

# WHAT MATTERS . . . . . May 22, 2018 . . .

News from Your Synod and Ministry Partners



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

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA/ 6401 Odana Road / Suite 20 / Madison, WI 53719 / (608)270-0201 / [www.scsw-elca.org](http://www.scsw-elca.org)

Please note: The synod office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the synod office for a recording with contact information for the pastor-on-call. (608) 270-0201.



## COMMUNICATION MATTERS - New Link for Synod News Sign Up!

**Keep Your Members Connected to Synod News! The Old Link is No Longer In Use Due to Changes to our new website.** Please change the link you have published on your websites and in your newsletters to the following text:

**Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Synod Communicator & Event Manager, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to "What Matters."**

Thank you for your partnership and we apologize for any inconvenience!

## South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Endowment Committee Accepting Grant Requests through June 15

Bishop Mary sent a reminder out to congregations a few weeks ago that SCSW Endowment grants requests will be accepted through June 15. Approximately \$9,000 total will be awarded in grants. Grants are awarded to support **innovative ministry initiatives and evangelism ministries** throughout the synod. The fund gives priority to **collaborative projects that have a good possibility of becoming sustainable**. Categories for grants that are not normally included are: capital expenditures/improvements, normal operating budget expenses, and ongoing support to the same project for more than three years.

Visit the Resources Tab on the synod website for a grant application, and mail to the synod office to be received BY June 15:

<http://scsw-elca.org/resources/congregation-council-leadership-resources/>



## Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice Annual Celebration

**"Welcoming the Stranger: Immigrant Justice and the Faith Community" is the theme of this year's gathering, which will be held May 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Lussier Center.**

Keynote Speaker and Voice for Justice awardee - [Sergio Gonzales](#) will focus on the New Movement. Also included will be [Fabiola Hamdan](#), Dane County Immigration Affairs Specialist. The Community Immigration Law Clinic (CILC) will receive the Voice for Justice Award. Dessert reception to follow. RSVP to [wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com](mailto:wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com).

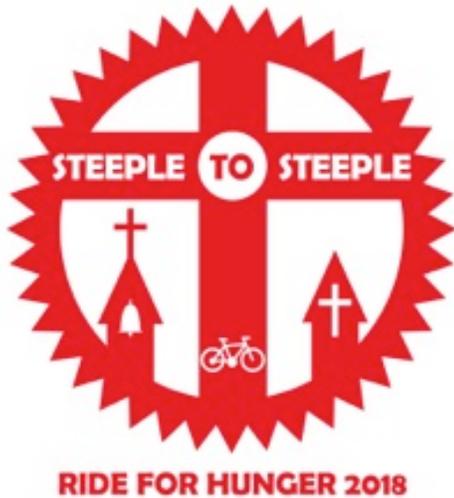
for Justice Award. Dessert reception to follow. RSVP to [wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com](mailto:wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com).

## HOLD THE DATES! September 16-18, 2018 Green Lake Conference and Retreat Center

**"Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership" with Ruth Haley Barton**, an award-winning and sought after teacher and conference speaker! Topics will include: Responding to the dynamics of calling, facing the loneliness of leadership, leading from your authentic self, cultivating spiritual community, discerning God's will together and more! More info to follow in future issues of What Matters!



# THIRD ANNUAL SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN STEEPLE TO STEEPLE RIDE FOR HUNGER! RIDE SO THAT ALL ARE FED!



**JUNE 9, 2018** - Just 2.5 weeks from today! Are you registered?

Register Or Donate On Line by June 4

<https://www.steepleride.com/>

## Schedule and Routes:

9:00 am - Family Ride (on paved bike trail - up to 14 miles out and back)

8:00 am - 30 mile ride

7:00 am - 100 KM Metric Century - Starts and ends at All Saints Lutheran Church 2951 Chapel Valley Road,



Fitchburg, WI

Cost: \$30 adults \$10 children

Refreshments and water stops and root beer floats at the end.

