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BECOMING A SANCTUARY DENOMINATION

Yesterday (8/7/2019) was a memorable day. At the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, an amended version of the Metropolitan New York Synod memorial A9 was approved by a majority. One amendment stated: **To declare the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America a sanctuary church body.**

In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees, and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system. Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.

Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.

Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. Our decades-long work with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.

At our last assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities).

Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate. We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico.

In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.

—Talking points from AMMPARO and Bishop Paul Erickson, Greater Milwaukee Synod

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

AUGUST 18 “ELCA Churchwide Assembly”

Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment.

We met at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to discuss and make decisions about how to go about God’s work as a church. This year the assembly gathered under the theme “We are church.” Come and hear more!

AUGUST 25 “City House”

Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer

Watch for more information in the bulletin and next week’s Community Church.

YOUTH CHOIRS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4!

For over 20 years, the Holy Trinity Children’s Choir and the Cantate! youth ensemble have provided a smaller community in which our young people find a welcome. They practice working together in community toward a common goal, and they are encouraged to express themselves through singing, movement, laughter, and prayer. If your child would like to spend more time with their church friends and you have heard them singing around the house or in the car, please consider giving them an opportunity to make the kind of music with their friends in Christ that speaks to their spirit and the spirits of others in our community.

Children’s Choir

Grades 1-4 (eager Kindergartners are welcome!)

Wednesdays 6:00-6:40 p.m.

Sings at 8:45 a.m. worship every 4-6 Weeks

Cantate!

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays 6:45 -7:25 p.m.

Sings at 11:00 a.m. worship every 4-6 Weeks

Voice Checkups for NEW and RETURNING singers are scheduled in the Choir Room, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays in August and on Wednesday, August 28, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

PARISH INFORMATION

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL REQUESTS

As school supplies go on sale, please remember Longfellow School. They would greatly appreciate donations of pencils, (especially mechanical pencils), pencil sharpeners, scissors, notebooks, paper, colored pencils, markers, pens, and folders, plus socks and sweatpants for gym. Put these items in the box in the Community Room. Please remember to donate for Fare for All so we can give to students those fruit and vegetable combo packs so needed to feed their families. Make checks out to Holy Trinity Church, put Fare for All on the memo, give the checks to the church office. Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of these teenage moms and their children.

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SEPT. 1 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)!

8:45 or 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 1. This is your opportunity to see and connect with members and friends from "the other service."

LUNCH AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, NOON

Join us for lunch and music in the garden following the 11:00 a.m. service on August 18. Kelsey and Kaia Porter will be our musical guests. \$5 suggested donation for the wood-fired pizza lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

FREE BOOKS! LATE AUGUST-EARLY SEPTEMBER

Roberta and helpers have been diligently going through the books in the library, clearing shelf space to make room for new books. Look for tables to be set up on the second floor in late August-early September with free books.

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Our final pop-up choir of the summer! Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing, to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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PARISH EVENTS August 18-24, 2019

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Pop-Up Choir
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	Lunch and Music in the Garden
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Worship Furnishings Team

LOST AND FOUND

Did you know we have a Lost and Found cabinet in the coat room, next door to the Community Room? Have you left anything in the church that may have ended up there? Stop by and take a look. It's the tall, 2-door cabinet in the southwest corner of the coat room. Whatever remains in the Lost and Found when tables are put up for the book giveaway will be displayed on a give-away table.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 18, 2019

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Ben Martinez
Matthew Arifin, Emma Murray	Acolytes	Caroline Nevergall, 1 more needed
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer	David Krig
Steve Murray, Andrea Martin	Communion	Linda and Phil Jury
Erin Arifin, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Libby Olstad
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Joshua Combs, 2 others needed
Aberdeen Rodriguez, Horacio Rodriguez	Coffee Servers	Zoe and Miguel Martinez
Donna Heyer, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Deb Helmelt, Gary Johnson
	Closer	John Sulzbach