

What Matters

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THIS EASTER

*there is a place
for you here*



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Be the Best of Whatever You Are!

Thank you and farewell



Deacon Vicki Hanrahan
*Assistant to the Bishop
for Synodical Life*

Many years ago, in my first career when I owned a teleconferencing company, I hired a maintenance person to take care of our property. He was an older guy with a good deal of experience and a lot of energy. More importantly I would learn, he took great pride in his work. When I would arrive in the morning, David would already be there, and the coffee would have been brewed. That was not part of his job responsibilities, but his servant heart compelled him to do it. I enjoyed watching him as he worked as I noticed he did things that some might not. If he noticed a small particle on the carpeting, he would not wait until he vacuumed. He would simply stop and pick it up and put it in his pocket.

We owned the building we occupied and had access to the rooftop. He was a hobbyist and asked if he could grow a garden on the roof for produce for his family; I thought that was a splendid idea. Some days though, while I was on the phone at my desk, he would walk quietly by, smile, and roll warm, plucked-off-the-vine cherry tomatoes across my desk as a mid-day treat. He learned I loved them, so he grew them just for me and delighted me with each surprise harvest.

I will always remember David and anyone in my path who has given their heart and soul to their work. For Luther you could be a bread maker, a shoe fixer ... if you were doing that in service to the neighbor and with the heart of the gospel, you were connecting and living your life of faith. I can't say that I remember David and I ever having had a conversation about our faith, but he lived the gospel just by the enthusiastic and joyful way he stewarded the space in which we conducted our business and our lives. We bless God when we strive to be the best version of ourselves that God created us to be wherever and whenever we find ourselves in relationship with each other.

If you are at a crossroads either in your decisions on how to conduct worship, how to be church together, or in a life-changing place in your life and you are overwhelmed with figuring out what you should do next, perhaps all we are called to do right now is to do our best as we move forward. How we do that is up to the gifts that God has given us. Do not compare what you are doing to another. Theologian and author, Parker Palmer, in his book "Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation" has good advice that is especially useful for us during this time. "Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you. Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent." Listening is the operative word here!

As we are spending much time exploring how to move forward as "the hybrid church," I think it is helpful to remember, God does not call us to be successful. God calls us to be faithful. Be gentle with yourselves and with others along the way as you seek to find new ways of reaching out with the good news.

What should your congregation do? The answer could be simple. Do what you can do but be the best of whatever you are. In the words of poet, **Douglas Malloch**, in his poem, *Be the Best of Whatever you Are*:

IF YOU CAN'T BE a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley — but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;

If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass —
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here,
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail —
Be the best of whatever you are!

Martin Luther King Jr. recited some of these lines in his address, "The Street Sweeper" at a Baptist Church in Chicago, IL, on April 9, 1967. He also delivered them in his speech, "What Is Your Life's Blueprint" to a student body at Barratt Junior High School in Philadelphia on October 26, 1967. I commend it to you and especially to your councils and your youth. It is very encouraging for this time.

VIDEO LINK:

[Martin Luther King, Jr., "What Is Your Life's Blueprint?" - YouTube](#)

As the synod's event manager who worked with our guest speakers and as the mission interpreter who had the privilege of interviewing remarkable people, I have had many opportunities to spend time with faithful theologians such as Parker Palmer, Joseph Ellwanger, Shane Claiborne, Wayne Muller, David Lose, Martha Grace Reese, Diana Butler Bass...the list goes on and on. I have also interviewed many of you in our congregations as you shared your mission stories of where you have used your hands to do what matters to God. I am humbled and grateful. Many of you that have attended churchwide, synod or congregational-hosted events have had these same opportunities to connect with people whose life's work inspired you in ways that are helpful to you as leaders in the church. These are gifts from God!

