Recent Vacancy:  
(Interim pastor has not yet begun)  
• Capitol Drive, Milwaukee (PT pastor)

Mission Exploration Process:  
(no candidates received at this time) NOTE: “Transition Pastors” provide pastoral support and are called to the congregation during a time of pastoral minister transition, and do not lead a MFC process. “Transition Pastors” help lead a MFC process, and know how to lead pastoral leadership responsibilities. “Interim Pastors” provide pastoral support and lead a MFC process. “Bread & Bridge Pastors” offer short term pastoral support and retain or return to a pulpicate position.

• Advent, Cedarburg (PT pastor) – supply pastor
• Bayshore, Whitefish Bay (PT pastor) – Rev. Sean Dyser, PT interim pastor
• Bayside, Franklin (PT pastor) – Rev. Kathy Brown, PT interim pastor
• Bayshore, Milwaukee (PT pastor) – Rev. Viktoria Wilkins, PT bridge interim pastor
• Luther Memorial, West Allis (PT pastor) – Rev. Frank Manzow, PT interim pastor
• MB Zion, Waukesha (PT pastor) – Rev. Josh Galbreth, PT interim pastor
• Peace, Brighton (PT pastor) – Rev. Carol Jemison, PT transition consultant
• Germas, Mukauksa (PT pastor) – Rev. David Patterson, PT interim pastor

Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Posted:  
• Cross, Isaquah (1/2 time – shared pastor with Zion, Ashpurn) – Rev. Curt Schneider, bridge pastor
• Zion, Ashpurn (1/2 time – shared pastor with Cross, Isaquah) – supply pastor
• Solo Parish Profile
• All Peoples Church, Milwaukee (FT solo pastor) – covered by current staffing

Candidate Name: s/Submitted to Call Committee:  
• Holy Cross, Menomonee Falls (PT associate pastor)  
• Journey in Faith, Racine (PT pastor) – Rev. Paul Bilsfild, PT bridge pastor
• Living Faith, Racine (PT pastor) – covered by current staffing
• Redemser, Hartford (PT pastor) – Rev. Jon Himrein, PT interim pastor
• St. John, Brookfield (PT senior pastor) – Rev. Frank Janow, PT transition pastor and Rev. Karen Natterstad, PT transition pastor
• St. Mark, Grapity (PT solo pastor) – Rev. Wendy Waltle Breek, PT bridge pastor
• St. Mary, Kenosha (PT senior pastor) – Rev. Jeff Mortenson-Wiebe*  
• St. Paul, Kenosha (1/2 time of St. Paul and 1/2 time at Spirit) – Rev.  
Cynthia Aason, bridge pastor
• St. Paul, Milwaukee (PT pastor) – supply pastor
• Unity, Freedhold (3rd PT pastor) – Rev. Jennifer Carben, PT transition pastor

Call Extended (“starred the new call now”):  
• Avancem, Milwaukee (PT 3rd call) – Rev. Lynn Erickson*  
• Cross, Burlington (PT associate pastor) – Rev. Elizabeth Lee  
• Holy Trinity, West Allis (PT pastor) – Rev. Jay Thorsen*  
• Lord of Life, Kenosha (PT associate pastor) – Rev. Adam Moreo*  
• Mt. Pleasant, Racine (PT senior pastor) – Rev. Beth Ann Lechtenberger Hone*  
• St. Luke, Waukesha (PT senior pastor) – Rev. Dr. Lindsey Jordan  
• Trinity, South Milwaukee (PT pastor) – Rev. Davie Mihal

Congregations in Transition

Rostered Ministers in Transition

Rostered Ministers Who Have Recently Changed Calls:  
(See Greater Milwaukee Synod)  
• Rev. Lynn Erickson, from the St. Paul Area Synod, to called pastor at Avancem, Milwaukee  
• Rev. Laura Gerald Boekema, from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, to Director of Pastoral Care for Luther Manor  
• Rev. Joshua Grater, from the Northwestern Ohio Synod, to supply pastor to interim ministry at Mt. Zion, Waukesha  
• Rev. John Bremer, from candidate for Word and Sacrament Ministry, to called pastor at Lord of Life, Kenosha  
• Rev. Joy Mortenson-Wiebe, from the Northwestern Synod, to called pastor at St. Luke, Glendale  
• Rev. Beth Ann Lechtenberger Hone, from the Nebraska Synod, to called pastor at St. Luke, Glendale  
• Rev. Adam Moreo, from candidate for Word and Sacrament Ministry, to called pastor at Lord of Life, Kenosha  
• Rev. Joy Mortenson-Wiebe, from the Northwestern Synod, to called pastor at St. Luke, Glendale  
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• Rev. Joy Mortenson-Wiebe, from the Northeastern Ohio Synod, to called pastor to interim ministry at Mt. Zion, Waukesha  
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• Rev. David Patterson, from chaplaincy to PT interim pastor at Vernon, Mukauksa

