



[Wednesday Noon Live](#)

Please watch this important interview with Rev. Lanny Westphal, who talks about his sister living on a farm with her Ukrainian husband outside of Kyiv.

Also included are updates on the following:

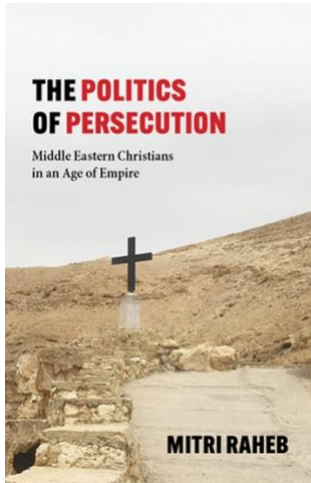
The Afghan Adjustment Act and Aid to Ukraine: Congress is deciding upon an Emergency Supplemental Assistance package to Ukraine. The \$16.4 billion would be for military, economic, and food security. Included in the request is a provision for qualifying Afghans to adjust their status. Most Afghan evacuees arrived via humanitarian parole, a temporary status offering Afghans the opportunity to work and remain in the United States for one to two years. However, humanitarian parole leaves few real opportunities to apply for permanent residency.

Termination of Title 42 on May 23: [Blog](#) by Giovana Oaxaca, ELCA program director for migration

Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan: This unprecedented plan primarily emerged from the results of the Governor's Task Force on Climate Change, that is, the parts on energy. To make the entire plan a reality will require advocacy. Stay tuned for legislative and state budgetary advocacy opportunities. In case you missed this in the news and our recent update on Earth Day, here is [Governor Ever's Press Release](#) on the plan.



Continued prayers for ELCA members around Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as they wind down from or prepare for making important decisions at their synod assemblies. Let's give synod staff members, who are extremely busy at this time of year, an extra virtual or in-person pat on the backs.



"The Politics of Persecution" by Rev. Dr. Mitri Rahaeb is highly recommended by Rev. Blake Rohrer of Midvale Lutheran Church in Madison. If you will be in the Madison area on June 3, you can also hear the world-renowned author speak about his book at **6:30 PM at Christ Presbyterian Church** at 944 E. Gorham St. Dr. Rahaeb served as pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine and is now the president of the Lutheran Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem. When discussing *The Politics of Persecution*, which addresses the situation of Christians in the Middle East, Dr. Rahaeb will present a less-familiar narrative about Christians in the Middle East, challenging us to reconsider how we think about our siblings in faith. [Register online here.](#)



World Refugee Day!

If you are interested in joining Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service for a virtual Capitol Hill fly-in in honor of World Refugee Day, please learn more and [register here!](#) By registering, you are committing to attend a 60-minute advocacy training session where we will discuss the best practices for

congressional advocacy, and you will participate in three 30-minute meetings with your legislators. If you have participated in numerous legislative meetings in the past, please consider becoming an accompanier (group leader) for other newer advocates by indicating your interest in the registration form. You can also learn more here: [Virtual Advocacy Day Fly-In](#) If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amelia Dal Pra, Refugee Advocacy Analyst, adalpra@lirs.org.

Thank you for spending time with us!

Peace be with you,

Team LOPPW