

HEADLINES

#GivingTuesday

We have joined the #GivingTuesday Movement - a global day of giving that includes individuals, communities and organizations to promote and encourage philanthropic efforts worldwide. This movement was started by an organization out of New York City in 1874. This year marks the 6th annual #GivingTuesday movement and it always takes place the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is a global day of giving and we encourage everyone to give back to their communities, charities, and causes. Last year the #GivingTuesday movement raised over \$177 million online for organizations and more volunteer hours, food/clothing donations, and acts of kindness were recorded during this time. Here at the Nebraska Synod we will be utilizing #GivingTuesday for Mission Field Nebraska ministries. There are 3 ways you can join us this year: 1) Praying, 2) Learning, or 3) Giving. Mission Field Nebraska consists of ethnic specific and spiritual direction ministries and are in need of your support. We hope that you will consider being a part of #GivingTuesday through your generous actions in support of Mission Field Nebraska. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about what you can do!



Lutheran World Relief Kits

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Millard NE (Omaha) set a goal to send 500 pieces of Lutheran World relief kits and quilts to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Women of the ELCA with hours of help from the congregation of all ages surpassed that goal. 353 quilts, 210 school kits, 180 layettes, 86 health kits, and 11 sewing kits... a total of 840 items!!! We rejoice in the love and effort sent with these projects to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world.



MINISTRY RESOURCES

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

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](#).



Save the Date-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:

\$45 for early bird (by Nov. 16), \$55 for regular registration (Nov. 17-Dec. 14), \$65 for late registration (Dec. 14-28). Please go [this website](#) for registration starting Oct. 20th.

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

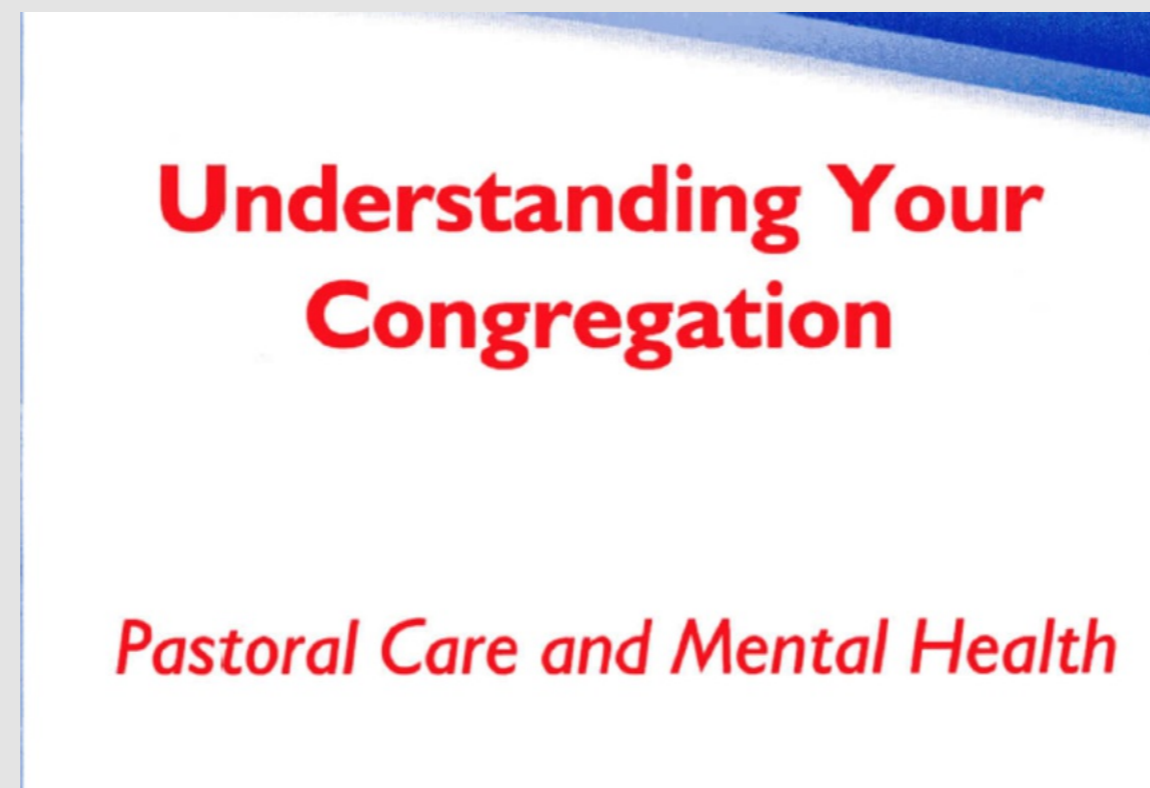
The Nebraska group will visit this school in 2018 and visit with students and staff, as well as other Lutheran and Christian schools and churches.

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



- Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Nashville, TN- [Stewardship & Generosity: Are We Doing All We Can?](#)
- Dec. 15, 2018- Registration Deadline for [Understanding Your Congregation](#) (Pastoral Care & Mental Health) 5 Session Forum
- 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 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.](#)



Journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the worship resource of the ELCA, invites us to keep Ash Wednesday through Easter in a new-old way. During these events, we will worship using the services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter.

We will join in reflection, study and discussion of the cross and empty tomb, baptism and Bible — the meaning of this journey for ourselves and the world.

The events will be held in 2 locations:

- Jan. 18-20: St. John's Lutheran Church
Winter Park, Fla.
- Feb. 1-3: St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Austin, Texas

[Click here](#) to learn more about these 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



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!

