

Transitions

as of April 15, 2018

Congregations in Transition

Recent Vacancy:

(Interim pastor has not yet begun)

- Incarnation, Milwaukee (PT pastor)
- Mt. Zion, Wauwatosa (FT pastor)
- St. Luke, Waukesha (FT pastor) – interim covered by current staffing

Mission Exploration Process:

(no candidates received at this time) *NOTE: "Transition Pastors" provide pastoral support and consistency to the congregation during a time of rostered minister transition, and do not lead a MET process. "Transition Consultants" help lead a MET process, and have limited pastoral leadership responsibilities. "Interim Pastors" provide pastoral support and lead a MET process. "Bridge Pastors" offer short term pastoral support until an interim or a called pastor begins.*

- Advent, Cedarburg (FT pastor) – Rev. Debra Trakel, FT interim pastor
- All People's Church (FT lead pastor) – Rev. Alexis Twito, PT transition consultant
- House of Prayer, Franklin (FT pastor) – Rev. Kathy Brown, FT interim pastor
- Peace, Burlington (PT pastor) – Rev. Carol Jeunnette, PT transition consultant
- Redeemer, Hartford (FT pastor) – Rev. Jon Breimeier, PT interim
- Redemption, Wauwatosa (PT pastor) – Rev. Maren Hooper, PT transition pastor
- Spirit Alive!, Kenosha (PT pastor) – Rev. Sue Ruehle, PT transition pastor
- St. Andrew, Sheboygan (PT pastor) – Rev. Paul Ihlenfeld, PT interim
- Trinity, South Milwaukee (FT pastor) – Rev. Michael Mueller, FT interim

Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Posted:

Associate Pastor Positions

- Christ Our Savior, Sussex (FT associate pastor)
- Fox Point, Fox Point (FT 2nd associate pastor)
- Holy Cross, Menomonee Falls (associate pastor)

Co-Pastor Positions

- Ascension, Milwaukee (FT 3rd co-pastor) – Rev. Kipp Zimmerman, bridge pastor

Lead or Senior Pastor Positions:

- Mt. Pleasant, Racine (FT senior pastor) – Rev. Bill Mains, FT transition pastor
- St. John, Brookfield (FT senior pastor) – Rev. Frank Janzow, PT transition consultant
- St. Luke, Waukesha (FT senior pastor) – MET process led by current staffing
- St. Mary, Kenosha (FT senior pastor) – Rev. John Holm, FT interim

Solo Pastor positions:

- Cross, Ixonia (PT solo pastor) – Rev. James Stein, PT interim
- Journey in Faith, Racine (FT pastor) – supply
- St. Paul, Kenosha (PT solo pastor) – Rev. Sue Ruehle, PT bridge pastor
- St. Paul, Milwaukee (FT pastor) – Rev. Jacob Werkheiser, PT transition pastor and Rev. Sandy Jacobs, PT transition consultant
- Zion, Ashippun (PT pastor) – supply pastor

Candidate Name/s Submitted to Call Committee:

- Atonement, Muskego (associate pastor)
- Emaus, Racine (FT bi-lingual solo pastor) – supply
- Holy Trinity, West Allis (FT pastor) – Rev. Dean Natterstad, FT interim
- Lake Park, Milwaukee (3/4 to FT associate pastor)
- Lord of Life, Kenosha (FT associate pastor) – Rev. Cynthia Aasen, PT transition pastor
- Our Savior's, Oconomowoc (FT Administration pastor)
- St. Luke, Slinger (FT pastor) – Rev. Steve Clingman, FT interim
- St. Mark, Cudahy (PT solo pastor) – Rev. Wendy Wirth-Brock, PT bridge pastor
- Unity, Brookfield (FT 3rd pastor) – Rev. Jennifer Carlson, FT transition pastor

Calls Extended & Accepted

- First United, Sheboygan (FT associate pastor)
- Messiah, Twin Lakes (PT pastor) – two year term call – Rev. Melody Brink
- Our Savior's, Oconomowoc (FT Education pastor) – Rev. Tracy Polzin

Rostered Ministers in Transition

Rostered Ministers Who Have Recently Changed Calls

Within the Greater Milwaukee Synod

- Rev. Kimberly Jordan, from transition pastor at Our Savior's, Oconomowoc to called pastor at Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee
- Rev. Karen Pahl, from interim pastor at St Paul, Kenosha to called pastor at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Racine