I leave you with these words of encouragement. As our church is changed forever now through the adaptation of video technology, I hope you will continue to find innovative ways to harness its power for the sake of the gospel. This requires wisdom. It is not meant to completely replace in person gatherings, rather think of it as a powerful ally to help you with outreach, with collaboration for ministry and for small group community building. The church has not been a fast follower with this technology. Video conferencing technology has been around for more than 50 years. While serving as a video conferencing consultant nearly 20 years ago, I assisted users who were holding feeder pig auctions and piano lessons over teleconferencing, so believe me when I tell you that you are only limited by your own imaginations! The church has arrived in an age of video technology that is finally much more accessible and affordable for the church; and it is something that will help us all move God's church forward together. But just like the building is not the church, video technology will not be the church either. In fact, the more technology becomes transparent, the more evangelical your reasons for using it will be revealed.

As this is my last issue of What Matters as editor and as member of the synod staff, allow me this opportunity to thank you for the many ways you have joined God in giving me purpose these last 13 years. I have loved serving with you and will continue to hold you and the leadership of this synod in my prayers.

Be the best of whatever you are!

Deacon Vicki Hanrahan
Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life
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**Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will
reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9**

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!

WHAT MATTERS TO UNDERGO SOME CHANGES STARTING APRIL 8, 2021

To streamline communications going forward, What Matters will be undergoing some changes beginning April 8. Here are some things you need to know:

About Subscriptions:

- 1) What Matters will be designed using a new format and distribution method through **Constant Contact**. The first issue to be published using this method will be April 8. Instead of Tuesdays, What Matters will be published on Thursdays during the transition.
- 2) We will skip the March 30th issue as we transition to the new platform.
- 3) To assure this email does not end up in your Junk box, please add the email address of: **scswoffice@scsw-elca.org** to your contacts. This is especially important if your spam filters are set at high security levels.
- 4) All rostered and anyone who subscribed within the last two years will automatically be subscribed to the new list.
- 5) Anyone who subscribed before that time will receive a special email via the Google groups platform this week asking you to re-subscribe. A convenient link will be provided to do this.
- 6) ***After April 8***, if it appears that you have not received the April 8 issue in your In box, please check your "Junk" file. It might show up there. In that case, you should MOVE it to your In Box. When you do that, you should be able to read the issue as it was designed to be read. You may need to right click on the header to "Show images or pictures."
- 7) Robyn Zimmerman will be handling all requests/questions concerning your subscription. She should be emailed at scswoffice@scsw-elca.org

About Submissions:

- 8) During the transition, Rev. Jason Poole-Xiong, Contracted Staff, will be handling requests for submissions of ads, job postings and invitations to your events. Please send those requests to him at scswoffice@scsw-elca.org
- 9) New Subscribers within your congregations: Many of you have Deacon Vicki Hanrahan's name and email listed in your newsletters and on your websites to subscribe to What Matters. Please update that information with **the new link to subscribe:** <http://scsw-elca.org/news/>

Other important note pertaining to synod communications:

- 10) As it is our intention to use Constant Contact for other purposes to communicate, ie. the ELCA Youth Gathering, Committee emails, etc., please know that if you unsubscribe to any Constant Contact communications from our office, you will unsubscribe from all communications that we send out via Constant Contact and will not be able to resubscribe using the same email address. Please contact Robyn Zimmerman in the office with any desired changes to your subscription. (608) 270-0201 or scswoffice@scsw-elca.org and she will assist you.

As we are always being made new, it is after 11 years of publishing, time for this change. While it is not our intent to cause anyone inconvenience as we implement these changes, do know that sometimes it is not always possible to anticipate everything. We are doing our best to make this as seamless as possible.



Sending Service for Deacon Hanrahan

Deacon Hanrahan's sending service will be recorded and available for viewing on Tuesday, March 30 from the synod's Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

[\(20+\) South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA | Facebook](#)

[South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA - YouTube](#)

As she is discerning where God is calling her next, she welcomes your prayers. Her last day in the office will be March 31. If you would like to send her a card, you may send it to her home address:

Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, 785 Glenview Lane, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.



Bishop Joy will Record a Sermon the Weekend After Easter

Recording will be available March 29

The office of the bishop will make available to congregations a recorded sermon from Bishop Joy for the weekend after Easter. This offers her the opportunity to share a greeting and message during the Easter season and has the added benefit of giving our rostered leaders some much needed rest.