RIDE STARTS AND STOPS AT ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (FITCBURG)

Downloadable poster to promote event:

<http://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Steeple-to-Steeple-Poster-2018.pdf>

We ask all congregations to include this invitation in your newsletters, on your websites and anywhere you typically post these opportunities. This is a fun event for all ages that helps raise money for ELCA World Hunger. You can ride your bike or sponsor someone by "riding in spirit!"

We know that the most enthusiastic congregations who participated in this event last year were encouraged by their pastors, so please do lift this up in your settings! We raised over \$4,000 last year and our goal is to continue to grow this event! If you would like a bulletin insert and poster emailed to you for promoting in your congregation, email Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

When you support ELCA World Hunger, you are supporting life-giving work of providing microloans to start businesses, animal husbandry, clean water through the building of water wells and so much more. Join us on **June 9** and let's all ride together to end hunger!

Sponsored By:



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America  
God's work. Our hands.



2017 Riders stop for a quick refreshment break!

*Speaking of Hunger...this is an Invitation to Serve from Wisconsin Council of Churches*

## Could You Offer A Summer Food Service Program?

Summer can be the hungriest time of the year for many kids from low income families. In Wisconsin, 1 in 5 kids struggle with hunger. Only 16% of kids who qualify for free/reduced price school lunch are also getting summer meals. The good news: Many organizations can qualify to receive funding to assist in providing these much needed free, nutritious meals during the summertime. For more information, contact Amy Kolano, Summer Food Service Program Coordinator - email: [amy.kolano@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:amy.kolano@dpi.wi.gov)

Next Racial Equity Ministry Event:

“The Realities of Incarceration”  
Presented by Jail Chaplain Christa Fisher

**Sunday, June 24**  
**Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Place: New Life Church**  
**7564 Cottage Grove Road - Madison**

\*Free will offering



Wish you could have attended past events? You will find videos of previous presentations on the synod website. Topics include:

- Journey of Immigration & Citizenship: A Personal Story
- The River of Struggle: Black Life in the Americas
- AMMPARO: Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation & Opportunities.

And more! Visit the synod website for resources and video links on this important topic!

LINK: <http://scsw-elca.org/ministries-and-partners/racial-equity/>



**Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld elected bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin!**

The Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, Beloit, Wis., was elected May 6 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Her official start date is July 1.

The election was held during the Synod Assembly May 5-6 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells where over 500 lay leaders and rostered ministers gathered to do the work of God's church, participating in learning, fellowship and important voting matters.

Thomas-Breitfeld was elected on the fifth ballot with 224 votes to 150 votes for the Rev. Steven Kottke, assistant to the bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Photo credit: Ken Harris, St. Paul's LC, Beloit

While we recognize that this is an historic moment in the life of the ELCA in the election of the second African-descent synod bishop, (see full story in Living Lutheran - <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2018/05/bishop-elects-reflect-on-historic-votes/>), we also recognize that the bishop-elect brings many gifts to her new leadership role and ministry. She currently serves as interim pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beloit. She served as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wis., from 2010 to 2013 and Good Shepherd in Waukesha, from 1992 to 2010. Rev. Thomas-Breitfeld earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1974 and she received her Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 1979. A full biography can be found on the synod website: <http://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Thomas-BreitfeldBio.pdf>

## HOLD THE DATE OF AUGUST 18, 2018 for the Installation of Our New Bishop!

Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld will be installed on Aug. 18 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville, Wisconsin. Information about the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is available at [scsw-elca.org/](http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7927).  
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We are grateful to all the ministers of word and sacrament who allowed their names to go forward. Please hold them, our bishop and bishop-elect in your prayers during this time of transition.



On June 3rd, Luther Memorial Church in Delavan invites you to join us in celebrating our second anniversary of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Time: Lunch 11:30  
Service: 12:30  
Address: 910 E. Geneva St. Delavan, WI 53115

We will celebrate our anniversary by hosting a baked potato bar lunch in our fellowship hall, followed by a special, celebratory service.

All members of the community are welcome to attend. The more, the merrier! We especially encourage our LGBT neighbors and allies to join us in this celebration, as well as members of our neighboring churches, whether or not your own church has taken this step. Child of God, You are welcome.

