Lessons and Carols for the First Sunday of Christmas

Our synod staff will provide a recorded service of Lessons and Carols for the First Sunday of Christmas. Congregations that wish to may use this service in place of their usual Sunday worship. The recording will drop on December 26 at 5:00pm on the synod’s YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Presiding Bishop Message

ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has released her 2020 Christmas Message. Click here for the message.

Missionary Updates

We get newsletter updates from our sponsored missionaries. Here is the latest from Brian Palmer in Liberia:


Next Zoom: January 6
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/](https://www.uss-elca.org/bi-weekly-zoom-instructions/)

**Weekly Online Gathering for ELCA Leaders**

This week’s Zoom is with Rachel Alley to continue to talk about the principles behind Growing Young. This week they will talk about Empathy.

[https://wp.me/p9Gqgm-1kk](https://wp.me/p9Gqgm-1kk)

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**Prayers**

For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors:

- Holy Spirit, Turbotville (Pastor Don Snyder)
- Port Royal Parish (Pastor Rick Adams)
- Salem, Selinsgrove (Pastor Stina Schaeffer)
- St. John, Espy (Pastor Gordon Smith)
- St. John, Leck Kill (Vicar Jodi Ellis)
- Messiah, South Williamsport (Pastor Josh Reinsburrow)

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

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**Links**

**Continuing Education**

- Check out the latest offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry here: [https://diocesecpa.org/ssfsm/](https://diocesecpa.org/ssfsm/)
- Check out the latest offerings from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of their course and webinars at [https://lmpeacecenter.org/](https://lmpeacecenter.org/)
- Check out the latest offerings of the Interim Ministry Network here: [https://imnedu.org/](https://imnedu.org/)

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