Worship Resources for a National Election

Some of our congregations are planning prayer services and vigils around election day. The ELCA Worship Team offers resources for congregations. Scripture readings, prayers, and assembly song suggestions are offered in PDF and Word formats, to be used in settings such as prayer vigils, as part of Morning or Evening Prayer, as part of regular weekly worship, or for personal devotion in the weeks preceding or following an election. Find these and many other resources at https://www.elca.org/Resources/Worship#Liturgy

Bishop In Residence

The challenges and changes during these past several months have made it difficult, if not impossible, for us to get together. Meetings are held online, travel has been restricted, and even the synod office is open by appointment only. For four years, we have focused on the value of relationships and we don’t want to lose that focus. So, Bishop Collins will be taking up “residence” in particular church buildings across the synod a few days a month. This is to provide opportunities for members and leaders of our congregations in those areas to stop in to chat with the bishop. Precautions will be followed by meeting in a safe space, physically distancing, and wearing masks. All who wish to connect with the bishop in this way are asked to email her to set up an appointment (bpcollins@uss-elca.org). Here is the schedule for the rest of October:

- Tuesday, October 27th – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Beaver Lutheran, Beaver Springs
- Wednesday, October 28th – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Sharon Lutheran, Selinsgrove

Diakon Says Thanks

Download this newsletter at https://www.uss-elca.org/headwaters/

Milestones

With thanks to God for their ministry, we celebrate with these children of God the anniversaries of their ordination or consecration (listed in multiples of five only):

None this week

Conference Meetings

Buffalo Valley: First Thursday of the month, 9:00 a.m., Site TBA

Juniata Valley: The third Thursday of the month at 10:00 to noon with lunch following, Site TBA

Middle Creek: Second Wednesday of month, 10:00 a.m., Site TBA
Usually, Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village hosts a Pastor Appreciation Month breakfast. But, since they cannot, they have sent this thank you to all the clergy in the area. The text reads: “Though our annual breakfast could not occur, our appreciation for your ministry continues. We thank you for the support to our Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village residents— at a distance, for a time. May God bless your ongoing ministry during uncertain times and beyond.

Next Zoom: November 4

The next monthly Zoom meeting with the bishop will take place at 11:00 a.m. THERE IS A NEW LOGIN LINK SO PLEASE USE THIS ONE NEXT TIME! Here’s the login information:... https://www.uss-elca.org/bi-weekly-zoom-instructions/

Weekly Online Gathering for ELCA Leaders

Preaching is a risky business, and now more than ever. How do you preach the Word of God that you have been called to without worrying that the goodwill of your congregation, and perhaps even your job, could be at stake? How do you announce God’s Kingdom in ways that people can hear without watering it down to nothing? How do you proclaim both Law and Gospel so that the Church can be transformed? Rev. Bridget Jones cannot promise that she will answer all of these questions, and she will definitely try! As a former actuary turned preacher, she will help us navigate how to accurately assess some of the risks of preaching along with strategies to manage and mitigate them so that we can live out our calling in authentic, transformative ways.

https://wp.me/p9Gqgm-1kk

A New Pandemic Fundraiser for CML:

North Branch: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Site TBA

Tulpehocken: First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Site TBA

West Branch: Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Messiah, South Williamsport
Run4Camp 5K on All Saints Day

Camp Mount Luther invites you to be part of a fundraiser for camp that is being sponsored by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Sixteen Lutheran camps from across the country, including CML, are looking for folks to run/walk/rollerblade/bike/ski/wheelchair (whatever!) on Sunday, November 1, 2020. You will enter with a $25 registration fee and then you can also get at least five sponsors for your 5K with all proceeds going to Camp Mount Luther. This is also a fundraiser for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries organization as Camp Mount Luther has paid an entry fee to be part of this event. Your friends, family, colleagues, neighbors -- whomever you identify -- will fill out a form and they will then be directed to make a gift to your camp. The one form for ALL CAMPS & RETREAT CENTERS will make this whole thing go smoothly. Promise. Every single nickel pledged/given in support of YOU will go directly to Camp Mount Luther. Then, during your 5K on November 1, you will send a selfie of yourself while you are out on the road, or the trail, or wherever. And there are plans to have a virtual finish line as well. Be part of this exciting new opportunity for LOM and Camp Mount Luther! To sign up as a 5K'er, visit https://lomnetwork.wufoo.com/forms/mi2zyf11iow6ol/

Prayers

For health issues:
- Pastor Bill Jones (Emmanuel, Middleburg)
- Pastor Ron Montgomery (retired)
- Darv Krouse (husband of Brenda in the synod office)
- Pastor Alan Hulslander (St. John’s, Lewistown)
- Tom Watters (CML Site Manager)

For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors:
- Stone Valley Parish (Pastor Curtis Zemencik)
- Zion, Sunbury (Pastor Rich Fangmann)
- Trinity, Hughesville (Pastor Cinda Brucker)
- Washingtonville (Pastor Karen Minnick-Sadler)
- Zion, Trevorton (Pastor Fred Faust)

Links

Freedom of a Christian

You are invited to a 3-seminar series on The Freedom of a Christian, presented by the ELCA Wittenberg Center. The dates are as follows:

Session 1: Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Session 2: Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Session 3: Friday, October 30, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwufuqqrzosG9BKC3Ap5UW24HW8MygML8q6

Continuing Education

- Check out the latest offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry here: https://diocesepa.org/ssfm/
- Check out the latest offerings from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of their course and webinars at https://lmpeacecenter.org/

Beat the discount deadline and take advantage of significant savings for individuals or groups!
Check out the latest offerings of the Interim Ministry Network here: https://imnedu.org/

Free Fuller Access

Sign up now for free access to FULLER Formation through October 2020.
Due to the extraordinary circumstances around COVID-19, until November 1, 2020 we are offering FULLER Formation for FREE to new users who would like to use our resources to grow in faith or serve their faith community. Create an account and gain immediate access to our 60+ FULLER Formation resources on topics such as discipleship, hope, and spiritual practices. No subscription required until November 1, 2020.

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