All rostered leaders will receive an email from Robyn Zimmerman with the link to the recording when it is available on March 29.



MAY 2021 SYNOD ASSEMBLY CANCELLED

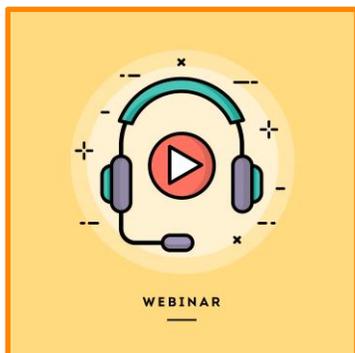
until FURTHER NOTICE

Please let your elected representatives for the Synod Assembly know that there will not be a Synod Assembly in May 2021. The synod council sets the date for synod assemblies and has recently voted not to have a Synod Assembly in May. There may be a synod assembly held in the fall. We will keep you informed regarding any potential dates and Assembly plans.

Conversations with the Bishop

First & Third Tuesdays of Each Month

April 6, 2021 Webinar 2:00 – 3:00 pm



The previous webinar with Dave Daubert, author of “Becoming a Hybrid Church” was recorded. We commend this recording to all church council members!

All of our webinars are recorded and accessible on the synod website:

www.scsw-elca.org/webinars



Traveling with Jesus: Holy Week Drive Through

**Saturday, April 3, 1-3pm
Bethel Parking Lot**

Bring your journey through Lent to a meaningful close by experiencing the events of Jesus' last days. “Traveling with Jesus: Holy Week Drive Through” is a Covid-safe adaptation of our traditional Holy Week observances where you can drive your car through Bethel’s parking lot and see eight tableaus telling the story of the passion narrative in Mark’s Gospel. (Think of them as versions of a Christmas “live nativity” except for Holy Week.) You’ll get a guidebook with passages of scripture to read at each tableau, additional activities for the children in the car, and conversation starters for your drive home.

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/39d6aj2r>



As people are vaccinated and things are starting to open up, you might want to visit the Synod Website for regular updates on Covid-19 related information:

www.scsw-elca.org/healthresources



The Wisconsin Council of Churches also continues to be a reliable source for information: www.wichurches.org

LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION[®]
Building men for Christ

April 17, 2021
11am-2pm CST

6 Speakers discussing
Stories From Their Heart

More info and
register at:
boldgathering.com

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Speakers: Keith Smith, Jim Troe, tbd* (to be determined), David Morelli, Mark Hadley, Jack Russell

Registration is Free but Required.

Lutheran Men in Mission
will be hosting another online event featuring six speakers
discussing matters that men know matter.

Register now at boldgathering.com

There you can find more information and see all the archived videos from past Bold Gatherings.

Fathering in 15

Do you have 15 minutes to refine your *fathering skills*?
Along with the **National Fatherhood Initiative**, **Lutheran Men in Mission and Project Twelve** are offering 15 sessions of information, questions and video. Each is about 15 minutes long designed to help you manage your life, and build healthy relationships with your children and their mother.

There will be a new topic each week leading up to Father's Day.
The topics cover :
health, achieving family/work balance, fathering skills, dealing with grief and loss child development and discipline.

Fathering in 15
Family History
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Week 1 - Family History:

No matter who in your family of origin had the most impact, you must connect with the good and bad aspects of how you were raised and how they affect how you raise your children.

Visit Project Twelve's website to access Fathering in 15:

[Fathering In 15 – Project Twelve](http://boldgathering.com)



How to activate LUAD (Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters) in case of a disaster

Message from LUAD President, Tom Irwin:

As I write this article, I am grateful for the weather during the first two weeks of March. Here in the northern area of our synod (Beaver Dam) the temperatures have been ideal for the slow reduction of our snowpack. The river looks good and the lake level does not seem to have risen. Meanwhile, east facing lawns now show green grass and the farm fields have dirt showing.

