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Hear about Palestine and faith-based advocacy from Vicar Kelsey Johnson, former LOPPW Hunger Advocacy Fellow. Kelsey continues her work on Palestinian rights after serving as a Young Adult in Mission (YAGM) for one year in the Holy Land.

Suggested Resources:

[ELCA Peace Not Walls](#)

[ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission \(YAGM\)](#)

[Opportunity Palestine](#)



Wisconsin Supreme Court Race

The nonpartisan primary for an open seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court will be on February 21, 2023. The top two candidates will advance to the nonpartisan general election on April 4, 2023.

State supreme courts are crucial for many of the environmental, human rights, and voting and redistricting decisions, to name a few, made in each state. Given the controversy over how to respond to Wisconsin's 19th century abortion law after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe vs. Wade*, reproductive rights will likely be a key issue in Wisconsin's race. We now rely on the 1849 law,

which makes it a felony to perform an abortion at any stage of pregnancy unless it's done to save a pregnant person's life.

[Meet the candidates running in the 2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court primary](#)



January 16, 2023 - Check out celebrations and events in your local communities to honor the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders.

Dr. King exuded faith and hope in the arc of the moral universe bending toward justice. It can be difficult to have that kind of hope, as it was two years ago on January 6, when white supremacists, including people known as "Christian nationalists," launched an insurrection. There is so much more work to do. Glimmers of hope manifest when citizens and leaders stand against extremism, and when elected officials choose truth over winning elections at any cost.



Epiphany art by Lucy West). January 6 is also Epiphany, a time we celebrate the divine in Jesus manifest in the world via the Magi. But in the background was Herod, who only lived in a shadow of reality. Despite Herod's power, the Magi disobeyed his command that they direct him to the baby Jesus. Herod responded in a rage. We are Epiphany people with hope and a desire to take action to love our neighbor.



Interfaith Advocacy Day focusing on hunger and care for God's creation: March 21 beginning at First United Methodist Church in downtown Madison and ending at the Capitol. The exact times with more information and registrations to come soon. The advocacy day will be in response to the Governor's budget before the Joint Finance Committee makes changes.

Youth Advocacy Event: April 14-16 at Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Madison West. The gathering is being organized by LOPPW and representatives from all six synods with congregations in Wisconsin and the UP. More information and registrations will be available soon.



Care for God's Creation - Federal & State Resources

Interfaith Power & Light Resource: [IPL federal resources website](#). Federal Funding for Energy Work at Houses of Worship. Prepare to Apply for Federal Grants and Tax Credits.

Renew Wisconsin: This statewide nonprofit has access to grant money to help congregations and other nonprofits obtain solar panels. They also have great advice for individuals.

Thank you for taking time with us!