## Retirement Celebration for Deacon Bruce Bengtson - All Are Invited - Sunday, June 3 - 10:30 am - 1021 University Avenue - Madison

Members of the synod are cordially invited to the retirement celebration in honor of Deacon Bruce Bengtson, director of music at Luther Memorial, Madison on Sunday, June 3. Bruce has served as director of music at Luther Memorial for **40 years**. The June 3 service is at 10:30 am followed by lunch and a program at 1 pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church at 608-258-3160.



# BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering  
Houston Literacy Campaign



## 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering "Blast off for Books" Book Drive



The Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston. In joining the Gathering's Blast Off for Books campaign, you will help ensure bright futures for Houston's students. The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. By

putting books in the hand's of Houston's economically disadvantaged students, you can help change lives.

The list of books can be found on the ELCA's website:  
<http://bit.ly/BlastOffForBooks>

**We will be collecting books as a synod and will transport them to Houston with the synod buses. So, please begin collecting books and you may bring them to Bethel Lutheran, in Madison on June 23, 2018 from 10am-12pm** and we will load them into vans and will drive them down. If your group is traveling on the synod bus, flying to Houston OR even if your congregation is not attending the Gathering you are welcome to collect books and drop them off in order to be included in this important in-kind offering.





## **Palestine: Unlimited: Prize-winning photos from Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts & Culture - May 20-June 15**



The photos, reflecting Palestinians view of their culture and way of life, will be on display at five Madison-area churches. The display is open to the public daily during regular hours of the each church.

Palestine is contested land. People everywhere watch Palestine, expectantly. Many share stories, images, interpretations and explanations, hoping to build a clearer picture of Palestine. But do Palestinians themselves get to say what Palestine is about? The exhibition is derived from a signature initiative of the Dar Al Kalima University College of Arts and Culture, a Lutheran institution of higher learning in Bethlehem. The exhibit, featuring the ten finalists from the Karimeh Abboud Award Competition - named for a pioneering 20th century Palestinian female photographer - helps us break through icons and stereotypes, in order to experience Palestine as it really is. Listen to the words of photographer Ala'a Abu Salem: "These portraits aim at representing the Palestinian away from any ties, connections or expectations with themes and specific subjects. In short, it is an attempt to break the stereotype and overused image of the Palestinian person."

Visit each church to see the entire 24 piece exhibit (call for hours):  
Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison (608) 238-7119  
Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, 1502 Parkside Dr., Madison (608) 241-9796  
First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave., Madison (608) 233-9751  
Memorial United Church of Christ, 5705 Lacy Rd., Fitchburg (608) 273-1008  
Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 110 N. Gammon Rd., Madison (608) 829-2136

The exhibit is sponsored by Bright Stars of Bethlehem, a 501c3 organization supporting the work of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb and the Dar al Kalima University College in Bethlehem.

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### **Crossways Is Hiring Summer Staff!**

As you know, summer is rapidly approaching. It may not look that way outside, but June is just around the corner. In fact, we begin training our summer staff in May, which is even closer than



June! We are eager to get our staff assembled at our camps to prepare for a full summer of quality, faith-empowered programming for everyone. Our summer staff are the lifeblood of our summer programs - they make the magic happen as the hands and feet of Christ, loving and selflessly serving every camper that comes our way. At this point, **Crossways is still in need of several key staff members, particularly male cabin leaders.** Here are a few ways your congregation can help get the word out.

- **Think and pray about any young adults you know who might be a great camp staff candidate. Direct them to our website ([www.crosswayscamps.org/join-our-summer-staff](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/join-our-summer-staff)) if they'd like to learn more. If they give you permission, send us their name and phone number (or email) and we can reach out to them as well.**
- **Include a "Crossways is Hiring Summer Staff" blurb in an e-blast, bulletin, or newsletter. See below for a sample newsletter piece!**
- **Share on Facebook! Whenever you see a Crossways "we're hiring" post in your feed, click "share!" That increases its reach beyond even our scope and is incredibly helpful.**

If you have any questions, please reach out! Our administrative office number is 920-882-0023. You can also email Gloria Allhiser, Associate Director, at [gloria@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:gloria@crosswayscamps.org).

