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Updates



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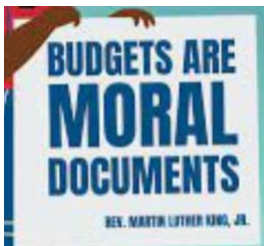
Wednesday Noon Live

Hear an update on the Farm Bill from ELCA Domestic Policy Director John Johnson!

Resource: [ELCA Farm Bill Introduction](#)



ELCA Statement on the Killing of Tyre Nichols



2023-2025 Wisconsin State Budget

On Feb. 15, Governor Evers will release his new biennial state budget, which the public will have opportunities to comment on. By the way, one of our former interns, Kyle Kretschmann, helps to work on state budgets through his position as Budget and Policy Analyst at the Wisconsin Department of Administration State Budget Office!

Along with keeping you updated on public hearings and the budget process, we are holding an **Interfaith Day of Advocacy** with Faith in Place, formerly known as Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light, on March 21. Although we won't have time to address all the priorities LOPPW will focus on in the budget or all of the priorities that you may have at our March event, we will help attendees to discern parts of the budget related to hunger, climate, and water. We're holding this event relatively early in the commenting process, so attending will be a great way to familiarize ourselves with the budget and to begin lifting our voices.



March 21
9:30 a.m. CT

First UM Church
Madison, WI

Wisconsin Interfaith Day of Advocacy

#WIForClimate23

hunger, climate & water.

The poster features a stylized globe with the text 'hunger, climate & water.' arched over it. The background is a mix of green and yellow.

Join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin and Faith in Place day of action to advocate for hunger relief, climate justice, and clean water in the Wisconsin State Budget.

Register Today!

Date: March 21

Time: 9:30 AM and ends at approximately 2:15 PM (lunch included)

Location: First United Methodist Church (ending at the Capitol)
203 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI, 53703

No cost but any donation would be welcome on the day of the event to help defray costs.

Sponsors: Wisconsin Council of Churches and Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice.



Youth Advocacy Retreat
April 14-16, 2023 Madison, WI

Featured Guest
Rachel Kurtz

Singer + Songwriter
Speaker + Storyteller

Minneapolis-based musician, Rachel Kurtz, has been touring for over 20 years. Her dynamic singing voice and powerful storytelling has engaged audiences at youth gatherings across the country and helped raised awareness for world hunger, disaster relief, and multi-cultural reconciliation.

<https://www.rachelkurtz.com>

<https://www.loppw.org/resources/youth-advocacy/>

The poster has a colorful, geometric background with squares in shades of brown, orange, and green. It includes a photo of Rachel Kurtz and a short biography.

Youth Advocacy Retreat! \$75.00 covers two nights in a hotel and all meals except lunch on Sunday. Find the Registration link and permission form on our website under [Youth Advocacy.](#)



Wisconsin Supreme Court Elections

The Wisconsin Supreme Court is comprised of seven justices elected in statewide, non-partisan elections. Each justice is elected for a ten-year term. Only one justice may be elected in any year. The upcoming decisions you will help to make in the primary on February 21 and then in the general election on April 4 will help determine the ideological balance of the court for the next two years.

Reproductive rights have received a lot of attention during this WI Supreme Court race. Read more here: "[The high-stakes race in Wisconsin that could impact abortion rights - and 2024](#)" in "Politico." But the final outcome will have broad implications for several issues, including voting rights, redistricting, environmental protections, and the ability of any leaders to overturn an election, as was attempted for the 2020 election.

Learn about the candidates: [PBS Wisconsin](#).

Check out details on voting in your district and what else is on your ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>



[Network Newsletter Feb2023](#)

Legislative Updates Included

Learn about what is happening with Title 42, which is the CDC emergency health order still being used, and other federal legislation affecting the lives of our immigrant neighbors.

Thank you for spending time with us!