As of January 8, 2018

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- Peace, Burlington (PT pastor)
- Zion, Ashippun (PT pastor)

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Rostered Ministers Who Have Recently Changed Calls:

- Within the Greater Milwaukee Synod
  - Rev. Kathy Brown, from called pastor at Messiah, Twin Lakes to interim pastor at House of Prayer, Franklin
- From the Greater Milwaukee Synod
  - Rev. Matthew Lee, from called pastor to ecumenical ministry to the Presbyterian Church USA

Rostered Ministers Recently Retired:

- Rev. Janis Kinens, from called pastor at Advent, Cedarburg to retirement
- Rev. James Bickel from Executive Director, Outreach for Hope to retirement

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Congregations in Transition

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- • All People’s Gathering (FT lead pastor) – Rev. Alexis Twins, PT transition consultant
- • Cross, Dixonia (PT pastor) – Rev. James Stein, PT interim
- • Good Shepherd Trinity, Milwaukee – ELCA/PCUSA (PT pastor) – pulpit supply
- • House of Prayer, Franklin (FT pastor) – Rev. Kathy Brown, FT interim
- • Lord of Life, Kenosha (FT associate pastor) – Rev. Cynthia Aasen, PT transition pastor
- • Redeemer, Hartford (FT pastor) – Rev. Jon Breimeier, PT interim
- • Redemption, Wasawatona (PT pastor) – Rev. Maren Hooper, PT transition pastor
- • Spirit Alive!, Kenosha (FT pastor) – Rev. Sue Ruehle, PT transition pastor
- • St. Andrew, Sheboygan (PT pastor) – Rev. Paul Ihlenfeld, PT interim
- • St. John, Brookfield (TF senior pastor) – Rev. Frank Janzow, PT transition consultant
- • St. Luke, Slinger (FT pastor) – Rev. Steve Clinkman, FT interim
- • St. Mary, Kenosha (FT senior pastor) – Rev. John Holin, FT interim
- • St. Paul, Milwaukee (PT pastor) – Rev. Jacob Wiehekeizer, PT transition pastor and Rev. Sandy Jacobs, PT transition consultant
- • Trinity, South Milwaukee (FT pastor) – Rev. Michael Mueller, FT interim

Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Posted:

- • Fox Point, Fox Point (FT 2nd associate pastor)
- • Journey in Faith, Racine (FT pastor)
- • Holy Trinity, West Allis (FT pastor) – Rev. Dean Natterstad, FT interim
- • Lake Park, Milwaukee (3/4 to FT Associate pastor)
- • Mt. Pleasant, Racine (FT senior pastor) – Rev. Bill Mains, FT transition pastor
- • Mt. St. Mark’s, Cudahy (PT pastor) – Rev. Ron Ballew, PT interim
- • Unity, Brookfield (3rd pastor) – Rev. Jennifer Carlson, FT transition pastor

Candidate Names Submitted:

- • Emaus, Racine (FT bi-lingual pastor)
- • First United, Sheboygan (PT associate pastor)
- • Our Savor’s, Oconomowoc (FT Administration pastor) – Rev. Kimberly Jordan, FT transition pastor
- • Our Savor’s, Oconomowoc (FT Education pastor)

Calls Extended:

- • Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee (PT pastor)
- • Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Racine (FT pastor)

Reminders and Deadlines:

- Congregational Reports Deadline: February 15
- Rostered Ministers Who Have Recently Changed Calls
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We are, truly, Together in Mission in our Greater Milwaukee Synod! Called, gathered and sent in Jesus’ name we journey together in God’s work of love and reconciliation.

To celebrate and strengthen our partnership, we are gathering on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for our Together in Mission event. Combining elements of last year’s cluster assembly and the Lead & Learn event, our gathering is geared toward congregational leaders of all kinds, staff, and rostered leaders. We will dwell in God’s Word, meet in mission clusters, and participate in workshops that engage our stories and questions in ministry.

Workshop topics will include:
- Neighborhood Outreach: Listening and Engaging in our Communities
- Portico Benefits presentations for Rostered Leaders and for Congregational Leaders
- Be Safe, Be Prepared: How to Survive an Active Shooter
- Pastoral Transition and Call Process
- Beer, Bees, Bread & Beyond: Imagining New Ministry Edges
- Effective Communication in the Parish
- Conflict in the Congregation
- Cross+Gen Ministry
- Social Media

Tentative Schedule:
8:30 – 9 a.m. Gathering & Coffee
9 – 9:45 a.m. Dwelling in the Word
10 – 11:15 a.m. Workshops - Morning Session
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cluster Lunch Gatherings
1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Workshops - Afternoon Session
2:45 p.m. Closing

Register/learn more: milwaukeesynod.org/event/together-in-mission

Welcome Timothy Larson, New Executive Director of Outreach for Hope

Outreach for Hope is pleased to welcome Timothy Larson as the new Executive Director of Outreach for Hope effective January 15, 2018. As Executive Director, Tim will be responsible for advancing the mission of Outreach for Hope with the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He will build relationships with donors, administer grants, oversee the finances, and promote Outreach for Hope in the public and religious community of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Outreach for Hope’s mission is to inspire donors to live and give generously by investing their gifts as a resource for transformation in Greater Milwaukee Synod ministries serving communities of poverty. Outreach for Hope granted $350,000 last year and granted more than $4.4 million in the past 21 years to support these ministries.

“Tim’s experience at both raising and granting funds make him ideally suited to lead the work at Outreach for Hope,” says Rev. Paul Erickson, Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. “When our donors look for ways to make a difference in the world, they will have a partner in Tim whose broad experience in philanthropy will enable them to have greater impact in the community.”

Tim comes to Outreach for Hope following his tenure at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, where he served as Vice President of Philanthropic Services. At the Foundation, he advised donors and helped to increase resources to support the needs of the greater Milwaukee’s nonprofit organizations.

“I am excited to collaborate with Outreach for Hope’s donors, board and staff to build on its legacy of philanthropic leadership to build strong vibrant ministries that will be centers of hope in the midst of communities challenged by poverty.” said Larson.

Prior to his position at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Tim served in leadership positions at Rush University Medical Center, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Tim is actively involved in community and professional organizations and has held leadership positions for the Partners in Philanthropic Planning and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Tim also serves on the board of the Siebert Lutheran Foundation and on the advisory board for Outreach for Hope. Tim holds a MA in social service administration from the University of Chicago’s School of Social Service Administration, a Master of Divinity from Meadville/Lombard Theological School, and a BA in religion from St. Olaf College. Tim is a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Milwaukee.

Larson succeeds Outreach for Hope’s Executive Director, Rev. Jim Bickel, who retired at the end of 2017.