



A survey conducted in late 2019 at Argyle School District in Argyle WI indicated that 28% of middle school students and 21% of high school students experienced hunger due to lack of food at home. Based on the results of this survey, Argyle School District implemented in early 2020 a new program called Ole's Cupboard. Ole's Cupboard provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for children when school lunch and breakfast is unavailable on a weekend or school holiday. All food is nonperishable and provided to children free of charge.

Though the program is intended to help those children whose families find it difficult to have enough food for the entire month, all children are eligible for this program.

Ole's Cupboard is run completely by a group of volunteers who order and stock the cabinets, transport food from suppliers, pack food bags, track inventory, and distribute backpacks to participating families.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of families the school now serves has increased from 5 families to 11. With these 11 families, this accounts for 58 people (including 23 students). Food is now

distributed twice a week to families. Because of this increased demand and the need to sustain the demand for the foreseeable future, additional monetary resources were needed.

Because of the generosity of our congregations and your offerings to LUAD, you have made this ministry possible. Thank you!

Jody Moen, a volunteer with the Ole's Cupboard Backpack Program and a member of Adams Lutheran Church in rural Argyle, was made aware of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters (LUAD) grant opportunities by an Adams council member. She worked with Pastor Shelley Nelson to submit a grant application to LUAD. LUAD

awarded the grant to Adams Lutheran Church who, in turn, donated it to Ole's Cupboard. This donation will go far in making sure Ole's Cupboard students and their families have the food they need to nourish both their bodies and minds.

On behalf of Ole's Cupboard and Adams Lutheran Church, please accept our grateful thanks for this expression of generosity and support.

MORE: <http://luad.org/>

Lutheran School of Theology Panel to Discuss Eucharist Practices in Worship During the Pandemic *Monday, July 27*

4:30 – 6:00 pm



Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

LSTC's Ben Stewart, Gordon A. Braatz Associate Professor of Worship, and Erik Christensen, pastor to the community and director of worship, in partnership with leaders from across the ELCA, will be creating virtual space for a panel presentation on Monday, July 27, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Central Time to discuss eucharistic practices in worship during the pandemic.

Panelists will provide theological and pastoral rationales and perspectives on what it means for congregations to have diverse communion practices. It will also examine critical needs and relevant theological commitments that inform congregational approaches.

Panelists include:

[Bishop Leila M. Ortiz](#), pastor and theologian, Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, ELCA

[Rev. Manuel Retamoza](#), senior pastor, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Diego, Calif., and vice president, American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association

[Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos](#), director for theological diversity & ecumenical and interreligious engagement, ELCA

[Rev. Dr. Benjamin Stewart](#), Gordon A. Braatz Associate Professor of Worship and director, Zygon Center for Religion and Science, LSTC

[Dr. Deanna A. Thompson](#), director, Lutheran Center for Faith, Values and Community and Martin E. Marty Regents Chair in Religion and the Academy, St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

The panel will be moderated by [Erik Christensen](#), pastor to the LSTC community and director of worship, and [Bishop Yehiel Curry](#) of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod will offer a welcome.

[Registration](#) will be open through the morning of July 26. Access to the online platform to be utilized will be announced to registered participants by that time, and will also be provided in the [event](#) on the LSTC Facebook page.

Interim Ministry Training Institute For Clergy

- Are you restless in your ministry?
- Do you enjoy a challenge while working with congregations?
- Are you concerned about the health and vitality of congregations and their ability to address the changes they face?

Interim Ministry might be right for you. Our churches need Interim guides and coaches to help them prepare for a new pastor, to navigate a change in size, or to evaluate their values and purpose for the days we see before us. Interim work is a specialized ministry with its own set of tools and practices. At the same time, transitions happen around us all the time, and the techniques and approaches of Interim ministry are valuable in many settings.

The **Interim Ministry Training Institute** offers training at a pace that allows for working pastors to attend and to study and apply their knowledge in real time. Now available entirely online, the class will include live Zoom time one day a month for 8 months with stimulating readings and videos ahead of class and assignments that mix analysis and practical application.

More: Go to www.streams-of-wisdom.com to find more information and an application.