Rostered Ministers Recently Retired:  
• Rev. Dean Natterstad, from supply interim ministry at Holy Trinity, West Allis to retirement

Remembering Rostered Ministers Who Recently Died:  
• Deacon Bill Brauer – Bill completed his journey of life with cancer on September 20, 2018. He was born on November 28, 1934, in New Hampton, IA to Ned and Margaret (see Siewert) Brauer. Bill grew up in Freeburg, IL, graduated from Freeburg High School and the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. He taught middle school and high school vocal music in Calmar. In 1986, he became a member of Community Education at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar. Bill also served as music director at Calmar Lutheran Church. In 1990, Mr. Brauer became the Music Director at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Caledonia. In 2000, he was honored by then-Roman Catholic Archbishop Rembert Weakland as his “Ecclesiastical Person of the Year.” His heart and joy were in worship. In 1990, he was honored by then-Roman Catholic Archbishop Rembert Weakland as his “Ecclesiastical Person of the Year.” His heart and joy were in worship.

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A few weeks ago, on October 10, I offered the opening prayer at an event co-sponsored by Marquette University, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and the Zeidler Center for Public Discussion called “Faith in Democracy in Troubled Times.” It featured an interfaith panel of leaders, reflecting on how their respective traditions shaped their engagement in political and civic life. It was a powerful evening, as we spoke and listened to people from the Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh faith communities, as well as a variety of Christian denominations. Even though we came from different perspectives, we recognized common themes and values, as we are all guided by the desire to love our neighbor and seek the welfare of the community.

We live in incredibly divided times, and it seems like leaders from various perspectives on the political and ideological spectrum find it to be an effective tool to paint one’s opponent as evil, stupid, or just plain wrong. Paul’s image in the second chapter of Ephesians of a “dividing wall of hostility” is painfully relevant, and we would do well to also explore his words that point us toward a different path.

Paul reminds us that God has granted us a unity in the Spirit, that we are members of a universal family, and we experience a unity that goes deeper than race or gender or class or education or experience or age. We believe that in Christ there is no east or west, no north or south, no male or female, or slave or free, there is only sinner and saint, and we are both. We are all in need of Christ’s love, and we are all set free through his death and resurrection. My prayer, as we engage as citizens of this great nation as well as citizens of God’s righteous reign, is that we treat one another with honor, dignity, and respect, recognizing the unity and the diversity that are both gifts from God. In the words that I prayed at that interfaith event:

“Judge not in the way you see evil, for you are all in need of Christ’s love, and you are all set free through his death and resurrection. My prayer is that we would do well to explore the words that point us toward a different path.”

Creator of us all, we delight in the glorious diversity of your creation. We come from different places and are shaped by different experiences. We think differently, we worship differently, we act differently, and we vote differently. And yet, we are also united in many ways; we all dream and despair, rejoice and suffer on this, our common home. Guide us as we seek to deepen our relationships with you, with one another, and with the world around us, shaped by curiosity, courage, and compassion. Help us to refrain from using confusion and conflict as excuses to remain passive bystanders to the challenges facing us. Keep us humble, reminding us that none of us can hold the fullness of truth in our small hands. Help us to work together across all the gaps that divide us to revitalize the fabric of our torn society, until the day when the whole creation will experience the peace, reconciliation, and joy that we so desperately long for. Amen.

Bishop Paul Erickson

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**OCT 29**
Fed for the Journey
6-8 p.m. at Resurrection, New Berlin

Bishop Paul Erickson and Assistant to the Bishop Matthew Short are leading five regional “Fed For the Journey” dinners. We will engage in conversation about how we are stronger in mission when we are church together and engaged in ministries of love and reconciliation. We will together imagine ways we can strengthen our common witness in this rapidly changing context. We want to hear your stories and your dreams about where God is calling us together!

**OCT 30**
Fed for the Journey
6-8 p.m. at Christ the King, Delafield

**JAN 26**
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Chili Cook-off
5-8 p.m. at Mount Hope, West Allis

**FEB 16**
Together in Mission
St. John’s, Brookfield
More information coming soon, but note the date change!

**MAY 31**
2019 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly
Friday May 31 (5 p.m.) through Saturday, June 1 (4 p.m.), at the Italian Community Center, Milwaukee. The synod council has recently voted to change the voting member allocation process, allowing every congregation to send one additional lay voting member, as long as one of the lay voting members is under the age of 30.

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