If you have site-specific questions regarding summer staff or programming, feel free to reach out to the camp director:

- **Imago Dei Village: Jess Throlson, [jess@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:jess@crosswayscamps.org)**
- **Pine Lake Camp: Kelly Preboski, [kelly@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:kelly@crosswayscamps.org)**
- **Waypost Camp: Adam Brandt, [adam@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:adam@crosswayscamps.org)**

## WASHINGTON ISLAND FORUM - JUNE 25 - 29, 2018 -

Register now for "Reading the Verbs:

### ***Finding the Script in the Scripture" With Dr. Anna Carter Florence***

Still openings...register today!

The Washington Island Forum is especially tailored to lay leaders and pastors who want to deepen their spirituality and connect with the message of the scriptures in a more profound way. If you do a quick survey of any bible passage, you'll find that what is true in life is also true in scripture: the verbs dominate. It's what we do and don't do that preoccupies us. And it's the verbs we cannot imagine for ourselves (live, liberate, forgive, resurrect) that the church offers, and that we reach for, week after week.

Through four comprehensive lectures, Dr. Anna Carter Florence will invite us to read the biblical "script" by focusing on the verbs that are given and chosen by the characters, based on her upcoming book "Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community." What new things will we see and hear in both our sacred text and our human drama when we connect the verbs? How can that, in turn, change and renew our reading and speaking about scripture?

Learn more and register [here](#).

<https://www.wichurches.org/calendar/event-list/2018-washington-island-forum-2/>



**IGNITE CREATIVITY - Preaching In Series Workshop -  
June 19-20, 2018 (1/2 day on the 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Cost: \$119.00**

St. Andrew Lutheran, 13600 Technology Drive,  
Eden Prairie, MN

For more information and to register:

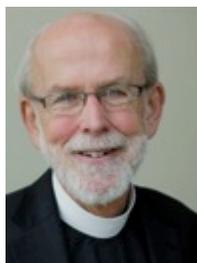
<https://preachinginseries.org/>

Create sermon series that will have your congregation faithfully fed, grateful and alive. Walk away with new ideas, a network of forward thinking preachers, ready-to-go- adaptable sermon series, and a plan for your year. Speakers: Quite a line up!



**Lillian Daniel** is a preacher, teacher and writer in Iowa. While she has taught preaching at a number of schools, including Chicago Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School, she can't be held responsible for everyone who falls asleep in church. Her new book, *Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To* is generating international conversation about the changing religious landscape. It continues the theme of her 2013 book *When 'Spiritual But Not Religious' Is Not Enough* about the growing number of people who claim "none" as their religious preference.

**Rev. Karoline Lewis** is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. A conference, workshop and retreat presenter internationally, she is a regular contributor to the Festival of Homiletics, Working Preacher, Dear Working Preacher and the podcast Sermon Brainwave. Lewis is the author of *SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry* and *John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries*, among numerous other articles.



**Preacher - Rev. Mark Hanson** is the Distinguished Fellow in the Christensen Center for Vocation at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He was presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America from 2001-2014, president of the Lutheran World Federation from 2003-2010, and author of *Faithful Yet Changing: The Church in Challenging Times* and *Faithful and Courageous: Christians in Unsettling Times*.



## Decorah Luren Singing Society to host 62nd Biennial Norwegian Singers Association of America May 31-June 2...

The Luren Singers of Decorah, Iowa will host Sangerfest at Luther College and also celebrate their 150th anniversary of their founding. Luren is the oldest Norwegian American chorus in the US..

