

Additions to Mobility List | July 21 - Oct. 16, 2023

full list at milwaukee-synod.org/congregations-in-transition

New Change of Status for Congregations in Transition

- All Peoples, Milwaukee** (FT solo pastor) – in interim
- All Saints, Wales** (FT solo pastor) – names submitted
- Bethania, Racine** (PT solo pastor) – in interim
- Christ Our Savior, Sussex** (FT lead pastor) – names submitted
- Christ the Servant, Waukesha** (FT pastor) – call extended
- Cross, Milwaukee** (PT associate pastor) – call extended
- Incarnation, Milwaukee** (PT solo pastor) – in interim
- Lake Park, Milwaukee** (FT pastor) – call extended
- Lake Park, Milwaukee** (FT pastor or deacon) – in interim
- Lakeside, Kenosha** (PT solo pastor) – MSP posted

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 24 @ 6:30 pm

**Inspired for Mission Zoom Gathering:
“Meeting God Over Coffee”**

Saturday, October 28

“Deconstructing Racism” Training
St. Matthew’s, Wauwatosa | Register by 10/23

Saturday, November 11 @ 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

We Love All 2023 (RIC ministry event)
Christ the Servant, Waukesha | Register by 11/2 to
guarantee a meal

Saturday, December 2 @ 2:00 - 3:30 pm

**I Love to Tell the Story: How Storytelling Can
Revitalize Your Congregation**
Coffee Makes You Black coffee shop (2803 N
Teutonia Ave, Milwaukee) | Register by 11/28

January 16 - 24, 2024

Bishop’s Trip to El Salvador
Complete the interest form online

Saturday, February 10, 2024

2024 Together in Mission
Ascension, Waukesha | Details to come

**Learn more + register for events at
www.milwaukee-synod.org/events**

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Racine (FT senior pastor) – call extended

Mt Olive, Mukwonago (FT solo pastor) – names submitted

Reformation, Brookfield (PT solo pastor) – call extended

Resurrection, New Berlin (FT solo pastor) – in interim

St Mary’s, Kenosha (FT lead pastor) – MSP posted

Trinity, Cedarburg (FT solo pastor) – call extended

Vernon, Mukwonago (FT solo pastor) – in interim

New Change of Status for Rostered Ministers

Rev. John Anderson, from called pastor at Vernon, Mukwonago to called pastor at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Racine

Rev. Heidi Borkenhagen, from interim ministry at Trinity, Cedarburg to interim associate pastor at First United, Sheboygan

Rev. Lindsey Beukelman, from called pastor at All Peoples, Milwaukee to OLC

Rev. Erin Coutts, from East Central Synod of Wisconsin to called pastor at Trinity, Cedarburg

Rev. Char Guiliani, from called pastor at Incarnation, Milwaukee to called pastor at Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit, Milwaukee

Rev. Jess Kowalski, from candidate to called pastor at Reformation, Brookfield

Rev. Alissa Kretzmann Farrar, from called associate pastor at Lake Park, Milwaukee to called pastor at Lake Park, Milwaukee

Rev. Juniper Linberry, from candidate to called associate pastor at Cross, Milwaukee

Rev. Karen Pahl, from interim financial administrator for GMS to called pastor at Christ the Servant, Waukesha

Rev. Steve Rutter, from interim pastor at Lake Park, Milwaukee to interim pastor at Resurrection, New Berlin

Remembering Rostered Ministers Who Have Died

Rev. RW (Pat) Anderson died on August 31, 2023. He was ordained in the United Lutheran Church in 1962 and served many congregations including Martin Luther, Milwaukee; Reformation, Milwaukee; and Bay Shore, Whitefish Bay. A full obituary can be found at <https://www.jsonline.com/obituaries/pwix0577745>.

Rev. Gerry Goodrich died on September 1, 2023. Pastor Goodrich was ordained in 1964 in the Lutheran Church in America. His ministry included calls at Holy Nativity, Kenosha and Lutheran Homes, Oconomowoc. A full obituary can be found at <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/28953535/rev-gerald-goodrich>.

Rev. Fran Odden died on September 3, 2023. Pastor Odden was ordained in 1964 in the American Lutheran Church. He was called to a variety of ministries, including Mount Hope, West Allis; Bay Shore, Whitefish Bay; and the Greater Milwaukee Synod staff. A full obituary can be found at <https://www.jsonline.com/obituaries/pwix0566440>.



