

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Presents:

# EQUIPPING

# THE SAINTS

Leadership Learning Webinar Series for Faithful Leaders



## Ministry in the Digital Age!

**This Thursday, September 17 / 7:00 – 8:15 pm - Free webinar sponsored by your synod**

**Join Zoom Meeting – Click the link on September 17 at 6:55 pm to join the webinar.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87407440712?pwd=aHZUNGHeejd4cXNpa3g4VGVrdWJuZz09>

**Covid-19 has led countless churches to do digital ministry for the first time. But knowing how to livestream a service is just the beginning. Now we need to make sure we understand the culture of the digital age—and how to reach people who are more and more connected. Join author, instructional designer, lifetime Christian leader, former Google employee, and current Zendesk employee, Ryan Panzer for this conversation about ministry in the digital age! Ryan has authored a book that will be published by Augsburg Fortress in December, “Grace and Gigabytes: Being Church in a Tech-Shaped Culture.”**

### Why you should attend and what we’ll discuss:

- **Worship** – How can technologies breathe life into worship?
- **Faith Formation** – How can technology facilitate participation and experience and how do we invite youth and adults to be part of the content?
- **Community Building** – What does our community need from one another in our shared digital culture. Figuring out what it means to be the church in a world where our online and offline experiences have been blurred. How can we bridge these going forward?



“Digital Technology is not a set of tools but a force for cultural transformation that has profound implications for ministry.”

Ryan Panzer, Author and Speaker

*The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin cordially invites you to attend the Worship Celebration and Installation Service for*

**Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe**

Sunday, the Eleventh of October  
Two thousand twenty  
at 1:00 in the afternoon

We will gather as the body of Christ for  
this Service of Word.

During this time of social distancing due to the pandemic, this service will be held via live stream. You can join from the Bishop Installation page on the synod's website:

[www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation](http://www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation)



Other ways that you can participate: **Prayer Activity That Will Become Visual Element of Installation Service**

Children and Adults are invited to pray for the bishop-elect as she begins her transition to her call as bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA. A way to show our unity in blessing our new bishop is to participate in this activity offered by the planning team. We invite your Sunday school children, confirmands, high schoolers and adults ...anyone interested ...to color a downloadable coloring sheet. Please pray for the bishop and the synod as you color these leaves. Think of us as the veins of the leaf as we offer life to each other and to the body of Christ. The various textures and patterns represent the varied gifts that God has given us as we are sent into the world as disciples of Christ. Then send or drop off your coloring sheets to the synod office by October 2. These creative representations and prayers offered up will become a visual element of the worship celebration. (There are three styles to choose from for various ages and skills.)



**Send your colored sheets flat by October 2 to:**  
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA  
6401 Odana Road, Suite 20  
Madison, WI 53719



All 3 Activity Sheets will be available for download by the end of the day tomorrow,  
Wednesday, September 16

<https://www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation>

**Rostered Women** – Send us a photo of your ordination! During this year, we celebrate 50 years of our church body ordaining women, and we also celebrate the installation of our new bishop, Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe. The Bishop Installation Team is putting together a video comprised of pictures from the ordinations of our synod's rostered women to be shared during Bishop Joy's installation service on Sunday, October 11. We would love to include a picture of your ordination, particularly the laying on of hands. If you're able, please send a digital picture to Robyn Zimmerman - [robynz@scsw-elca.org](mailto:robynz@scsw-elca.org) **before October 2.**



## Message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

*Reprinted with permission from Living Lutheran September 4, 2020*

Between 1527 and 1529, Martin Luther wrote and composed his famous hymn “[A Mighty Fortress Is Our God](#).” He based the text of this hymn on Psalm 46: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (verse 1).

Luther knew about trouble. He had been excommunicated by the church and declared an outlaw by the emperor. The [bubonic plague](#) had returned to Wittenberg, Germany. His 7-month-old daughter, Elisabeth, had died. Western Europe was under attack by the Ottoman Empire. Civil unrest resulted in the Peasants War, which was brutally crushed by the nobility.

Luther lived in uncertain times.

