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October Updates

Wednesday Noon Live -

John Johnson, ELCA Program Director for Domestic Policy, on unprecedented possibilities for children and families experiencing hunger, and ELCA & Episcopal presiding bishops at the White House!

Child Tax Credit - Action Alert & Resources

Afghan Refugees - Action Alert & Resources

Ant-Sex Trafficking - Bills to watch for

Care for God's Creation - COP 26



Wednesday Noon Live

On this month's Wednesday Noon Live, learn about current unprecedented opportunities to seriously impact hunger in the U.S., ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton and Presiding Bishop Curry of the Episcopal Church as advocates, and what we can do. Click on the above link.



Child Tax Credit: Continue the trend in significantly diminishing childhood hunger. Support the extension of the Child Tax Credit: [Action Alert](#)

Find more resources on our website under [Hunger](#).



Settling Afghan Refugees: Support the Welcoming Evacuees Coming from Overseas to Mitigate Effects of Displacement Act of 2021, also known as the WELCOMED Act with our [Action Alert](#).

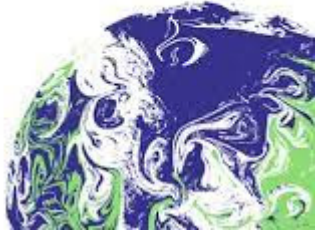
Find more resources on our website under [Immigration and Refugees](#).



Sex Trafficking: Public Hearing on Senate Bill 245, also known as Safe Harbor. Thank you to Shirley Paulson (top left), retired educator and former president of the Women of the ELCA of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin for driving from the Green Bay area to testify. Safe Harbor would decriminalize youth under 18 caught in prostitution and treat them as victims of a crime and in need of services. At the hearing, there were several disturbing stories of trafficked youth afraid they would be charged with a crime if they called the police.

It sometimes takes many years to pass a bill. We have been supporting Safe Harbor for quite a few years now, but it is closer to passing. Thank you for everyone's past and future support! [SB 245](#)

Look forward to action alerts on SB 245 and another significant bill on expulsion of crimes for adult victims of sex trafficking.



Care for God's Creation:

The ELCA will again have a presence at the Conference of Parties (COP). LOPPW's director is grateful to be one of the participants during the second week of the two-week event.

Here is some info from the [COP 26 website](#): "Around the world storms, floods and wildfires are intensifying. Air pollution sadly affects the health of tens of millions of people and unpredictable weather causes untold damage to homes and livelihoods too. But while the impacts of climate change are devastating, advances in tackling it are leading to cleaner air, creating good jobs, restoring nature and at the same time unleashing economic growth.

Despite the opportunities we are not acting fast enough. To avert this crisis, countries need to join forces urgently.

In November, the UK, together with our partner Italy, will host an event many believe to be the world's last best chance to get runaway climate change under control. For nearly three decades the UN has been bringing together almost every country on earth for global climate summits - called COPs - which stands for 'Conference of the Parties'. In that time climate change has gone from being a fringe issue to a global priority. This year will be the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26. With the UK as President, COP26 takes place in Glasgow.

In the run up to COP26 the UK is working with every nation to reach agreement on how to tackle climate change. More than 190 world leaders are expected to arrive in Scotland. Together with tens of thousands of negotiators, government representatives, businesses and citizens for twelve days of talks. Not only is it a huge task but it is also not just yet another international summit. Most experts believe COP26 has a particular urgency..."

Stay tuned for more information about COP26 as well as action alerts addressing local environmental issues. Our neighbors in countries experiencing the greatest damages from climate change and we are all connected.

Thank you for taking time with us.

God's Blessings,

Team LOPPW