Life Together | Fall 2023

Notes from the Bishop

“Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.”

(Jeremiah 31:15-17)



Ever since I first heard the news of the violent attacks conducted by Hamas against Israeli citizens and the subsequent response, I have felt like weeping. Weeping for all who have lost their lives, all who have lost their livelihood, all who have lost whatever fragile sense of security they might have had in this deeply troubled part of the world. There is so much that I don’t know and will never understand about the causes and dimensions of this conflict, and my heart is filled with conflicting thoughts and emotions. The violence and division and pain seem to be so deep and profound, and our thoughts and prayers for peace and reconciliation seem so insufficient.

The passage from Jeremiah was used by the Gospel writer Matthew (Matthew 2:18) to describe the deep anguish following the slaughter of the innocents by Herod after the birth of Jesus, and it has been used ever since to give voice to the pain and lament so many have felt whenever senseless violence and the loss of innocent life takes place. And yet, there is in the next verse a promise of hope for the future. What does hope look like in this time and in this place?

Once a month for the past seven years, I have participated in a breakfast gathering of interfaith religious leaders in Milwaukee. The attendance varies between five and ten leaders, and we simply gather to eat and share our common stories of joy and struggle, building relationships that we hope will provide a foundation for our common work. This past month, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders met in my office, and the Israeli-Hamas conflict was front and center. It was not an easy conversation, as it was clear that the participants had different thoughts, experiences, and opinions, but we shared a common lament for the violence and hatred, and a deep longing that the extreme voices on both sides would

give way to the voices urging a peaceful coexistence. The fact that we had been meeting for years and had built a foundation of trust allowed us to explore our differences and find some common ground. As the meeting ended, one of the Muslim leaders sighed, looked deep into the eyes of one of the Jewish rabbis present, shook his hand and simply said, “Shalom, my brother.” Shalom; salaam; peace. This is our hope, this is our prayer, this is our calling, to work together to build the relationships that lead to peace.

“Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.”

(Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, ELW 712)

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Get Ready For a Synod-Wide Storytelling Event!



Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Coffee Makes You Black coffee shop (2803 N Teutonia Ave, Milwaukee)

Come to hear inspiring stories of how God is touching the lives of people in this synod, and leave with practical tools you can use in your congregation to ignite the practice of spiritual storytelling. If you are seeking inspiration for why what we do in church matters, or if you are seeking tools that can help you revitalize your congregation, you don't want to miss this!

This is the first of several events that will take place over the next 6 months in various locations around the synod. Stay tuned for information on future events.

A light lunch will be provided. There is no fee to attend, but please be sure to register ahead of time so we can order enough food for all. Parents are welcome to bring their little ones; this is a "real life is welcome here" kind of event.

Questions? Contact Rev. Matthew Short at matt@milwaukeesynod.org.

Register by Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 11:59 pm at
milwaukeesynod.org/event/2023-i-love-to-tell-the-story

Coming In Late 2023: ETS Innovation Coaching Grants

Later this year, following Thanksgiving, we anticipate being able to open the portal by which congregations can apply for Equipping the Saints funds to cover mission coaching!

Learn more about innovation coaching at milwaukeesynod.org/inspired-for-mission-september-2023.

Watch our e-news and website for more information in the coming months.

Monthly Congregational Innovation Gatherings Are Back!



Every 4th Tuesday of the Month on Zoom

Our monthly virtual gatherings led by our synod's Mission Table are back with a new name: "Inspired for Mission"!

Get inspired each month by a new story about where God is leading the Church, and talk about what's inspiring you. Whether you were a regular attendee of our previous "I'm Curious About..." series, or are new to our synod... this is a great place for GMS lay and rostered leaders to find ideas, resources, and encouragement.

Each month, we will meet to learn about and discuss a topic related to the mission we share. Connect with others in these virtual gatherings, and take questions and resources back to your congregation. Every voice is welcome!

Here's how it works: We'll start each Zoom gathering with an inspiring story, then break into small groups for about 15 minutes to talk about what we heard. (Clergy and lay participants will have separate breakout rooms.) After that, we'll re-gather in the large group to share highlights and questions from our discussions.

Visit milwaukeesynod.org/inspired-for-mission
to get Zoom links for future gathering and watch past recordings



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