Nebraska Bound Mission Trip

There will be another Nebraska Bound Mission Trip to Lynch on October 16, 17, 18, 19, Wednesday through Saturday. Lynch and Bristow residents provide lodging at the community building and meals.

Work may include hanging sheet rock, painting, etc. More specific work plans will be shared later.

Contact Information: Pastor Becky Beckmann
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Hear My Voice

Only July 1, Augsburg Fortress released Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book. You may have heard about this resource. Unlike other

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QUICK LINKS

CELEBRATIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Prayers for:
resources, it is not always easy to get published materials into the hands of those who are incarcerated. However, Augsburg Fortress has created a PDF on their webstore to answer some very basic questions. You can find that at https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506449609/Hear-My-Voice-A-Prison-Prayer. Simply click in the grey box at the bottom where it says “Suggestions and Distribution for Use.”

Most importantly, it will be helpful to convey that each state and local facility has different policies about receiving packages/printed material. It will be good to know what the policies are for the correctional facilities in your synod.

This is a much-needed prayer resource authored by a number of writers with diverse connections to the criminal justice system including writers who are currently incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, or working in prison ministry or re-entry. I hope it will be a blessing to those in your synod who need it most.

See the sample here. Get the suggestions for use here.

Nebraska Women of the ELCA

Nebraska WELCA will be holding their Biennial Convention and Gathering, October 11-13 at Camp Carol Joy Holling under the theme, “Living Joy, Sharing Joy.” As the Nebraska Synod Assembly does, there will be
workshops, fellowships, and business. This year’s business includes electing the 2019-2021 four officers and seven board members and electing the eight 2020 Triennial Voting members to attend the 2020 Women of the ELCA Triennial in Phoenix, Arizona. Attending in October will be our representative from the Churchwide Women’s Organization President Lisa Plorin and Keynote Speaker Camille Trott.

August 1 is the deadline for the following items:

- Registration for Congregational Voting Member from your church
- Nebraska Women of the ELCA Officer and Board Member Nominations
- Nebraska Women of the ELCA Triennial Voting Members Nominations
- Nebraska Women of the ELCA Scholarship for the Biennial Convention and Gathering

If you have any questions, please contact President Nancy Johnson at nancy.johnson5@cox.net, Vice President Elysia McGill at elysiamcgill@gmail.com, Convention/Gathering Planning Team Chair Diane Brauer at dbrauer.db@gmail.com, and Expressions Editor Gwen Edwards at gfedwards@gmail.com.

Visit our website for more information on the Biennial Convention/Gathering, nominations forms, scholarship forms, and other related items to the Nebraska Women of the ELCA, tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca.

Nebraska Synod News

To view more stories from around the Synod or to see previous Walking With Grace issues, visit our website.

Nebraska Synod Blog

Want to read more about the Nebraska Synod, who we are and what we do? Visit our new blog- Go & Tell the Story. Sign up to receive notifications for new posts.

MINISTRY RESOURCES

Going Deeper with LSTC

Lutheran School of Theology Chicago invites to go deeper by taking a class. This offer is for those who may be considering seminary or who just want to learn more—for pastors, church professionals and leaders in congregations and organizations. These 12-week classes begin Sept. 3. To learn more click here.

Other Ministry Resources

- Transformational Ministry -trainings for congregations
- Renewal Grants
How, Then, Will I Lead

The Nebraska Synod is pleased to announce the second cohort of “How, Then, Will I Lead?” – a leadership development experience for rostered ministers. Our changing church and changing world call for well-equipped, adaptive leaders. This program will help form them. Enrollment is limited, and the cost for this cohort is significantly reduced. Follow this link to learn more: https://sites.google.com/view/how-then-will-i-lead/home.

But hurry! Enrollment closes August 15.
Drinking From the Well

Drinking from the Well is an eight-month course which will

- teach you some new prayer practices,
- let you participate in a spiritual direction group, and
- help you develop knowledge and habits for a deeper spiritual life.

As happens with studies in spirituality, we begin by exploring how you are wired to connect with God. Then, we go increasingly deeper each month as you get better at opening up your inner spirit to the work of the Holy Spirit in you. By the time we finish in April, you will have decided on your own spiritual “tool box”, those prayer practices which work best for you and you want to continue using.

Learn more about it [here](#).

The class will meet online with a live webinar once each month (which will be recorded if you are not able to be there or would like to watch it again). In the middle of the month, about two weeks after the webinar, your spiritual direction small group will meet for two hours to talk about the experiences each of you in your small group are having with that month's prayer practice. You will have the privilege of meeting with like-minded people, in a conversation guided by a certified spiritual director. You can explore with each other what are the finer nuances of how you are growing in your spiritual life.

