

December 2022 Updates



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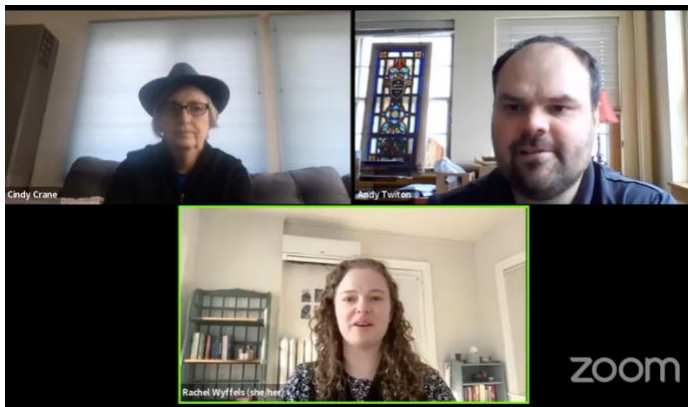
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Wednesday Noon Live

Listen to this 15 minute interview with Rachel Wyffels sharing her advocacy work with Abide, a ministry of ELCA Young Adult Ministries. Hear about her and her cohorts' social justice concerns and hopes. Rachel was a hunger advocacy fellow for Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota and is currently a seminarian at Luther Seminary.

A BUDGET
is
A MORAL DOCUMENT.

WHAT WE FUND
is
WHAT WE VALUE.

Info for an Interfaith Advocacy Day on Climate and Hunger Coming Soon. The event will focus on the Governor's 2023-25 Biennial State Budget. Agencies have already submitted their budget requests, which the governor and his team will discern when writing the budget. After Wisconsinites lift their voices in the spring via advocacy events, individual contacts with legislators, and feedback to the joint finance committee via email and/or at public hearings, the joint finance committee will decide how to edit the budget before presenting it to the full legislature. After the legislature also works and votes on the budget, it will go back to

Governor Evers to sign. As many faith and secular leaders have proclaimed, "Budgets are moral documents." Our voices are needed!



Save the date (April 14-16)

LOPPW and leaders from all six synods in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan are organizing our first high school advocacy youth gathering. It will be held in or near Madison. If you are interested in the event please respond to this email.

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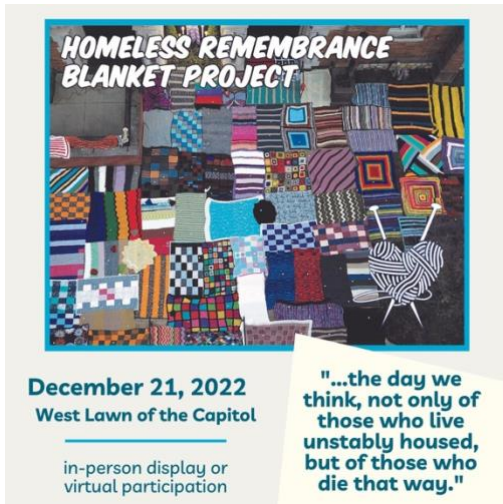
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Action Alert

Immigration laws should honor the God-given dignity of every person, protect family unity and promote the common good. Only Congress has the power to make a permanent difference, and time is running out for this Senate to act. Urge your senator to support a pathway forward for Dreamers, farm workers, and other immigrants.

Action Alert - Urge Extension of Child Tax Credit Before Year End



A Project Uplifted by the D.C. Office and Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Pennsylvania

(Director Tracey DePasquale). The Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project is an art display and press event on December 21, 2022, in Washington, D.C. During a live stream press event, the project will display blankets representing every congressional district across the country. Following, these blankets will be distributed to our unsheltered siblings facing the coldest nights of the year. Attendees arriving at the nation's capital will include @ELCA bishops, clergy, constituents with lived experience, and advocates concerned about wider accessibility to housing. You can view in-person or virtually through the Still Left Out in America podcast, broadcasting on Dec. 21 from 1-9 p.m. ET. More at <https://memorialblanket.org>

Note about the Farm Bill: It is now unclear when Congress will delve into a new Farm Bill, but the ELCA plans to move forward as planned to offer resources and lead listening sessions.



Faith Leaders' Presence at COP27

For several years, faith leaders have been advocating for world leaders at the UN Conference of Parties (COP) to create a fund for losses and damages caused by climate change. The wealthiest countries are most responsible for greenhouse gas emissions that have caused damages in impoverished countries that are least responsible for climate change. The COPs have focused on the mitigation of climate change and adaptation, the latter of which is about making preparations to adapt to future damages from storms, flooding, droughts, etc. that are inevitable results of our climate crisis. This year, a decision was made to create a Loss and Damages fund!

UN Article: [COP27 Reaches Breakthrough Agreement on New "Loss and Damage" Fund for Vulnerable Countries](#)

As Texas Impact Executive Director Bee Moorhead, who attended COP27 as well as several other COPs, pointed out, faith communities have already been paying for loss and damages via our disaster relief funds.

Here is an excellent brief video of Regina Banks, Director of Lutheran Office for Public Policy - California, sharing her experience at COP27 while in Egypt: [Video](#)

Thank you for taking time with us.

**May the power of Emmanuel (God with us) bring you hope and peace.
Have a blessed Advent and Christmas!**