



HEADWATERS

August 18, 2020

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News



Next Zoom: August 19

The next bi-weekly Zoom meeting with the bishop will take place on August 19, at 11:00 a.m. Here's the login information: <https://www.uss-elca.org/bi-weekly-zoom-instructions/>



Weekly Online Gathering for ELCA Leaders

For parents and everyone who ministers to parents, let's ~~commiserate~~ share and learn together about the Holy Three-Ring Circus that our lives have become and how we can best support each other. Join us on August 19 to hear from Rev. Kendra Mohn, PhD, and Rev. Jessica Harris Daum. <https://wp.me/p9Gqgm-1kk>

Upcoming ELCA Coaching Session

ELCA Coaching is excited and honored to offer you a FREE book in preparation for the ELCA Coaching online gathering on September 9 -- What If I Said Yes? [The House That Love Built](#) -- with Sarah Jackson from [Casa de Paz](#). The House that Love Built is



the quintessential story of one woman's questioning what it means to be an American--and a Christian--in light of a broken immigration system. Through tender stories of opening her heart and home to immigrants, Sarah Jackson shines a holy light on loving our neighbor. If you [submit your request by Sunday, August 30](#), a book will be mailed out on Monday, August 31, thanks to the incredible generosity of our presenter, Sarah Jackson! We recommend submitting your request as soon as possible, as we know the mail is slower in many places lately. They are looking forward to having Sarah with us on September 9. Mark your calendars for that Wednesday at 1pm Central. You can find that weekly login information on the home page of the ELCA Coaching website: <https://www.elcacoaching.org/>.

Camp Mount Luther Camel Tracks

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):

30 years:

Rev. Gregory Kramer (retired) 8/11/1990

15 years:

Rev. Sarah Hershberger (Grace, Shamokin) 8/19/2005

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

A recap of Virtual CML, see the staff, and get set for annual events with pandemic precautions. Read a rare August monthly edition of Camel Tracks here:



<https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Aug-2020-Camel-Tracks.pdf>

LWR Responds to Beirut Explosions

Lutheran World Relief recently learned that three 40-foot shipping containers filled with thousands of handmade mission quilts and school, personal and baby care kits were destroyed in the devastating August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon. The shipment was destined for refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories. The containers were part of a shipment to be distributed by Anera, an NGO and longtime Lutheran World Relief partner that serves refugees and other vulnerable communities in the Middle East. The total value of the lost shipments was approximately \$624,000. The loss of more than 22,000 quilts, sewn by individuals and members of Lutheran congregations across the U.S., could mean a more bitter winter for thousands of refugees. "Our quilts are made with love by those who painstakingly craft them, and they're deeply appreciated by the people in distress who receive them, both for the warmth and the message of care they provide," said Melanie Gibbons, deputy director, outreach and engagement at Lutheran World Relief. For more information or to donate:



<https://lwr.org/beirut>

following, Site TBA

Middle Creek:
Second Wednesday
of month, 10:00 a.m.,
Site TBA

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

Prayers



For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors: Follmer Parish, Milton (Pastor Tom Glasoe); St. John's, Belleville (Pastor Ela Robertson); Sharon, Selingsgove (Pastor Robert Doll); St. John, Espy (Pastor Gordon Smith); St. Luke, Sunbury (Pastor Ann Zimmerman); and Mount Zion, Hughesville (Pastor Cinda Brucker).

We randomly list congregations from our synod each time in Headwaters.

Links



LIRS Virtual Book Series on Immigration

You're cordially invited to join Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service for its brand new Virtual Book Series of insightful interviews with authors and experts in the immigration landscape today. Each week, we will speak to an author about the most pressing topics in migration — from climate displacement to refugee resettlement to the Family Separation Crisis to the role of faith in immigration. Learn more and register today!

https://www.lirs.org/virtual-book-series?mc_cid=96602aac5&mc_eid=616e353010

Zoom Trainings

Please join Other+Wise and our promotional partners, ELCA Coaching, New Story Festival, and Briarwood Leadership Center, for three Indigenous-centered Zoom workshops with our founder and director, Vance Blackfox: Indian 101, Movements in Indian Country, and

Indigenous Thought and Theology.

<https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Registration-Flyer-OW-Zoom-Workshops.pdf>

Continuing Education

- Check out the latest offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry here: <https://diocesecpa.org/ssfm/>
- Check out the latest offerings from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of their course and webinars at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/> **COMING UP: Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches**

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