

## Highlights of Today's Conversation with Bishop Rogness

As we have spent some time over the past several months preparing for the election of our next bishop in Bishop Nominee forums and town hall meetings, today Bishop Rogness shared his personal observations about what being in the office of the bishop looks like.

### “What I Know That I Think You Should Know”

Whether you are a voting member for synod assembly and/or someone in the pews who cares about the elected leadership of our synod, you will be particularly interested in watching the video recording of today's webinar.

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

In the meantime, here are seven “Both/And Traits” to look for in a synod bishop and questions we should be asking as we discern who our next bishop should be:

1) Authority and Humility

Q: Who can best wear the authority that will come with the office? Who will bring wisdom, especially humility to that authority?

2) Personal Character and Public Presence

Q: Whose public presence arises from the very heart of who she is as a person?

3) Heart and Spine

Q: Who has within them both an understanding heart and strong spine?

4) Sitting In Your Chair at the Big Tables and Sitting in My Chair at Your Tables

Q: Who do you want to have as your presence in these places? Who will be familiar enough with the chairs at your tables that you can sense you will have a presence at the other tables she's at?

5) Lutheran Identity and Interfaith Engagement

Q: Who can model for you being anchored in good Lutheran theology and embracing the whole of God's family?

6) Electing a Person and Being Served by an Office

Q: Whom might you elect that will take seriously the ministry of administration?

7) Vision for the Future, Understanding of the Past

Q: Who will both lift your vision and know your reality?

Missed it? Viewing the video will give you interesting insights into the role of a synod bishop. As pastors and deacons pointed out during breakouts there are many ways faithful bishops model leadership for pastors and deacons. These are leadership qualities we should look for in our called leaders of our congregations too.

LINK TO WEBINAR: <https://scsw-elca.org/webinars>



Hold the date - August 11

Bishop Rogness will be joined by former Bishops Mark Hansen, Stan Olson and Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl for more insights into the role of the bishop.

## Is Diakonia Right for YOU?

### A Discernment Webinar for Laity and Rostered Leaders

August 5 - 7:00 – 8:00 pm



Are you wondering how to enrich your faith life or where God wants you to use your gifts for God's purposes?

Do you ever wish you could attend a bible study without feeling embarrassed about what you don't know?

Do you wish you felt more confident when teaching confirmation or Sunday school or leading bible studies?



### “Could God be Calling You to Diakonia?”

As a pastor or deacon, are you wondering if you should be sending members to Diakonia to help them take the next step in their faith journey?

Join us for this webinar on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 pm for an overview of what Diakonia is, how it has changed lives and how it may change yours! Hear from students and instructors that have experienced the transformative power of this program.

There is no obligation....just come to discern if you hear God calling YOU!

Email Linda Wulff for the Zoom link – [scswdiakonia@gmail.com](mailto:scswdiakonia@gmail.com)



#### 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 Wulff.  
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

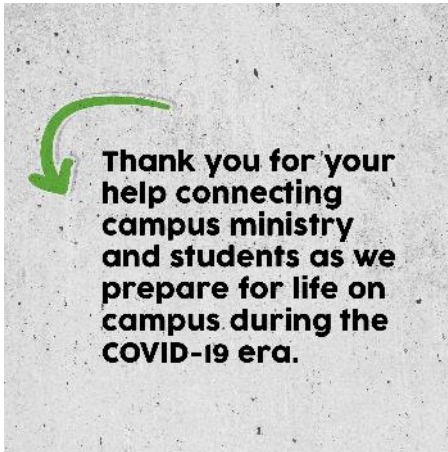
**MORE:** [www:scsw-elca.org/diakonia](http://www:scsw-elca.org/diakonia)

## CAMPUS CONNECT PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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



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 is, once again, working on 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 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 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 or need any help in completing the project, please contact us at [student@lcmmadison.org](mailto:student@lcmmadison.org).

### Reflection and Call to Action from 2018 LCM Graduate Leah:

“2020 has been a year of imagination. I do not say this to sugarcoat or gloss over the hardships, pain, and loss that this year has brought. In fact, we limit our imagination by confining it to rainbows and sunshine. This has been a year of imagination as the Church has explored how to be church while it is unsafe for us to physically gather together. This has been a year of imagination as the Church has more deeply explored God's call to social justice and genuine love of neighbor. For some of us, this may have felt startling and new. For some of us, this has been an extension of our participation in what God is up to in the world.

Imagination is part of the work of discernment that opens us up to what is possible with God. Imagination holds deep roots in Lutheran Campus Ministry because campus ministry accompanies young adults as they imagine and discern whom God is calling them to be for the sake of the Gospel.