It’s unlikely that Luther could see with certainty in 1527 how his work would turn out. The Reformation wasn’t a glorious march of unbroken progress. It was messy. The “Reformers” argued with each other. It was violent. It had its share of hateful and divisive rhetoric. Anathemas were levied by all sides against each other. Even at the end of his life, Luther wondered if he had been right, if he had been faithful to the word.

If it wasn’t apparent to Luther and others what was happening, it was clear that something was happening. The world was changing. Political and religious turmoil wasn’t going on in a vacuum. This was a time of new technology—the printing press—and scientific discovery—Copernicus kicking Earth out of the center of the solar system (Luther wasn’t impressed). What new world was emerging? What new thing was God calling into being? How was the Spirit calling and shaping the church to be a clear witness?

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Five hundred years later we find ourselves in uncertain times. We are in the middle of [a pandemic](#). We have been sheltering in place for months. Thousands have been newly awakened to racial inequity in our society and are marching for change. Education has been disrupted. Worship has taken on new forms. Our homes have become our offices and classrooms. The world is changing and the rate of change in the past five months is unprecedented.

Ours is also a time of new technology and scientific discovery. We are wired and plugged in. Communication is instantaneous. Our cellphones can be used to keep us connected and informed. They can also be used to divide and deceive.

Something new is emerging. The world is changing. We will not be able to return to the world of the pre-COVID days. Change brings loss. Loss brings grief. Yes, we believe in the Resurrection, that God brings life out of death, something new out of the old. But it can be painful, especially when we’re in the middle of it and can’t see clearly how it will all turn out.

Psalm 46 captures the turmoil of Luther’s day and of ours: “The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter” (6). It describes a changing earth, shaking mountains and roaring waters.

But Psalm 46 is also a song of faith—God’s and ours. God is faithful to God’s promises and to God’s people. God is a mighty fortress who fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Luther ends the hymn by declaring: “Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom’s ours forever!” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 504).

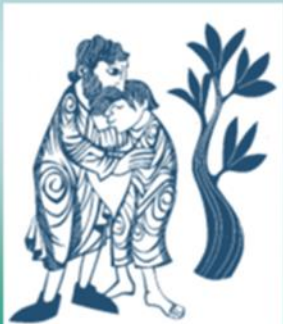
I believe we are on the brink of this new thing that God is bringing about. We don’t need to see how it will all unfold. We just need to be ready and willing to answer God’s call and be shaped by the Spirit. Secure in God who is our refuge and strength, we can be bold in our witness. God is activating each of us to invite more people into the way of Jesus—the way of grace and mercy, the way of justice and peace, the way of life.

**Read more about:** [From the presiding Bishop](#) [COVID-19](#), [Martin Luther](#), [Reformation](#), [Worship](#)

# ASSIST

Counseling for  
Wellness

For Rostered Leaders  
and Spouses in the  
South-Central Synod  
of Wisconsin



## Top Six Reasons Pastors and Deacons use ASSIST

The ASSIST program, provided as a mental health ministry of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, can be used to address any challenge or issue in which a pastor, deacon or their spouse are dealing. These are the top six most common issues this year:

1. Dealing with COVID in the congregation.
2. What does the future of the church look like?
3. Relational issues dealing with spouse or children.
4. Tension and challenges within the congregation.
5. Discernment issues, looking at what is God calling me to do.
6. Issues of anxiety and depression.

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.

## South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Narrative Spending Plan

The narrative spending plan tells our story of how your mission support is used to carry out the mission of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Expressions of gratitude, joy and excitement to be walking together are abundantly found in this piece. We hope you will read it and share it in your congregations.

Include this link in your newsletters and on your websites. Cast a very large net with this resource of how we show the love of Jesus to each other and to God's people. We truly are church together!

[https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2021-2022-SCSW-Narrative-Spending-Plan\\_vah.pdf](https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2021-2022-SCSW-Narrative-Spending-Plan_vah.pdf)



## 300+ ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread Matching Grants Available This Fall

This past spring, ELCA World Hunger rapidly responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by launching Daily Bread Matching Grants. These grants provided 200 congregations with tools to raise funds online for their feeding ministries, along with a \$500 grant to drive generosity. In 14 days, the 200 congregations raised well over \$200,000, and the energy and impact of the ministry fueled by those funds has been felt widely across the church.