For more information about whether interim ministry might be right for you, contact Asst. to the Bishop, Rev. Steve Kottke
(608) 270-0201



Diakonia Goes Digital!

Classes are now held via Zoom and start in September...to find out more about enrolling, call or text Diakonia registrar, Linda Wullf.

Linda's cell: 920-210-2675. All rostered who are interested in teaching a class, contact Diakonia Coordinator, Barb Zimmerman.

Barb's cell: 608-535-0264

MORE: www.scsw-elca.org/diakonia

PREVENTING THE NEXT PANDEMIC: URGENCY FOR A PLANETARY HEALTH APPROACH

Planetary Health Approach - July 21 / 7PM

Host: Bethel (Madison)

Webinar Link: www.bethel-madison.org/c4c

MORE: <https://www.bethel-madison.org/connect/events/caring-for-creation-preventing-the-next-pandemic-urgency-for-a-planetary-health-approach-july-21/>



Bishop Rogness Webinar- Tues. July 21, 2:00 pm

Laity registration – call Robyn at (608) 270-0201

(Rostered will receive a reminder every Tues. morning.)

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

ELCA COACHING
WE EMPOWER LEADERS WHO POWER MINISTRIES.

**Being Church in Times of Crisis:
For ELCA Leaders**
Hosted by ELCA Coaching
Wednesdays, 1:00 PM Central

Join Zoom Meeting – Wednesday, July 22, 1:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/180439412?pwd=WIVwUUxyUE5mY2IxMktHOXFjdGNMdz09>

Meeting ID: 180 439 412

Password: 648160



Rostered Women' Gathering- Thursday, July 30

Thursday, July 30 – 9:30 am

Devil's Lake State Park

Carpool from St. Paul's at 9:00 am

727 – 8th Street, Baraboo



SYNOD ASSEMBLY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Find Synod Assembly Updates on the Synod Website

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



SYNOD ASSEMBLY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Registration for Voting Members Only!

<https://bit.ly/NewSCSWAssembly2020>



Recorded Sermons for Worship by Bishop Rogness

Weekly sermons that follow the lectionary recorded by Bishop Rogness and available for your use in worship.

<https://scsw-elca.org/community/>



Bishop
Nominee
Forums

Find Bishop Nominee Information and Forum Videos on the Synod Website

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



Americans with Disabilities Act

Join In a Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

<https://largertable.com/resources/>

Learn more about the 30th Anniversary of the ADA and find other resources here:

<https://www.adaanniversary.org/>

<https://blindfaithdumbcluck.blogspot.com/>



Sept 12 – Sugar Creek Annual Quilt and Antique Auction – Craft Fair, 5K Trail Run, Fun Walk
For more information:

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/8-2/retreats/special-events/>



Public Health Order #8 – Dane County – Requirement to Wear Masks Indoors

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/public-health-madison-dane-county-releases-new-orders-requiring-face-coverings>

MORE: <https://scsw-elca.org/community>



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**



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.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/376722052>

Meeting ID: 376 722 052



Thank you to Rev. Gil Splett, Retired, for sharing your powerful story that demonstrated the effect that sharing God’s love through friendship can have on a broken community.

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

We love to see 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/NOMwNNG>

Positions in the Synod and Beyond

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 Deacon Vicki when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!

NEW! Children's Ministry Coordinator - St Luke's (Middleton)

St. Luke's is now hiring a part-time (20 hours a week) Children's Ministry Coordinator. You will work primarily with children from Kindergarten age through 5th grade. The Coordinator's goal is to facilitate Christian Biblical learning with fun and exciting programs such as Sunday School, VBS, family events, etc. that help children grow in their faith. For more contact or send resume to Jay Kiel- Children's, Youth, and Family Minister at jkiel@stlukes-elca.org.
(07/20/20)

NEW! Holden Village (Chelan, WA) Staff Position – Medic

The Medic is a long-term volunteer position, full-time in the summer months and half-time in the winter months. Responsible for providing the basic medical care of the village staff and guests. Works with the village Incident Command Team and First Response Team in medical emergencies, organizes the aid station and medical records, and works with our offsite medical director as needed. RN or above is preferred, however we may consider a paramedic in some cases. We also are open to commitments for less than year, depending on the candidate. Interested? Email staffing@holdenvillage.org. (07/20/20)