Participating in campus ministry while I was an undergraduate invited me into exploring deep relationship building within a transient community. I got to imagine and discern what it means to live my life for the sake of the Gospel no matter where I am. I discussed and reflected upon life's mysteries with my peers, free from worries about being judged or not getting it right. This is what campus ministry does. This is why it is so crucial for our young adults to get connected to the campus ministry near or at their place of post-secondary education.

More than ever, for the sake of the Gospel, imagination is needed in our church and in our world. Come imagine with us, as we seek to participate in what God is doing in God's world.”

## 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 29, 1:00 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/180439412?pwd=WlVwUUxyUE5mY2IxMktHOXFjdGNMdz09>

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 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Baraboo



**Bishop Rogness Webinar- Tues. August 1, 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>



**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>



**Bishop  
Nominee  
Forums**

Find Bishop Nominee Information and Forum Videos on the Synod Website

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



### **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/>



### **Join In a Commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

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

Learn more about the 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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 –  
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

**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>



**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.**



**PORTICO  
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**Portico Regional Representative:**

Your Portico Regional Representative, Jennifer Prinz, is offering virtual coffee dates with individuals, is able to join a staff meeting, facilitate a discussion on benefits and wellness or, workshops. You can reach out to her at 563-650-4122, [jprinz@Porticobenefits.org](mailto:jprinz@Porticobenefits.org), or follow her on Facebook.

**Lutheran Preschool, "Little Blessings" Good Shepherd (Madison Campus) Has Openings**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Madison also operates Little Blessings Preschool, a state licensed school that offers half day programs with smaller class sizes and a very safe environment.

Workers have spent the summer doing deep cleaning of classrooms in preparation for the return of students in the fall. There is still availability in classes at our Madison campus. Interested in learning more about Little Blessings? Please call director Devora Ballo at 608-271-6633 ext. 1130 or email her at [dballo@gslcwi.com](mailto:dballo@gslcwi.com) for more information or to schedule a tour of our facilities.



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

### **New! Associate Organist/Pianist - Grace (Dodgeville)**

Grace Lutheran Church is looking to fill our part-time (once monthly) Associate Organist/Pianist position. Under the direction of the Director of Music Ministries, the Associate Organist/Pianist gives leadership to the worship services of Grace Lutheran Church by guiding, equipping, and accompanying the congregation in the praise of God. Once monthly, the ideal candidate would play organ (preferably) or piano at the 8:00 AM traditional service and play piano for the 10:30 contemporary service as well as playing for occasional funerals. For a complete job description or to apply with a resume, contact Quinn Christensen at [quinn.christensen@valpo.edu](mailto:quinn.christensen@valpo.edu). (07/28/20)

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jkiel@stlukes-elca.org). (07/20/20)

### **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](mailto:staffing@holdenvillage.org). (07/20/20)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

### **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 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 5** Diakonia Discernment Webinar
- August 11** Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Rogness & Former Bishops
- August 18** 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**

#### **Prayer Team:**

- Rev. Nancy Raabe, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Marshall, WI
- Rev. Lisa Nelson, St. Marks, Madison, WI

#### **Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:**

- Rev. Karla Brekke, Pastor and Members of Cooksville Lutheran, Evansville, WI
- Rev. Sara Rabe, Pastor and Members of Covenant Lutheran Church, Stoughton, WI

#### **Neighboring Synods:**

- Bishop Patricia A Davenport, the Staff, and the congregations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

#### **Churchwide Partners:**



- The Rev. Michael F Keys, Director for Evangelical Mission – Oregon Synod
- The Rev. Peggy P Leuzinger, Director for Evangelical Mission – Montana Synod

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

- Rev. Lawrence Engel, July 30, 2006, Pastor serving Five Points Lutheran, Argyle, WI [engel.larryl@gmail.com](mailto:engel.larryl@gmail.com)
- Rev Robin Luckey, July 30, 2016, Pastor serving Belmont Lutheran, Belmont, WI [pastorpeacebelmont@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpeacebelmont@gmail.com)
- Rev. Joel Diemer, August 01, 1965, Retired Pastor Living in Madison, WI [jadiemer@att.net](mailto:jadiemer@att.net)
- Rev. Donald Tubesing, August 01, 1968, Retired Pastor Living in Middleton, WI [tubesingda@aol.com](mailto:tubesingda@aol.com)
- Rev. Darin Wiebe, August 02, 1992, On Leave from Call, Kewaskum, WI [drnwiebe@gmail.com](mailto:drnwiebe@gmail.com)
- Rev. Dan Bohlman, August 03, 1986, Pastor serving Argyle & Apple Grove Lutheran, Argyle, WI [adbohlman@hotmail.com](mailto:adbohlman@hotmail.com)
- Rev. Blake Rohrer, August 03, 1997, Pastor serving Midvale Community Lutheran, Madison, WI [blakerohrer@gmail.com](mailto:blakerohrer@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:* <https://scsw-elca.org/transitions/>

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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.*