We know that in times of need, this church gets to work and gives abundantly. Thanks to the generous response to the COVID-19 Appeal, **ELCA World Hunger will be offering 300+ additional Daily Bread Matching Grants this fall.**



**This article is to make sure that all of our congregations with a feeding ministry know about this opportunity and read on for more details:**

**Timeline:** Details for applying via ELCA GrantMaker will be advertised on [elca.org/dailybread](http://elca.org/dailybread) and ELCA World Hunger's social media on **September 29**. Approved participants will be notified shortly before the two-week fundraising period, which will take place **November 8-22**. Until then, interested congregations should email [hunger@elca.org](mailto:hunger@elca.org) and follow ELCA World Hunger on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for updates.

**Eligibility:** ELCA congregations with feeding ministries are invited to participate. Grant information will be available in Spanish and English through [elca.org/dailybread](http://elca.org/dailybread). Ethnic-specific, multi-cultural and vulnerable congregations will receive priority. ELCA World Hunger staff will coordinate with DEMs to ensure that these congregations receive the support to successfully participate. Congregations that received a Daily Bread Matching Grant already this year are not eligible, but are encouraged to coach and support congregations participating in this round. Congregations without a feeding ministry can get involved by partnering with a congregation that does, multiplying their impact.

**Get creative and spread the word!** Daily Bread Matching Grants offer the opportunity for us to creatively be Church Together. Participating congregations have used social media to fundraise for the first time, engaged youth in leading a campaign, discovered the giving potential in the broader community, and much more – all to share the love and hope of Christ in the midst of crisis. We hope you will encourage congregations in your synod to stretch themselves, think outside the box and have fun while caring for our neighbors.

**Watch and learn** more through the stories of [the generous gift of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Huntington Station, New York](#) and the [backpack ministry of Hope Lutheran Church in America's raspberry capital, Lynden, Washington](#).

Neighbor to neighbor, community to community, congregations across the ELCA are truly church together when we *creatively* and *courageously* work toward a just world where all are fed.

## God's Work. Our Hands. Photos and Videos Wanted!

Bishop Eaton has asked congregations to video or take photographs of any of your activities taking place for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday. The ELCA will create a video with highlights from across the country. Please send photos and/or video to both your synod and to the ELCA by September 16.



Email to [videoteam@elca.org](mailto:videoteam@elca.org) or for larger files, <https://wettransfer.com> sent to [videoteam@elca.org](mailto:videoteam@elca.org)

Send photos to Synod Communicator, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

*(Shown here are Rev. Matthew Pooch and Becca Pooch and family cleaning litter in their community (St. John's Evansville). This was sent on to the ELCA. Send your photos to our office!*



## LUAD and COVID

What a year we have had! The Covid pandemic has been on our mind for most of the year. Lutherans United Assisting Disasters (LUAD) has been in action. We are usually out in the field after floods, fires and other disasters handed out by Mother Nature. This year LUAD has come the aid of a number of Congregations within our Synod by way of grants from our Disaster Fund.

In the spring \$ 8,500.00 in grants were awarded to nine (9) congregations so they could help handle the extra needs in their communities because of this pandemic. We are now in the process of another round of grants to help with the continued

needs within the Synod.

LUAD is a Synod sponsored disaster relief response effort. We are all volunteers and come from all over the synod. Every conference is entitled to have a voting member on the board. We are ONLY funded by donations from our Church based family and individual donations. We have two funds one being our operational fund and our Disaster Relief fund. All money in the Disaster fund is used when requested by a Church in need. This is where the grant money is coming from this year. When the time comes please keep us in mind and if interested in being more involved give us a call.

For more information contact Dale Holmen at 608-241-4751

## Lutheran World Relief Ingathering 11 days until the boxcar loading! Are your boxes packed and ready?

September 26, 2020

7:00 am – 11:00 am

Wisconsin Southern Railroad Yard  
1890 E. Johnson Street, Madison



Contact WI Coordinator: Bob Topel [hobtopel@charter.net](mailto:hobtopel@charter.net) if unable to do email by phone at 608-831-4556.