Grand Chorus of 300 singers from 10 Midwestern Norwegian American choruses **on Sat. June 2nd at 7 pm, both at the Center for Life at Luther.**

Concerts will be on **Thurs. May 31st at 7 pm** and the

**Luther College is located at: 700 College Drive, Decorah, Iowa**

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### Positions in Our 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 Vicki when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!*

### Lutheran Peace Fellowship (LPF) Seeks National Coordinator

A key leadership position, and LPF's much-appreciated paid staff member. The ideal Coordinator has a **passion** to eliminate violence, inequality, and militarism, and a **commitment** to nonviolence. He or she will work with members to build **awareness** of peace issues, encourage member **involvement**, plan and lead peace **education, advocacy, and outreach** activities, develop **resources**, and nurture **leadership**. Applicants should send a **letter, resume**, and contact info for 3 or 4 **references**. For a full **Job Description**, see <https://www.lutheranpeace.org/articles/position-announcement/> and/or call: **206.349.2501** or email: [lpf@ecunet.org](mailto:lpf@ecunet.org) (05/22/18)

### Administrative Assistant, McFarland Lutheran Church

McFarland Lutheran Church is looking for a creative and organized person to join our staff team as Administrative Assistant. Previous office work experience is required. A skill set in managing web sites, social media and email is preferred. This position is 35 hours/week. A full job description is on the church website: [mcfarlandlutheran.org](http://mcfarlandlutheran.org). Please send your resume to Pastor Tim Dean: [tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org). (05/16/18)

### Director of Music – St. John's Lutheran – Prairie du Sac

St. John's is seeking an individual who will serve as our organist and choir director. The position is 18 hours/week. Major responsibilities are to play for Sunday worship and conduct three choirs (two adult choirs and one youth choir). Position opens July 1, 2018. Applications can be sent to Rev. Fred Rilling, St. John's Lutheran Church, 100 Oak Street, Prairie du Sac, WI, 53578. You can find the full job description by following this link <http://www.stjohnssaukprairie.org/director-of-music-job-description/> Contact Rev. Fred Rilling at [fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org) for more information. (04/05/18)

### Full-Time Director of Music - Luther Memorial (Madison)

Luther Memorial, Madison is seeking a full-time director of music. Applications are due May 1, 2018. For a position description and application information, please go to their website at [www.luthermem.org](http://www.luthermem.org) or call Pastor Brad Pohlman 608-258-3160 for more information. (03/20/18)

### Lutheran Social Services Seeking Help - Do YOU have a Gift for Helping Others?

Part-time work available helping children and adolescents with special needs in Green County learn independence and social skills. Must be 18 years old or better. Requires previous experience, paid or unpaid, and a Caregiver's Background Check. Would be interviewed by the family as family is employer; paid by CLTS waiver via direct deposit. Please contact: Emily Klunick, service coordination with Lutheran Social Services to indicate your interest, experience, availability and best time to contact. Thank you! Emily's phone: 608-328-9496; Email: [eklunick@lsswis.org](mailto:eklunick@lsswis.org). (12/12/17)

## Part-Time Youth and Family Ministry Director – New Hope Lutheran Church (Blanchardville / Hollandale)

Seeking an individual gifted in working with youth and who values cross-generational learning and social opportunities to coordinate faith formation for youth and families. We are looking for an individual who has a heart for sharing God's love with all people. The desired candidate will work with the pastor, staff, and volunteers to plan and carry out faith formation experiences for youth and their families. Experience working in a church setting or in education is helpful. This position is 15 hours/week and while hours are mostly flexible, work on Wednesday evenings and Sundays is required. A full job description is available at [newhopelutheran.info](http://newhopelutheran.info) (10/12/17)

## Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities

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

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## At-A-Glance Future Synod Events:

Please see the **Congregational Events page on the Synod's EVENTS page** of the website for more events that will be hosted by congregations of our synod. Thanks! [http://www.scsw-elca.org/congregational\\_events.aspx](http://www.scsw-elca.org/congregational_events.aspx)



**May 31** - Installation of Gabriel Marcano - San Jose - St. Paul (Beloit)

**June 2** - Diakonia "The Daily Life of a Christian" - Trinity (Madison)

**June 9** - Steeple to Steeple Ride for Hunger! - Starts and ends at All Saints (Fitchburg)

**June 9** - Ordination of Tim Knipfer - St. Martin's (Cross Plains)

**June 17** - Installation of Kalen Barkholtz - Christ Lutheran (Sharon)

**August 18** - Installation of Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld - First Lutheran Church (Janesville)

