



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Synod Council News



The SCSW Synod Council met for a retreat day on Saturday, September 10 at beautiful Lutherdale Camp in Elkhorn. Council members, along with the synod staff, gathered to worship, review roles and responsibilities of the council and the Office of the Bishop, connect with one another, and learn how we can better serve together.

Click [here](#) to view the Synod Council page on the synod website, where you will find a full listing of council members. We will share more detailed introductions for each council member in upcoming communications.

Our synod is blessed to have this incredible group of leaders in place as we carry out our ministry in the South-Central Synod.

Synod News and Events

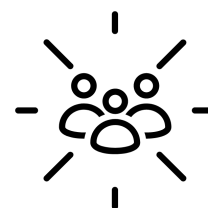
ELCA Vital Congregations Training

Is your congregation ready to take some steps (even small steps) toward renewal or revitalization?

Then, **you are invited to attend the 2022 Fall Session of the ELCA Vital Congregations Training.**

This will be a four-session training on the following dates: October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17.

Click the button below for more details and a link to register.



Lutheran World Relief Quilt Ingathering - Volunteers Needed!

The **2022 Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt Ingathering is almost here!** There are several dates and locations within the SCSW where quilts, health kits, and other LWR projects may be dropped off.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Click [here](#) for a list of drop-off sites.

Click [here](#) for the intake form to be delivered along with your items.

On Saturday, September 17, 7am - 11am, help is also needed to unload boxes of donations from vehicles and then load them onto the boxcars at the Wisconsin Southern Railyard (1890 E. Johnson St., Madison, WI). Heavy lifting will be required for this part of the ingathering, so come prepared for a good workout! Click [here](#) for more information.

We give thanks to God for the hard work of our synod's quilting ministries and pray that the quilts, school, health, sewing and baby kits will serve as a sign of God's care and compassion for those who receive them.

Youth Leader Gathering



Youth leaders! The SCSW Youth and Family Ministry Network invite you to attend one of two networking events on Tuesday, September 20. Click [here](#) for a downloadable flyer with everything you need to know. **Use the button below to let us know you plan to attend!**

Leaders are welcome to go to either (or both!) time and location:

9:30am - McFarland Lutheran Church (5529 Marsh Road, McFarland, WI 53558)

6:30pm - Central Lutheran Church (100 Rollin St., Edgerton, WI 53534)

Questions? Contact Marie Leafblad, Associate to the Bishop for Leadership Support at mariel@scsw-elca.org.

**RSVP for the Youth Leader
Gathering**

SAVE THE DATE: Church of the Wild

The SCSW Care of Creation Team invites you to attend "Church of the Wild" at various locations around the synod on:

Saturday, October 29 from 2pm to 4pm

Watch this space for details about locations and how you can participate!



Lutheran Men in Mission Survey

The Lutheran Men in Mission Task Force wants to hear from you! The team has developed a simple survey to determine the status of men's ministry in synod congregations and other ministry settings. The intent is to provide feedback as to how LMM can come alongside congregations to support you in this ministry. Click the button below to take the survey.

[Take the Lutheran Men in Mission Survey](#)

Churchwide Updates

News from Portico

Jennifer Prinz, our Regional Representative from Portico has shared a 2023 update on health rates and plan changes.



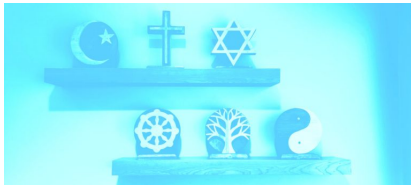
Click [here](#) to view the update.

If you have questions regarding your benefits through Portico, please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Prinz at JPrinz@porticobenefits.org.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Below are a few Continuing Education opportunities that the Synod Office has been made aware of, which may be of interest to our rostered and lay leaders.

Wisconsin Chaplaincy Association Fall Conference



The Wisconsin Chaplaincy Association's Fall Conference is **Sunday, October 23 - Tuesday, October 25** at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wis.

Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information or [here](#) to visit the event page on the WCA website.

LTSS Spiritual Direction Certification Program

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhyne University is offering a **Spiritual Direction Certification** through their Lifelong Learning department.



Click [here](#) for an info sheet and [here](#) to view the application. More information may also be found on the LTSS Lifelong Learning [page](#).

The application deadline is November 15.

Exploring Enneagrams

An Opportunity for Organizations, Staff Communities, Church Councils, and Boards



Lutherdale in Elkhorn is hosting an "Exploring Enneagrams" retreat October 25 - 27.

From the event flyer, "Enneagram has been used since ancient times to help build healthy communities by understanding our strengths and weakness. [The presenter] will teach about the gifts and challenges to each type. Together we will explore why the Enneagram has been so helpful to spiritual directors for many years."

The event is offered both in person and virtually. Click [here](#) for more information.

The registration deadline for this event is October 11.

Other Synod News

Lutheran Men in Mission Fall Retreat

If you are interested in attending the **Lutheran Men in Mission** fall retreat September 23 - 25, limited space MAY be available! Call or text Jim Schieble at 920.763.3433.

Synod Office Move Update



The **Synod Office Relocation Team** met on Wednesday, September 7 to view a potential site for the synod office. In addition, we were recently notified that the termination date for our lease has been moved up to November 30. We will keep you updated as we move forward with this process.

As we continue to consolidate and clean out our current office, **we have compiled a number of resources and other items that we would like to offer to synod ministries and congregations for FREE.** Items are displayed in the foyer area outside the synod office. Drop by and check out what is available!

Synod Staff Update - We're (Still) Hiring

The search continues! The synod office is interviewing for two administrative positions in the synod office. Below you will find information about the positions and how interested candidates may apply.

The Executive Administrator for Operations and Candidacy provides leadership in the areas of administration, operations, and candidacy (the process of preparation of rostered leaders of the church) for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Click [here](#) for a complete job description.

The Administrative Assistant supports the Bishop and the staff of the Office of the Bishop. Click [here](#) for a complete job description.

Please feel free to share these job descriptions with those in your network of colleagues and friends! Interested candidates may apply by emailing Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe at joymw@scsw-elca.org.



Synod Comings, Goings, and Celebrations

Installations in September

September 25, 2022

Pastor Wendy Moen
Covenant Lutheran Church in Stoughton

Congregational Milestone Celebration

September 18, 2022

Bonnet Prairie Lutheran Church of Rio
Celebrating 175 years of ministry!

9:30am worship in the historic stone church with a catered meal to follow

Helpful Links

Staff Contacts



**Congregations
in Transition**



Ministry Teams



Job Openings



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