One thing we have learned from the past few years is that flooding and other weather-related disasters can occur at any time. If flooding should occur (or any other weather disaster) it is important that survivors, synod churches, and volunteers know how to reach LUAD so we can help. Here are five ways to reach LUAD:

1. Ideally a local congregation would contact either the synod office or LUAD directly. For example, if flood damage occurred in Beaver Dam, either First Lutheran or St. John's Lutheran would contact the synod office or LUAD. LUAD is set up to serve communities through their local ELCA congregations. In order to activate LUAD we need a sponsoring congregation. The sponsoring congregation gives us a place to meet, when possible serves lunch to volunteers and with LUAD's help applies to the synod for LUAD disaster funds.
2. Call our toll-free number 888-237-0433.
3. Contact the synod office.
4. Go to the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin web site, click on Ministries and Partners, scroll down to the LUAD link and click and you are now at LUAD.org which is our website.
5. Go directly to LUAD.org
 - a. Click on service request if you need help
 - b. Click on get involved if you would like to help.

It is important to know that LUAD serves the whole community, not just Lutherans. We work with local emergency offices. You don't have to be Lutheran to help. Friends from other denominations can volunteer.

Let us hope and pray for a disaster free year in throughout the synod area but know that we are ready and eager to help if necessary.

Tom Irwin
LUAD President

From your DEM's desk: ELCA DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS – APPLICATION OPEN APRIL 19 THROUGH MAY 21 – PREPARE NOW



Dear fellow disciples,

You are Invited to apply to the ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants. See below detailed information of the application process:

- Application open: April 19, 2021 – May 21, 2021
- Application review: June 2021 – October 2021
- Awards announced: Details on the grant decision timeline will be provided at a later date.
- <https://www.elca.org/domestichungergrants> **Grant Awards**
 - Awards will be for a three-year cycle, with a maximum award of \$10,000 per year, contingent upon fund availability and the completion of annual evaluations.
 - New applications are accepted annually. The application period typically opens in spring.

Criteria

- At a minimum, ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant applicants must be:
 - a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization;
 - able to demonstrate a strong, recognized and established relationship with a congregation, ministry or institution of the ELCA;
 - able to demonstrate a strong, recognized and established relationship with the community in which the work will take place; and
 - actively engaged in the work described in the application.
- Given the priority areas described above, ELCA World Hunger especially seeks to support ministries that:
 - clearly address root causes of hunger in communities;
 - demonstrate strong commitment to diversity and inclusion in leadership and decision-making, including direct engagement of people who themselves are experiencing hunger or poverty;
 - create or foster opportunities for advocacy toward systemic change;
 - leverage local assets through partnerships with other local ministries and organizations and invest their own time and financial resources in the ministry.
- As a ministry of the church, ELCA World Hunger will prioritize ELCA congregations in the award process.
- Organizations that discriminate among guests and neighbors, require participation in faith-related activities as a prerequisite for services or apply as “pass-through” organizations will not be considered for funding.

What you need to apply

- Your organization's contact and tax identification information. If awarded a grant, you will be required to provide a current letter verifying your organization's 501(c)(3) status.
- The current budget for your organization and the projected budget for the ministry described in your application.

- A [personal testimonial](#) from a stakeholder in your project or ministry who has lived experience of poverty or hunger, describing the ministry's impact and importance for them and/or their community - in their own words.
- A letter of support, from rostered or lay leadership of an ELCA congregation, that illustrates the relationship between the ministry and the congregation. How does the ministry's relationship with the congregation nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world? If the applicant is an ELCA congregation itself, the letter can come from its own leadership.

All documents included with your application must be PDFs.

In Christ's peace,

Rev. Walter Baires

Director for Evangelical Mission and
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PORTICO WELLNESS SERVICES FOR PLAN MEMBERS

If you or the rostered leaders in your congregation are Portico Plan Members, you might encourage each other to follow Portico's wellness suggestions and take advantage of their services.

Stress is a pain in the neck: If you're literally feeling the effects of too many hours staring at a computer screen, sitting in a not-so-ergonomically-correct chair, or carrying a year's worth of pandemic worries in your shoulders, Members with ELCA-primary health benefits now have access to SWORD, a virtual therapy program for joint pain available at no out-of-pocket cost. Watch [this short video](#) for an introduction, and [learn more about SWORD on myPortico](#) .