NEW! Holden Village (Chelan, WA) Staff Position –Accountant Lead

The Accountant Lead is an employee position and works with the Business Manager to maintain accurate financial records, prepare the annual budget, and prepare for audits. Responsibilities include maintaining accounts receivable and payable, processing payroll, preparing employee W-2 and 1099 forms, assisting Village revenue centers with cash outs, and cashing checks for guests and staff. Must have knowledge of basic accounting and bookkeeping procedures, good computer and organizational skills, and Quickbooks experience. Interested? Email staffing@holdenvillage.org. (07/20/20)

Children's Christian Education Coordinator – Covenant (Stoughton)

Join in the process of building the Children's Christian Education program with planning and communication to families and students about scheduling, assignments and confirmation events. Children's Christian Education Program Coordinator will work in direct contact with pastor, teachers and families coordinating the fine details and communication of the Children's Christian Education program. Reports to: Senior Pastor. See full job description on Covenant's website <https://covluth.org/employment-opportunities/> Submit resumé and cover letter to hr@covluth.org (07/14/20)

Confirmation Program Coordinator- Covenant (Stoughton)

Join in the process of building the confirmation program with planning and communication to families and students about scheduling, assignments and confirmation events. Confirmation Program Coordinator will work in direct contact with pastor coordinating the fine details and communication of the confirmation program. Reports to: Senior Pastor. See full job description on Covenant's website <https://covluth.org/employment-opportunities/> Submit resumé and cover letter to hr@covluth.org (07/14/20)

Sunday School Teacher- Covenant (Stoughton)

Covenant has a tradition of providing quality Christian education and enrichment opportunities. We are looking for Sunday School Teachers to bring energy, enthusiasm, participation, great ideas, and fun to a wide variety of classes, studies and learning activities for all ages. See full job description on Covenant's website <https://covluth.org/employment-opportunities/> Submit resumé and cover letter to hr@covluth.org (07/14/20)

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 or (608) 524-4516. To apply, send resume and references. St John is located at 307 6th St, Reedsburg, WI 53959 (06/23/20)

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)

Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities

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

Future Synod Gatherings/Meetings/Events:

- July 22** Holy Currencies Webinar with Eric Law
- July 28** Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness
- July 29** Holy Currencies Webinar with Eric Law
- July 30** Rostered Women’s Gathering – Devil’s Lake State Park
- August 4** Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness
- August 11** Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness
- August 18** Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness
- August 25** Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness
- August 29** 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.

Prayers

Youth and Family Ministry Team:

- Ben Lodahl, New Heights Lutheran, Black Earth, WI
- Matt Weber, Our Savior’s Lutheran, Sun Prairie, WI

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Paula Geister-Jones, Pastor and Members of Christ Lutheran, Stoughton, WI
- Rev. Kalen Barkholtz, Pastor and Members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sharon, WI

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Yehiel Curry, the Staff, and the congregations of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Churchwide Partners:

- The Rev. Melanie J Wallschlaeger, Director for Evangelical Mission – Southwestern Washington Synod
- Deacon Dianne Johnson, Director for Evangelical Mission Northwest Intermountain Synod

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

- Rev. Sara Rabe, July 22, 2001, Contract United Church of Christ Pastor serving Covenant Lutheran, Stoughton, WI pastorsararabe@gmail.com
- Rev Mark Petersen, July 25, 1982, Retired Pastor, Stoughton, WI pmpete@charter.net
- Rev. Sara Gillespie, July 25, 1993, Pastor serving St. Paul Lutheran, Mayville, WI sara.gillespie06@gmail.com
- Rev. James Johnson, July 25, 1976, Contract Pastor serving First Luthneran, Janesville, WI revjimjohnson@hotmail.com
- Rev. John Twiton, July 27, 1986, Pastor serving Evangelical Lutheran, Mount Horeb, WI john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org
- Rev. Rodney Nordby, July 28, 1996, Retired Pastor, Madison, WI rodnordby@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/>

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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.