News

Brief History of the Ansbach/Würzburg Partnership

Ever wonder about our history with the Bavarian synod in Germany and how that partnership started? Read our latest Global Missions blog post here: https://www.uss-elca.org/brief-history-of-the-ansbach-wurzburg-partnership/

Next Zoom: October 7

The next monthly Zoom meeting with the bishop will take place 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

Does everything feel partisan now? Why are many church folk either disengaged from politics or not wanting it talked about in faith communities? Then when it is discussed, why do we believe there are only two, and always opposing, sides? How does fear shape our responses to the world we believe we are called to love and serve as followers of Jesus? We claim to be Christians. We are custodians of the Gospel. The church needs to do some reckoning. We are called to bear witness to a God of justice and compassion. What if our righteousness was rooted in justice in community? Come wrestle with all this with our presenter next week and move from this gathering back out into the world with a groundedness in the Gospel. This week, hear from The Rev. George Mason, senior pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, TX, since 1989.

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

Quilts and Kits Found

Some good news from Beirut: Three 40-foot shipping containers filled with thousands of mission quilts and school, personal and baby care kits, which reported as destroyed in the August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon, have been found intact. The three containers were stored behind a concrete block building, protecting them from the blast. The quilts and kits will soon be distributed to Syrian and Palestinian refugees. For more information or to donate: https://lwr.org/beirut

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):

40 years: Martin Kessler (retired) 10/5/1980

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.,
A New Pandemic Fundraiser for CML: 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/5k/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/mz2yf1lw6o/

CML Whoopie Pie Sale

Everyone is invited to participate in Camp Mount Luther's latest pandemic fundraiser. Whoopie Pie orders will be taken until September 30, 2020. You then pick-up your order at the Evergreen Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Cost is $2.00 per Whoopie Pie. This is to replace the normal Whoopie Pie stand at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival. Order online at https://forms.gle/STwkgzJsNt2M68. Flavors to choose from:

- Chocolate with Vanilla
- Chocolate with Peanut Butter
- Red Velvet with Cream Cheese Icing
- Pumpkin with Cream Cheese Icing
- Snickerdoodle with Coffee-Flavored Icing
- Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing
- Lemon
- Drunken (Chocolate with Guinness and Bailey's Irish Cream Icing)
- S'Mores
- Oatmeal

Blanket Sunday is October 4; Drop-off is October 10

Blanket Sunday is just around the corner on October 4. It's sponsored by the Women of the ELCA and the synod's Global Ministry Committee. There will be a container at the Synod Office October 10, from 9-3. If you can please bring help to unload your boxes. Remember to label the boxes, items must be boxed and not weigh more than 40 pounds. Contact Sue Baylor at sueb123@ptd.net if you have questions.

Disaster Response Needs
Prayers

Prayers for Pastors Tim Sadler, Ron Montgomery, and Bernie Engelhardt for health concerns.

For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors:

- United In Christ, West Milton (Pastor Justin Lingenfelter)
- Trinity, McAlester (Interim Pastor Graham Fowler)
- St. Paul, Erdleys (Interim Pastor Ann Zimmerman)
- St. Peter, Grovania (Pastor Gretchen Johanson)
- Trinity, Shamokin (Interim Pastor Sarah Hershberger)
- St. John, Montgomery (Interim Pastor Ted Cockley)

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

Links

**Effective Transitional Leadership**

If you are serving as a leader of an organization during a transition, this course is designed for you! More than ever, leaders of faith communities and organizations need skills to navigate these days of turmoil and change. Effective Transitional Leadership is a virtual workshop designed to teach and apply the essential skills needed to be an effective transitional leader. In these times, executive leaders must understand the opportunities transition creates for organizations and faith communities. This workshop covers the essential characteristics of this specialized work and strategies to support those engaged in it. “The workshop is a PRIMER for those who are new to transitional leadership and a REFRESHER for those transitional practitioners seeking to update their skills.”

TWO CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM: OCTOBER 20, 21, 27, 28, 2020 1:30 to 4:30 Each Day Eastern Time DECEMBER 2-3, 2020 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Each Day Eastern Time AFFORDABLE PRICING: TUITION: $365 CURRENT IMN MEMBER TUITION: $249.00

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER]

**Living Well Cohort**

Our vocation calls us to model healthy behavior wherever we are. Yet it can be challenging to manage and balance our many roles and responsibilities, especially during a pandemic. Tending to your health and staying consistent may feel overwhelming. Often we hear, “I know what to do... but I have a hard time doing it.”

This is a wellness program designed for ministry and lay leaders. It focuses on the physical, nutritional, mental, and spiritual challenges that come with our vocations, especially in the time of COVID. With 1:1 certified nutrition coaching AND cohort support, we help you form sustainable practices that benefit your health, stress management, sleep, and nutrition. You are invited to join us on this journey of holistically Living Well. The first three months specifically address the health challenges brought upon by COVID, with an option to continue further to reach other goals. Registration for the next cohort group is open now until Oct. 9. Check out the information, program outline, FAQs, and registration on the website: [www.livingwellcohort.com](http://www.livingwellcohort.com)

**Continuing Education**

- Now through Oct 1, Fuller Formation is FREE:
https://formation.fuller.edu/
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://impeacecenter.org/
- Check out the latest offerings of the Interim Ministry Network here: https://imnedu.org/

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