-38,000 depending on experience and qualification. Please contact Pastor Heather Hayward at [pastor.newlifelc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastor.newlifelc@sbcglobal.net) for more information and to submit an application. (06/09/20)

### **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@gsclwi.com](mailto:rblum@gsclwi.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:

- July 1 Equipping the Saints Webinar w/ Bishop Rogness & Guest, Rev. Dr. Everett D. Mitchell  
July 1 Informational Webinar with Assembly Remote Host Sites  
July 3 Synod office closed in observance of Independence Day  
July 12 Dry Run Synod Assembly Remote Host Sites  
July 22 Holy Currencies Webinar with Eric Law  
July 29 Holy Currencies Webinar with Eric Law  
August 1 Synod Assembly & Bishop Election Videoconference  
Sept 17 Retired Rostered Gathering at St John's Lutheran, Oregon. 9:30 - noon.  
Sept 21 Keeping the Faith: Empowering Faith Communities to Recognize & Respond to Child Abuse – Webinar - Madison Christian Community (Madison)  
Nov 19 Retired Rostered Gathering at St John's Lutheran, Oregon. 9:30 - noon.



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## Prayers

### Youth and Family Ministry Team:

- Becca Mortensen, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison & Verona, WI
- Zach Rider, Grace Lutheran, Dodgeville, WI

### Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Robert Neubert, Pastor and Members of Burke Lutheran, Madison WI
- Rev. Kristi Ursin, Pastor and Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fennimore, WI

### Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Susan Candeia, the Staff, and the congregations of the Central States Synod

### Churchwide Partners:

- Mr. Rich Hensey, Director, Budget and Finance, Mission Advancement at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
- Ms. Kathy F Summers, Executive Director of 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. Karen Hofstad, July 01, 2006, Pastor at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, Baraboo, WI  
[pr.khofstad@gmail.com](mailto:pr.khofstad@gmail.com)
- Rev Mark Renner, July 01, 1973, Retired Pastor, New Glarus, WI [mirenner@tds.net](mailto:mirenner@tds.net),
- Rev. Robert Nelson, July 02, 2006, Pastor at New Heights Lutheran, Black Earth, WI  
[revrobnelson@gmail.com](mailto:revrobnelson@gmail.com)
- Rev. Thomas Loftus, July 03, 1960, Retired Pastor, Madison, WI, [tloftus@aol.com](mailto:tloftus@aol.com)
- Rev. Eldor Fruehling, July 05, 1953, Retired Pastor, Prairie du Sac, WI
- Rev. Maggie Andersen Peterson, July 06, 2019, Pastor at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Cross Plains, WI,  
[pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org)
- Rev. Jeffrey Nicla, July 06, 2009, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Waupun, WI [pastor.jeff.nicla@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.jeff.nicla@gmail.com)
- Rev. Thomas Smrcka, July 06, 1957, Retired Pastor, Cambridge, WI [thomas\\_Judy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas_Judy2002@yahoo.com)
- Rev. Jerry Tews, July 07, 1968, Interim Pastor at St. Luke's, Middleton, WI, [jw1206@aol.com](mailto:jw1206@aol.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/>

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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

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](#). 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](mailto:peterr@scsw-elca.org)

Pastoral Care, Congregational Care

Rev. Steve Kottke – [stevek@scsw-elca.org](mailto:stevek@scsw-elca.org)

Mobility & Transitions, Care of Congregations

Deacon Vicki Hanrahan – [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

What Matters, Events, Pandemic Resources, Equipping

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Faithful Innovations, Mission, Stewardship, Latino Ministries

Jason Xiong – [jasonx@scsw-elca.org](mailto:jasonx@scsw-elca.org)

Assistance with Streaming Technologies, Webmaster