

Faith Practice: **SHOWING UP**

Resources to engage the central faith practices
of the Greater Milwaukee Synod

How does your congregation live out "Showing Up"?

At the 2019 Assembly, our Greater Milwaukee Synod adopted a new Vision, Mission, Core Values and Practices statement that named **SHOWING UP** as a central faith practice, and described it this way:



We live out our faith by engaging in service, action, and advocacy around issues of poverty, violence, racial equity, gender, LGBTQIA+ issues, immigration, mental illness, and injustice.

You are invited to use the resources below to lift up this faith practice.



KEY QUESTIONS

We invite you to choose a scripture from the list below, and lead a devotion and discussion time with your congregation's council, or other leadership group.

+ Jesus, the Word made flesh, is God showing up in our imperfect world. What are ways this congregation already "shows up" in service, action and advocacy?

+ As you look at the state of the world, what breaks your heart? What do you imagine breaks God's heart? What is one way we could deepen our service, action, or advocacy?



SYNOD-WIDE "HASHTAG" PHOTO SHARING

Invite your members to share photos on social media that look like "showing up."

Use the hashtag **#ShowUpGMS**. Google the hashtag to see photos from across the synod!

SCRIPTURES

to use in worship, adult forums, council devotions

Leviticus 23:22

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Zechariah 7:9-10

Matthew 25:31-40

Luke 10:25-37

John 5:2-17

HYMNS

Let Streams of Living Justice
(ELW #710)

O Christ, Your Heart,
Compassionate
(ELW #722)

When the Poor Ones
(ELW #725)

Light Dawns on a
Weary World
(ELW #726)

MOVIE

"The Best of Enemies"
(2019 - PG-13)

A true story of a life-changing relationship between a civil rights leader and a member of the KKK.

BLOG

The Power of a Name

Go to spiritandtruthpublishing.com
Click on "Blog"
Use the search bar on the right to search for the title above.

VIDEO



Search YouTube for
"Show Up ELCA"
by Joe Davis,
spoken word artist
(3:54)

SYNOD RESOURCES

Visit milwaukesynod.org
and click on "Partners"
to access resources for
the many ways
we "show up" together.