The heartbreaking news of the Beirut explosion makes this in-gathering more important than ever before. Let's work together toward resupplying items lost that are still desperately needed. If you've never participated in the LWR mission before, visit their website for everything you need to know to get involved. [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY OFFSET – We Are Still Receiving and Gratefully Accepting Donations To Offset Expenses for Assembly

As Bishop Rogness explained during assembly, when we were mandated to keep gatherings to 10 participants due to the pandemic, we moved from the 12 site videoconference that we had planned, to the completely virtual videoconference requiring advanced technology. Our costs jumped to \$74/voting member, leaving us short by \$44 per voting member. If you or your congregation is in a position to make



a donation to help us offset these additional expenses, we would greatly appreciate it. Checks can be made payable to SCSW and sent to our office at 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719. Please put "Assembly Offset in the memo."

You can also **TEXT "GIVE" to 608-571-1576** and choose Assembly Offset.

### Update from Portico Benefit Services



#### PORTICO BENEFIT SERVICES

A ministry of the ELCA

#### 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.

### Two ELCA-Recommended Health Plan Options for 2021

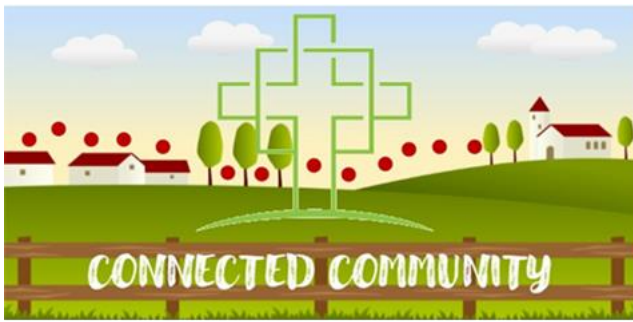
[https://porticobenefits.org/NewsEvents/News/2020\\_06\\_23\\_RecommendedHealthBenefitOptionsFor2021](https://porticobenefits.org/NewsEvents/News/2020_06_23_RecommendedHealthBenefitOptionsFor2021)

### Enhancing the ELCA Retirement Fund Line Up

<https://benefitchoices.porticobenefits.org/retirement-plan-choices/>

### FREE CD/DVD Cases for Your Ministry

250 empty CD/DVD cases available to the first church who asks. Contact Rev. Jennifer Jelinek at Grace Lutheran Church (Cambridge) for pick up. - [pastorjenniferglc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjenniferglc@gmail.com)



**Time of the Pandemic Resources for Staying in Connected Community can be found on the synod website. Read the latest health orders and learn more about what other congregations in our synod are doing with worship and faith formation.**

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


### **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.



**Our Mission:**  
We care for, connect and equip the congregations of our synod be the heart and hands of Jesus.

**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)



Thank you Pastor Marsha for sharing the Good News with us!

**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/NQMwNNG>



**Register Today for this Virtual Event!**  
**Keeping Faith: Empowering Faith Communities to  
Recognize and Respond to Child Abuse**



A Virtual, Interfaith Workshop with  
Victor Vieth with Zero Abuse Project in Minnesota and  
Honorable Rev. Everett Mitchell, Dane County Circuit Judge and  
Senior Pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church

**Monday, September 21, 2020**  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Participants will learn

- best practices to prevent abuse within faith communities;
- how to recognize and respond to physical, emotional and spiritual impact of child abuse;
- spiritual care for both survivors and offenders;
- how to recognize and respond to sexual behaviors of children;
- corporal punishment, the law and the faith community;
- optimal response to allegations of child abuse within a congregation.

Current Sponsors: Madison Christian Community and Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ  
Endorsed by: South-Central Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA



**Registration information available by clicking on the Events & Announcements page at**

**[www.madisonchristiancommunity.org](http://www.madisonchristiancommunity.org)**

**CEU's for mental health professionals applied for.**

## Life As a Transgender Person – Wednesday, October 14

On Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm St. John's Lutheran in Madison will host a Zoom panel to learn about life as a transgender person. Please join us to virtually meet our panelists and hear them answer questions about their lives and experiences.