Get the best rest. Good sleep is as much a factor of whole-person well-being as diet, exercise, and prayer. Check out the small steps you can take to set yourself up for healthy sleep on [2021 Live Well](#). Focusing on sleep for part of your Lent journey? ELCA-Primary members, both [Being](#) and [Learn to Live](#) offer more in-depth coaching and tracking that can help you make meaningful, lasting change.

Here are the URLs to the resources if above links don't work for you:

SWORD intro video: <https://vimeo.com/513910425/cfdeef5a8b>

SWORD on myPortico: <https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/benefits/virtual-therapy-joint-pain>

Live Well: <https://porticobenefits.org/live-well/>

Being Sleep course: <https://portico.thebigknow.com/home/courses/sleep>

Learn to Live: <https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/benefits/online-mental-health-program>

Synod staff continue to work from home and are available via all the normal digital technologies. Call the synod office and staff will direct your call to the appropriate person who will call you back. We do try to be prompt in our return calls. (608) 270-0201 Emails are as follows:

Bishop Joy: joymw@scsw-elca.org

Rev. Walter Baires: walterb@scsw-elca.org

Deacon Vicki Hanrahan: vickih@scsw-elca.org Cell: (608) 469-8073 (until March 31)

Marie Leafblad: mariel@scsw-elca.org

Robyn Zimmerman: robynz@scsw-elca.org

Positions in the Synod

We are happy to help promote your positions. Please submit 100 words or less to Rev. Jason Poole-Xiong at jasonx@scsw-elca.org. Please notify Jason when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!



Sugar Creek Bible Camp Summer Staff...the job of a lifetime!

Do you, or does someone you know, want to spend a Summer in a tight-knit Christian community? Come work at Sugar Creek Bible Camp and serve as a role model to hundreds of youth this Summer, bringing them the Gospel message of hope and love! Working at Sugar Creek will help you grow in leadership, self-confidence, and faith, all while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime. We offer a variety of positions to match your unique gifts for ministry. Don't miss out on this chance to provide life-changing and faith-building experiences to our campers this Summer. Applications now open! www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org (03/24/21)

New! Chef/Food Service Manager, Lutherdale Ministries & Hope Conference Center (Elkhorn)

The ideal candidate will be hospitality driven and have the skills and experience to oversee all aspects of food service with group sizes that range from 12 to 250, serving kids, adults, and families, who may be attending summer camp, conferences, day meetings, or a special event. Responsibilities include purchasing, menu preparation, food production, nutrition, sanitation, personnel management, record keeping and customer service. Minimum 5 years of food service management experience, outstanding cooking and hospitality skills. Full time and year-round position offering employer paid health and retirement plan and competitive salary depending on experience. A single family housing option is available for consideration. Email resume and cover letter to Jeff@lutherdale.org. (03/16/21)

New! Director of Youth Ministry – St. James, Verona

Part-time, salaried position (40%). We are seeking a person who has both relational and organizational gifts to minister to and with our wonderful 7th – 12th graders. Programming responsibilities include regular youth group gatherings and summer mission trips. The Director will work alongside our Children, Youth & Family Ministry Committee, and our Children's Ministry Director, and will be supported by a committed group of adult volunteers. The ideal candidate is a person of mature Christian faith and a passion to listen well and help youth grow in love toward God, self, and neighbor. A college degree is preferred. If interested, please contact Pastor Peter Narum: pnarum@stjamesverona.org. (03/02/21)

New! Organist - Grace Lutheran Church, Cambridge

Grace Lutheran Church is seeking an organist to play weekly at our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service. Candidates may also be considered for a Choir Director position when choral singing is safe again. For more information, or to submit a resume, e-mail Pastor Jennifer Jelinek at pastorjenniferglc@gmail.com.

