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in Wisconsin



Wednesday Noon Live

Hear from Christine Moffett, ELCA Director for Environment and Energy Policy. Christine discusses climate, water, and federal efforts, and what gives her hope as a young adult. The words that cut out at the beginning were, "Say ya to the UP eh."

Statewide Advocacy Opportunities!



Take action:

[Hold Polluters Responsible for Contaminants they Produce](#)

Adjust Senate Bill 312 to help the Department of Natural Resources to thrive in doing their work to address the insidious problem of PFAS (forever chemicals) in our water. Click on link above to use our action alert.

Thank you to everyone who advocated for our state to address PFAs. We did not get everything we wanted in the state budget, but the budget does include \$125 million allocated to address PFAS. To learn more about PFAS, please see our issue paper from our spring advocacy day: [PFAS Issue Paper](#)

As was intended, there is a bill to define how the \$125 million will be spent. Senate Bill 312 unfortunately includes limiting the Department of Natural Resources' ability to hold polluters responsible for the contaminants they produce in our water. As legislators are finessing the bill, please respond to our action alert to tell them the DNR should be able to maintain their authority to enforce water regulations.

[2023 Senate Bill 312](#), Read more about the bill [here](#)

Take action:

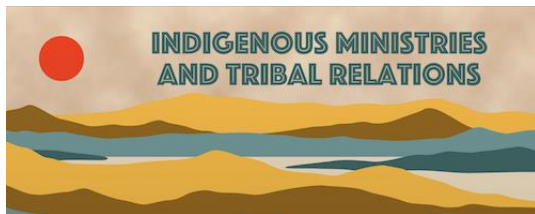
[Expand Voting Access](#)

Make it easier for Wisconsinites to vote! Click on to the link above to respond with our action alert.

Senate Bill 39 and Assembly Bill 38 expand voting access by allowing people to opt-in through email to receive updates via text about their absentee ballots as well as request their absentee ballots this way. Support this bipartisan effort!

Read the bill here: [\(23-1550/1\) \(wisconsin.gov\)](#)

Learn more [here](#).



October 8 is Indigenous People's Day

[2021 Proclamation from the White House](#)

Learn what the ELCA is doing: [ELCA Indigenous Ministries](#)



National and International Faith Voices on Caring for God's Creation

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in this [video](#), talks about caring for God's creation and broad united efforts to

address our climate crisis. She invites us to get involved. "It's a visible effort to invite creation care & climate action. [#OneHomeOneFuture](#) was just launched. Consider your congregation getting involved - starting from <https://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/one-home-one-future/>.

We thank [Texas Impact](#)'s executive director for also helping launch this campaign, and for the actions of many [Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)"

On October 4, a day dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, **Pope Francis** released his follow up to his 2015 encyclical on the environment. This one is called [LAUDATE DEUM, which means, Praise God.](#)

Thank you for taking time with us!
Blessings upon you,
Team LOPPW