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Mueller-Owens at [miriammuellerowens@gmail.com](mailto:miriammuellerowens@gmail.com) or call 608-216-0716.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87347202006?pwd=dkc5SWFjeitjNIJlL0ljTVpDRlZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 4720 2006

Passcode: 367255

877 853 5247 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free

888 788 0099 US Toll-free

833 548 0282 US Toll-free

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Join us to keep Horizons Healthy. Sunday, September 27 / 2:00 – 4:00 pm /Madison Mallards Stadium

*This unique socially-distanced event will include an update on the future building project, Covid-19 related programming, and plans for reimagining camp in 2021. Drive in and park on the Mallards Field! Programming will include a family friendly movie, live and silent auctions. All proceeds will go toward keeping Horizons annual budget healthy given the impact of Covid-19 on camp's revenue. To register for this unique event, click [HERE](#). \$75/car*

Here is the actual link to

registration: <https://onrealm.org/bethelmadison/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ODE2NjAzNDEtNzY1ZC00NWEyLWEzYjAtYWMyNDAxMTRhNWll>

For more information visit: [www.bethelhorizons.org](http://www.bethelhorizons.org)

## **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!**

### **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)

### **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/>

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

- Sept 17 Retired Rostered Gathering at St. John's Lutheran, Oregon. 9:30 - noon.**
- Sept 17 Equipping the Saints Webinar: "Ministry in the Digital Age" with Ryan Panzer**
- Sept 21 Keeping the Faith: Empowering Faith Communities to Recognize & Respond to Child Abuse – Webinar - Madison Christian Community (Madison)**
- Sept. 22 What Matters on Hiatus until September 29**
- Sept. 26 Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading – Wisconsin Southern Railroad Yard - Madison**
- Sept. 30 Interim Bishop Peter Rogness – last day in the synod office and last day of interim call**
- Oct 1 Bishop Mortensen-Wiebe First Day in the Synod Office**
- Oct 11 Installation of Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe**
- Nov 19 Retired Rostered Gathering at St. John's Lutheran, Oregon. 9:30 - noon.**

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## **Prayers**

### **Of Sympathy:**

For the Rev. Linda Winkelman, Jefferson Prairie, Poplar Grove, IL and her family on the recent death of her mother. May the promise of the resurrection bring them peace.

### **Racial Equity Ministry Team:**

- Phil Bramley, Bethel, Madison, WI
- Pastor Gus Barnes, Interim Pastor Faith, Cuba City, WI

**Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:**

- Pastor Michael Mueller, Pastor Jim Johnson, and Deacon Peg Haeger, Pastors, Deacon and Members of First Lutheran, Janesville, WI
- Pastor Mike Lee, Pastor and Members of Common Ground Church, Lodi, WI

**Neighboring Synods:**

- Bishop Bill Gafkjen, the Staff, and the congregations of Indiana-Kentucky Synod

**Churchwide Partners:**

- The Rev. Kendra Nolde, Director for Evangelical Mission – Central States Synod
- The Rev. Donna J Simon, Director for Evangelical Mission – Central States Synod

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

- The Rev. Carol Baumgartner, September 16, 1990, Interim Pastor serving New Hope, Blanchardville & Hollandale, WI [newhope.pastor@tds.com](mailto:newhope.pastor@tds.com)
- The Rev. Nancy McClurg, September 18, 1983, Retired Pastor living in Madison, WI
- The Rev. Connie Matye, September 18, 2005, Pastor of West Middleton Church, Verona, WI [cbmatye@gmail.com](mailto:cbmatye@gmail.com)
- The Rev. Craig Wolfgram, September 21, 1986, Pastor of Bethany Lutheran in Wisconsin Dells, WI [revcw2009@yahoo.com](mailto:revcw2009@yahoo.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/>

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**



Remember, when you see this symbol, this is a news item that should be put in your congregational newsletters! Thanks for your partnership.

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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.*