Business and HR Manager, Crossways Lutheran Camping Ministries Crossways Camping Ministries

Seeking dedicated and detail-oriented person to support the financial tasks of camp and retreat ministry. Full time-salaried position at Appleton business office and supports operations at three camp locations in Wisconsin. Requirements include minimum of Associate's Degree with certification or equivalent experience in accounting. A minimum three years experience in office management with demonstrated financial, HR, and administrative skills. Additional information may be found at www.crosswayscamps.org/employment. Applications received through February 26, with anticipated start date as early in March as possible. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to: Crossways Camping Ministries/912 N. Oneida St./Appleton, WI 54911 or via email to Sharon@crosswayscamps.org (02/18/21)

Outreach Development Coordinator – Triangle Community Ministry (Madison)

The Board of the Triangle Community Ministry is seeking a self-motivated, creative and organized individual to fill a part-time (approximately 25-28 hours per week) Outreach Development Coordinator position. The annual salary for this position is \$30,000. This position requires a person with a desire to serve people who is self-motivated and has a strong work ethic. Strong written and oral communications skills are needed. An awareness of faith-based practice is beneficial. For more information about the position and how to apply, please send an email to: triangleministry2020@gmail.com. (02/26/21)

On-Call Technology Coordinator – St. John in Reedsburg, WI

Coordinators needed to operate the camera, slides & sound system in the sanctuary for worship when the Technology Coordinator is unavailable. A full position description is available on the church website: www.sjrdb.com. To apply, please send a resume, cover letter and references to office@sjrdb.com. A background check is required. (02/12/21)

Custodian: Midvale Community Lutheran Church in Madison, WI

Immediate opening for a custodian - 35 hours per week with health and pension benefits. Maintaining a clean, safe and welcoming building is the highest priority of the position. Occasional weekend work for weddings and funerals, room set-up and snow removal will be required. The ability to maintain and repair equipment and machines involved in performing the job duties is preferred. For a job description, visit our website: <https://www.midvalelutheran.org/welcome-midvale/work-midvale> or contact church office (608) 238-7119. Please send a cover letter and resume to info@midvalelutheran.org or Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53711. (02/09/21)

Future Synod Gatherings/Meetings/Events:

- March 25 **Women of the ELCA Book Study – 7:00 pm – online**
- April 2 **Good Friday – Synod Office Closed**
- April 5 **Easter Monday – Synod Office Closed**
- April 6 **Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Joy – 2:00 – 3:00 pm online**
- April 7 **Synod Assembly Reimagining Team Meeting – 10:30 am online**
- April 13 **Synod Teams & Partners Lunch ‘n Learn – Noon – 1:00 pm – online**
- April 17 **Lutheran Men in Mission Bold Gathering**
- April 20 **Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Joy – 2:00 – 3:00 pm online**
- April 22 **Rostered Women’s Gathering – 9:00 am online**
- NOTE: MAY 2021 SYNOD ASSEMBLY CANCELLED**
- May 4 **Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Joy – 2:00 – 3:00 pm online**
- May 18 **Equipping the Saints Webinar with Bishop Joy – 2:00 – 3:00 pm online**

PRAYERS *(Note: If you have edits to your information, please email them to Robyn Zimmerman at robynz@scsw-elca.org as she manages the prayers for What Matters). Thank you.*

Children, Youth, and Family Network Ministry Team

- Jeff Thompson, Lutherdale Bible Camp
- Debbie Wethal, East Koshkonong Lutheran

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rick Bursh TEEM, Vicar & Members of Spring Prairie, De Forest, WI
- Jim Ranney TEEM, Vicar & Members of Springdale, Mount Horeb, WI

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Amy J Odgren, the Staff, and the congregations of Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Churchwide Partners:

- Ms. Jenna L Leazott, Administration Assistant, Administration
- Mrs. Maria Maldonado, Executive Administration Assistant, Administration

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

- Pastor Kelli Fisher, March 25, 1990, Pastor of Perry Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb, WI klf1944@hotmail.com
- Pastor Mary Pharmer, March 29, 1987, Retired Pastor living in Janesville, WI mompharm@yahoo.com
- Pastor Felix Malpica, April 05, 2014, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Janesville, WI fmalpica001@gmail.com
- Deacon David Schipper, April 06, 2003, Deacon at Windsor UCC in Windsor, WI schipperjazz@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/>

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Visit our website: 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.