To the Greater Milwaukee Synod

- Rev. Melody Brink, from OLC to 2 year term call pastor at Messiah, Twin Lakes
- Rev. Tracy Polzin, from Northern Great Lakes Synod to called pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Oconomowoc

From the Greater Milwaukee Synod

- Rev. Harold Eppley, from OLC to resigned from the ELCA roster
- Rev. Matthew Lee, from ELCA ecumenical ministry to the roster of the Presbyterian Church USA
- Rev. Wayne Nieminen, from GMS roster to Rocky Mountain Synod
- Rev. Daniel Vojta, from Peace, Burlington to South Central Synod
- Rev. Crista Von Zychlin, from GMS roster to Rocky Mountain Synod
- Rev. Carol Baumgartner - removed from Roster
- Rev. Eric Luedtke, from St. Johns, Brookfield to Minneapolis Synod

Rostered Ministers Recently Moved to On Leave from Call (OLC)

- Rev. Diane Olson from called pastor at Incarnation, Milwaukee to OLC

Rostered Ministers Recently Retired

- Rev. Kathy Boadwine, from senior pastor at St Luke, Waukesha to retirement
- Rev. Ingrid Huebner, from OLC to retirement
- Rev. David Larson, from President and CEO at LSS of WI and Upper MI to retirement
- Rev. Deb Ohrtman, from pastor at Mt Zion, Wauwatosa to retirement
- Rev. Steve Ohrtman, from pastor at Mt Zion, Wauwatosa to retirement
- Rev. Norene Smith, from pastor at Bayshore, Whitefish Bay to retirement
- Rev. Larry Westfield, from Lutheran Planned Giving to retirement
- Rev. Warren Williams, from pastor at Living Faith, Racine to retirement

Retired Rostered Ministers Who Have Transferred Synods

- Rev. Harvey Berg, from GMS roster to East Central Synod roster
- Rev. Curt Schneider, from Northeast Iowa Synod to GMS
- Rev. Carol Jeunnette, from New England Synod to GMS
- Rev. Robert Hanson, from East Central Synod of Wisconsin to GMS

Rostered Ministers Who Have Recently Died

- Rev. John Eilertson
- Rev. Glen Holmquist

“The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”

Psalm 121:8



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Notes from the Bishop

Trusting the Winds of the Spirit: Curiosity, Courage, and Compassion

When we gather in assembly at the end of May, we will be exploring, in our worship services, devotions, and conversations, what it means to allow our individual and communal faith lives to be shaped by curiosity, courage, and compassion. I'd like to prime the pump, so to speak, so here's why I think these three words should guide us as we move forward in God's mission.

Curiosity. I've come to believe that life, ministry, and leadership in this time is more about asking the right questions, not having the right answers. We are living in a time of such significant, constant, and rapidly increasing change, that the answers we derive are often in response to yesterday's questions. We need to keep asking, exploring, entering into our relationships with a spirit of curiosity, wondering just what God is inviting us to be and do in this fluid time. Asking questions also keeps us humble, as we need to enter into relationships with new people or new situations with a spirit of openness, always seeking to know and understand more deeply.

Courage. I've come to believe that when our faith is deep and rooted in the promises of God's love for us in Christ, we can be freed to take risks and enter into situations and conversations that may well be new, fearful, and challenging. Having the faith and courage to step outside our familiar and comfortable places to engage does not mean that we have no fear, rather that our faith is greater than our fear. We can then, rooted in curiosity and humility, ask the hard questions that help us examine our own prejudices and practices that perpetuate the systems and behaviors that deny the humanity of others.

Compassion. I've come to believe that, as we consider how to fashion our ministries to engage in God's mission in this fluid context, the one constant in our lives of faith is love. We cannot try to strengthen our ministries and expand our outreach motivated by a desire to save the church or get new members; we simply need to explore how we can love our neighbors better. Compassion calls us outside ourselves and helps us focus our lives and our ministries on the needs of others.

I look forward to our time together in assembly and to discovering together how God is calling us to engage in the mission of love and reconciliation, strengthening our communities and walking together, with God, with each other, and with our neighbors near and far.

Synod Assembly 2019

As we gear up for this year's synod assembly, we want to alert you to the fact that there will be some significant changes in how we use our annual gathering to do the important work of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Starting in 2019, the synod assembly will be shorter, and will begin on Friday evening, May 31 and end on Saturday, June 1 at approximately 4 p.m. We will also be trying out a new location, meeting at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee.

The reasons for these changes are several, but a primary motivation is to increase the diversity of our assembly participants. By avoiding weekday meeting times, we hope that people for whom this has been an obstacle will now be able to participate fully in our annual gathering.

