

HEADLINES

Adult Mission Trip 2018

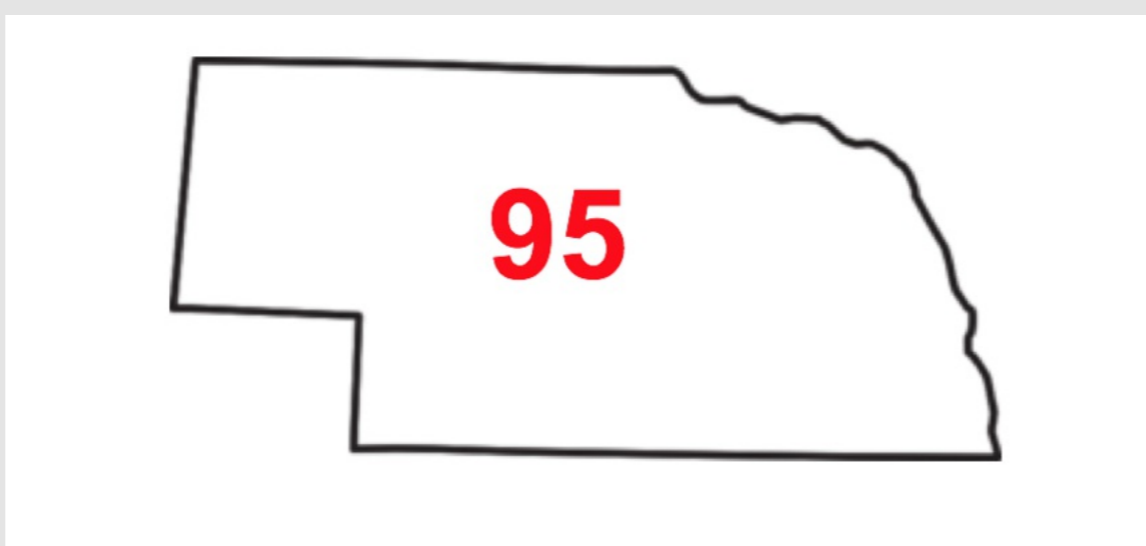
Texas and Florida are on our minds and hearts following the devastation of hurricane Harvey and Irma. Lutheran Disaster response generally goes in a little later and stays for the duration of rebuilding therefore we will continue our path to Tennessee in 2018 and look to these other areas in the future. Nebraska Adult Mission Trip will be working on house repairs in the Gallatinburg, TN area due to tornado damage. We will stay at Foothills Camp and Retreat Center East Tennessee Church of the Nazarene (2926 Topside Road, Louisville, TN 37777), February 17-24, 2018.

For more information visit the [event page](#). To register visit the [registration page](#).



The Nebraska 95

Alone or with other ELCA congregations in your community or cluster, offer a worship service in every day and unlikely places around your area. Look for places that are signs of God's presence and providing in the world—a funeral home, the grocery store, a pasture or corn field, water treatment plant, school, machine shop, outside city hall or the courthouse, in a courtroom, etc. Get permission to use the site and then develop the worship theme to fit the place. Be sure to do plenty of publicity in the community so they know where to find you. When you have a worship service planned, please share the date, time, place, and theme with Pastor Steve Meyering & Brenda Rivas, our synod communications manager, 2-3 weeks before your event.



MINISTRY RESOURCES

Retirement Question? Portico Can Help!

Retirement planning can seem daunting unless you have someone to walk you through it. Portico's day-long pre-retirement seminar for Portico plan members age 50+, will do just that.

Together with Ernst & Young, Portico covers all facets of retirement planning in understandable terms — from establishing a retirement budget to reviewing health care options. You'll breathe easier when you know the steps you need to take. Take advantage of this opportunity and join us on May 17th at Carol Joy Holling Camp. [Just click here to register!](#) The cost is \$35/person which includes lunch at the event.



Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders

The Nebraska Synod Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders training program for rostered leaders and Parish Ministry Associates is designed to enrich both our opportunity and responsibility as leaders for Christ's church. The cost is \$40. (Materials through the FaithTrust Institute and lunch are included.) Register online. Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each event.

Training has been scheduled for the following date:

- Saturday, January 20, 2018

For more information visit the [Essential Boundaries](#) page.

Other Ministry Resources

- [Transformational Ministry](#) -trainings for congregations
- [Renewal Grants](#)
- [One Another Grant Proposals](#)
- [Buck the Trend: A Curriculum for responding to Hunger & Poverty](#)
- [Reformation 500th Anniversary](#) resources -events & materials
- [Faith, Sexism, Justice](#) resources -brochures, forms, & other materials
- [Drinking from the Well](#) -spiritual direction information
- [A Call to Prayer](#) -ideas for encouraging potential leaders
- [ELCA Go & Do News & World Hunger Synod Cumulative Giving](#)
- [Mission Field Nebraska](#)
- [Center for Rural Affairs](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

AMMPARO/Guardian Angels Training

"You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice." Deuteronomy 24:17

Saturday, January 13, 2018

St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 17007 Q St. Omaha, NE 68135

9:30 to 12:30pm Introduction to the ELCA's AMMPARO Strategy

12:30-1pm Lunch (optional)

1-4pm Guardian Angels Training

The word "amparo" in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. The ELCA's strategy to Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) was envisioned after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee their communities because of complex and interrelated reasons, including chronic violence, poverty, environmental displacement and lack of opportunities in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. The Nebraska and Western Iowa Synods are partnering together to work for justice and love for our neighbors in engaging this strategy in some specific ways. One of those strategies includes being the church in the courtroom through being trained to be a Guardian Angel for migrant minors and their families. You can learn more [here](#). [Register Here](#).