**October 7-9** - Bishop's Convocation - Abbey Resort, Fontana

**2019 - SYNOD ASSEMBLY - May 4 & 5** - Marriott Hotel & Convention Center (Middleton)

For a listing of more synod-wide events, visit:



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## 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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## Prayers

Diakonia Team:

- Linda Wulff, Member at St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam
- Janean Jones-Hill, Member at New Heights Lutheran Church in Black Earth

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Erik Jelinek, and members of Central Lutheran Church in Edgerton
- Rev. David Nelsestuen and members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Edgerton

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Mark Holmerud and the congregations of the Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA

Churchwide Partners:

- Rev. Kevin L Strickland, Asst. to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
- Ms. Savanna Sullivan, Program Director, Young Adult Ministry, Domestic Mission at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate the anniversary of Ordination this month. We will resume our normal practice of celebrating anniversaries the week they occur in the next and future issues of What Matters. Email links are provided to give a shout out to your colleagues and friends!

- Peter Heide, May 3, 2009, Pastor at Albany Lutheran Church in Albany, [pheide@merr.com](mailto:pheide@merr.com)
- Jerald Folk, May 7, 1967, Retired in Madison, [Jerryfolk55@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryfolk55@gmail.com)
- Peter Kjeseth, May 16, 1954, Retired in Fish Hoek 7975, South Africa
- Daniel Vojta, May 18, 1992, Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Horicon and St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Hustiford, [danielvojta@gmail.com](mailto:danielvojta@gmail.com)
- Steven Hanson, May 21, 1982, Pastor at First English Lutheran Church in Whitewater, [pastorsteve@felcww.org](mailto:pastorsteve@felcww.org)
- Jim Hearne, May 21, 2005, Pastor at Barneveld Lutheran Church in Barneveld, [pastorjimblc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjimblc@gmail.com)
- Calvin Kuder, May 21, 1958, Retired in Williams Bay, [kuder@att.net](mailto:kuder@att.net)
- Fred Gustafson, May 22, 1968, Retired in Watertown
- Roy Poltrock, May 24, 1970, Retired in Janesville
- Susan Schneider, May 26, Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, [pastor.tlcmns@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tlcmns@gmail.com)
- Karla Brekke, May 26, 1991, Pastor at Cooksville Lutheran Church in Evansville, [karlabrekke@charter.net](mailto:karlabrekke@charter.net)
- James Kannenberg, May 26, 1963, Retired in Waterloo, [ritakberg@yahoo.com](mailto:ritakberg@yahoo.com)
- Jerry Olson, May 26, 1975, Retired in Des Moines, IA, [noslo48@gmail.com](mailto:noslo48@gmail.com)
- Lee Bohnhoff, May 27, 1962, Retired in Orfordville, [baayagdii@yahoo.com](mailto:baayagdii@yahoo.com)
- Richard Inglett, May 28, 1989, Pastor at Sugar Creek Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, [ringlett85@charter.net](mailto:ringlett85@charter.net)
- Jeff Tomberlin, May 28, 1989, Interim Pastor at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Cross Plains, [jeff\\_tomberlin@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff_tomberlin@yahoo.com)
- T. Brent Walsworth, May 29, 2005, Pastor at United in Christ Lutheran Church in Windsor, [pastorw49@centurytel.net](mailto:pastorw49@centurytel.net)
- Holly Slater, May 29, 2010, Pastor at St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church in Deerfield, [stpllpastor@gmail.com](mailto:stpllpastor@gmail.com)

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate their anniversary of Commissioning:

- None

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate their anniversary of Consecration:

- Joel Bradtke, May 16, 2009, Retired in Brookfield, [carpool4ever@gmail.com](mailto:carpool4ever@gmail.com)

**Join Us for Worship In the Synod Office Chapel  
Every Thursday at Noon – All Are Welcome!**

We gather for worship and holy communion on Thursdays. Each week a different preacher from our synod leads worship. Come and be fed in body and spirit.

Brown bag lunch and fellowship immediately following if you are able at 12:30.

Our address is: 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719

Please join us!



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.

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.*