We will continue to hold the annual Together in Mission event in February, and this will be the time for ministry fairs and workshops. We intend to follow this pattern for several years and we look forward to your input and feedback as we seek to find the best way to engage our congregations and leaders in our work to be church together for the sake of the world.

Synod Assembly 2018 Countdown!

10. If you haven't registered yet please register no later than April 30. Prices go up on May 1! (milwaukeesynod.org/event/synod-assembly-2018)
9. We have four great and mostly free public events for everyone to attend. See next page. (milwaukeesynod.org/event/2018-opening-events-for-synod-assembly)
8. Consider how you might serve. Nomination forms for open positions for churchwide assembly, Consultation Committee, and Nominating Committee are available on our website. (bitly/2HDOoy3)
7. Read the assembly reports and prepare for the resolutions. All info is online and updated frequently. (milwaukeesynod.org/event/synod-assembly-2018)
6. *A spirit-filled worship will take place at 7:45 p.m. on May 31. During this worship we will bless and send our youth who are headed to the Gathering in Houston.*
5. *Our Global Cafe takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1. Tickets are included in your assembly registration and are just \$15 for everyone else. Rev. Felix Malpica will lead us in singing. Food and non-alcoholic drinks included. Cash bar available.*
4. Help us provide books by collecting new or gently used titles from the approved list (bit.ly/2JFvyr8) and bringing them to assembly to be sent to Houston with our youth.
3. Consider using the bulletin inserts, flyers and powerpoint materials in our online assembly packet for your congregation.
2. We're getting greener! Be ready to see a huge reduction in paper at Synod Assembly. There will be no assembly packets this year. We are only printing supplements (agendas) for those that request a paper copy. We encourage everyone to shift to our electronic Guidebook. (guidebook.com/app/elcaevents)
1. Get ready for assembly 2019! Join us at the Italian Community Center on May 31 and June 1. This is our first assembly that will begin on Friday evening and continue to about 4 p.m. on Saturday. We're making some big changes and invite you to join us!

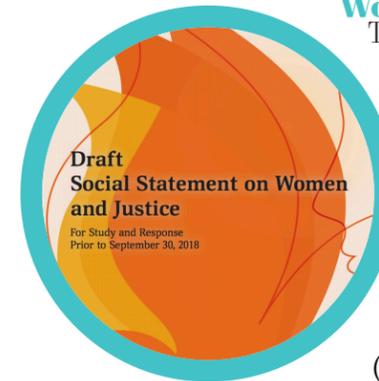
*Italicized items are open to the general public.
We do ask that you register so we can provide adequate space and seating.*



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Synod Assembly Public Events



Women and Justice Hearing Thursday, May 31 at 3 p.m.

Our Greater Milwaukee Synod is hosting two hearings for ELCA members to comment on the text of the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. The first is on Thursday, May 31 and the second is on Saturday, June 16. These hearings are a vital part in the development of the statement, as an opportunity for ELCA members to share their thoughts on the draft.

A representative of the ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ will be present at the hearing. An appointed recorder will keep track of everything said (without names) and submit a report to the task force. The task force is committed to reading all of these reports as they consider how to revise the draft into a proposed social statement, which will be released in February 2019.

For additional information about the synodical hearing, please visit ELCA.org/womenandjustice or call the synod office at 414-671-1212.

A second hearing will be held on June 16 from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. Learn more about this second hearing at goo.gl/Waf1V4.

How Did We Get Here? – Reggie Jackson

Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Reggie Jackson, from Nurturing Diversity Partners, will share a close look at the historical forces that have created racial divisions throughout the nation's history to gain a better understanding of how we became a nation that is so divided by race. We will look at some common sense solutions that will assist us in making progress towards building a racially just society that we will all benefit from as Americans. Learn more about Reggie Jackson: goo.gl/9Kx3N9



Other public events include Opening Worship on Thursday, May 31 at 7:45 p.m. and Global Cafe on Friday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m.

For more information and to register for these events and Synod Assembly, visit: milwaukeesynod.org/event/synod-assembly-2018

Other Upcoming Events

June 9

diakonia Graduation
Christ the King, Port Washington
2 p.m.

September 8

Outreach for Hope Family Bike Rides
Dousman and Ozaukee
All day

September 23-25

Fall Theological Conference
Green Lake Conference Center
6 p.m. on the 23rd - noon on the 25th

More information: milwaukeesynod.org/events/