Nebraska Synod Middle School Gathering

This year's Middle School Gathering will be held January 13-14, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Omaha. The theme will be "GO!" and participants will focus on the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20. Please invite youth in grades 6-8 and their adult leaders to this 28-hour ministry event where they will worship, eat, sing, play, serve, and have fun together.

Registration costs will be:

\$55 for regular registration (Nov. 17-Dec. 14), \$65 for late registration (Dec. 14-28). Please go to [this website](#) to learn more and to register.

Exploring the Holy Land, Meeting the People

Join members and friends of the Nebraska Synod in a remarkable journey to the Holy Land (Israel, Modern Palestine, Jordan). This learning opportunity is offered through the Nebraska Synod, the NSHLA group (Nebraska Synod Holy Land Accompaniment) and the Global Mission Team of the synod.

April 16 – 28, 2018

The Nebraska synod will visit this school in 2018 and visit with students and staff, as well as other Lutheran and Christian schools and churches.

Pastor Morrow, an assistant to the bishop of the Nebraska Synod, will be leading the 2018 traveling group as it visits holy sites and gets acquainted with the people in the Lutheran churches and many others in Israel and Jordan who will share their stories. For more information [click here](#).

NEBRASKA SYNOD EVENTS

- Jan. 22-Feb. 6, 2018 - Tanzania Vision Trip
- SAVE THE DATE! April 16-28, 2018: Holy Land Accompaniment
- July 23-Aug. 7, 2018 - Tanzania Vision Trip

YOU ARE INVITED



Understanding Your Congregation

Pastoral Care and Mental Health

- Dec. 10, 2017 - A Blue Christmas Service @ Augustana Church, Omaha 5pm
- Dec. 15, 2018 - Registration Deadline for [Understanding Your Congregation](#) (Pastoral Care & Mental Health) 5 Session Forum
- Dec. 16, 2017 - Candlelight Carol Sing @ Kountze Memorial, Omaha 5pm
- Dec. 21, 2017 - [Expand Your Horizons](#) @ Notre Dame Housing Senior Center, Omaha 7pm
- Jan. 15, 2018 - Deadline to register ensemble to participate in [Omaha Rings! Handbell Festival](#)
- Jan. 23, 2018 - [Who is Gen Z?](#) live stream
- Feb. 10, 2018 - Omaha Rings! Handbell Festival & Worship @ St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Omaha (for registration info [click here](#))
- Feb. 17, 2018 - Lutherans Restoring Creation Workshop/Retreat @Camp Tomah Shinga Junction City, KS 9am-5pm [Registration info here](#)
- May 18, 2018 - "Embracing Stewardship- for all seasons across all generations" at Camp Carol Joy Holling
- May 27-June 1, 2018 - Spanish Language & Hispanic Ministry Intensive for more info [click here](#)
- June 10-15, 2018 - Building Congregational Capacity for Hispanic Ministry for more info [click here](#)
- SAVE THE DATE: June 27- July 1, 2018 - [ELCA Youth Gathering](#)

[Click on the links provided for more information on the listed events.](#)



GIVE NOW

Help financially support the mission and ministries of the Nebraska Synod.

Give to the Annual Fund!

Martin Luther once said, "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

Are you willing to give what you can not keep; to gain what you can not lose?

This year's Annual Fund will support a balanced budget and allow us to meet immediate opportunities within the Synod Mission and Vision.

Click on GIVE NOW button below, or give on-line at [www.nebraskasynod.org](#). Thank you!

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QUICK LINKS



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



CELEBRATIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Prayers for:

- [Monthly Prayer List](#)

FOR LEADERS

- [Congregations and Rostered Leaders in Transition](#)
- [The Parish Paper](#)
- [2017 Transmittal Form](#)
- [Pulpit Supply](#)
- [2017 Bulletin of Reports](#)

CAREERS

- [Coordinator of Communications & Office Assistant, St. Paul's \(Omaha/Millard\)](#)
- [Music Associate, Bethany Lutheran Church](#)
- [Executive Director, Project Hope](#)
- [Our Saviour Lutheran Music Positions](#)
- [For more Careers visit the Nebraska Synod Website](#)

EXCHANGE

For more info on items being offered, visit [The Exchange](#) on the Nebraska Synod website.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Has God blessed you?

The abundance God gives me is not so I can live in luxury, it is so that I can help others live!

As you consider how you can "raise your standard of giving" and express your gratitude to God through your generosity, please give to the Nebraska Synod Endowment Fund. It will have a perpetual impact, and will never stop advancing the Gospel!

Please click on [this link](#) for a copy of the Endowment Fund Pledge Form, fill it out and send it to the Nebraska Synod office.

Thank you for your gifts!

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