The cost for the eight-month course is $255. This includes 3½ hours each month for eight months of continuous learning from certified spiritual directors. Like everything else in life, the more you commit to learning the different faith practices, trying them throughout the month,
the more valuable an experience you will have.

If you are interested in signing up, you can register online here.

The deadline for registrations is August 23rd. Please let us know your decision by then.

We hope to see you in this next offering of Drinking From the Well!

NEBRASKA SYNOD EVENTS

Aug. 15-16, 2019- Net Working: Candidacy Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling
Aug. 24-25, 2019- NE Synod Road Show American, Adams
Aug. 25-27, 2019- Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders 201
Oct. 6-7, 2019- Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders (101 & 201)
Oct. 7-8, 2019- TheoCon 2019 at First Lutheran, Kearney

YOU ARE INVITED

Ordination Announcements

1. Samantha Nichols has been called to serve as pastor at St. John’s, Leigh/Zion, Platte Center. She is starting there sometime in the next
week. Her ordination service will be at St. John’s on Friday, August 16 at 5:00 PM, with Bishop Maas presiding.

2. Quinlan Koch’s ordination will be Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 PM at his home congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 605 1st St N, State Center, IA. Bishop Maas will be ordaining. Quinlan has been called to serve as Pastor at Alma Lutheran, Mead and Edensburg Lutheran, Malmo.

Register at: boldgathering.com
August 24, 2019

Justin Wise
THE LOVE OF MONEY: FINDING THE PATH TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Justin teaches businesses how to keep their faith while growing their profit.

2019 One Year to Live Retreats

March 15-17 Tracy’s Camp, Pinewood SC
April 19-21 Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland NE
April 26-28 Santa Maria, CO
May 3-5 Lutheridge, Arden NC
Sept 13-15 Mackenzie Center, Poynette, WI
Sept 27-29 John Knox Center, Knoxville, TN
Sept 27-29 Location TBD, Nebraska
Oct 11-13 Camp Shaw, Mateno, IL
Nov 8-10 EWALU Retreat Center, Strawberry Point, IA

Dates are Tentative—Check LMM Website for updates/details at www.lutheranminismission.org/events/one-year-to-live
Aug. 5-9, 2019- Meditation Skills Training for Church Leaders Glen Ellyn, IL (Chicago)
Aug. 5-10, 2019- ELCA Churchwide Assembly they will be livestreaming the event on the website.
Aug. 11, 2019- St. Timothy's Parking Lot Party
Aug. 12, 2019- Moving from Hurt to Wholeness: Misconduct in Congregations Workshop
Aug. 24, 2019- Bold Gathering with Justin Wise
Aug. 26-30, 2019- Meditation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders interdenominational training open to the public in Glendale, CA
Sep. 16- Nov. 9, 2019 - Exploring Faith Online Courses
Sep. 20-22, 2019- 2nd Annual Addiction & Faith Conference
Sep. 24, 2019 – 7:00pm - William Paul Young – Author of The Shack – lecture with Q&A – Topic: “How do we do faith if God is not religious?” $15
Sep. 26, 2019- Tabitha’s Signature Event: Silent Auction & Cocktails at 5:30pm, Dinner & Program at 7:15pm, Event will be held at the Country Club of Lincoln
Oct. 11-13, 2019- NE Synodical Women’s Convention @ Camp Carol Joy Holling
Oct. 26, 2019- Considering Your Call Saturday from 9am-3pm
Oct. 28-30, 2019- Reg. 4 Deacon Gathering in New Braunfels, TX
Oct & Nov 2019- Clergy Clinics at the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
Nov 2-16, 2019- 20th International Seminar for Pastors at the LWF Center in Wittenberg. Application Here
Nov 8-9, 2019- SLIM All In Retreat at St. Paul's Lutheran in Grand Island
Nov 16, 2019 – 9:00am-4:00pm – Margaret Wheatley – All day workshop on training “Warriors for the Human Spirit” $50 Buy One/Bring One event
Feb. 1, 2020- Handbell Festival and Worship at St. Thomas Lutheran Church for information on how to register your handbell choir click here.

Click on the links provided for more information on the listed events.
Deacons are called by God as leaders of Word and Service to be advocates and witnesses within and beyond the Church.

**Tentative Schedule**

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A lot of the Regions in the ELCA have been gathering their Deacons to have conversation around the changes in the Deacon Roster, and for people to get to know other Deacons in the Region and to see what the Holy Spirit is up to. We hope you will take some time away to gather with other Deacons across our region. All Deacons (active on the roster, retired, on leave from call, on disability, or in candidacy) are invited to come.
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