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Synod Assemblies

Prayers for the La Crosse Area Synod and Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, as their members prepare to gather to make important decisions related to elections for offices, outreach, global mission, social justice, and more. The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin will elect a new bishop, as Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson completes her six-year term and will be celebrated for her faithful ministry.

Our holy God, we know that where two or three or hundreds are gathered in your name, that Christ is present. Help all who gather at their assemblies to grow through planned and unexpected dialogue, prayer, and worship. Guide us all in how we engage with our siblings in Christ and in discerning how to be church in the world. Amen.

**Be it
resolved**

Resolutions & LOPPW's Advocacy

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin and Greater Milwaukee Synod passed resolutions to address the significant problem of money in politics, in particular, related to the 2010 Citizens United ruling, which has enabled an unrestricted amount of money to influence politics. LOPPW's policy council will look at ways to support both synods' efforts to decrease the influence of money in politics, which was one of our former priorities, on a state level. In addition, we will be in dialogue with our D.C. office about federal efforts.

[Greater Milwaukee Synod FINAL-AMENDED-2024-Resolution-2-US-Constitution-Amendment-Resolution](#)

Background of [Citizens United](#): In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* to reverse "century-old campaign finance restrictions and enabled corporations and other outside groups to spend unlimited funds on elections. While wealthy donors, corporations, and special interest groups have long had an outsized influence in elections, that sway has dramatically expanded since the *Citizens United* decision, with negative repercussions for American democracy and the fight against political corruption." – Brennan Center for Justice

National and Local ELCA Resources on Money in Politics:

[Money in Politics](#) [Election Finance Reform SPR95](#)

Resource written by our former LOPPW intern, Kyle Kretschmann:

[2016 Money and Politics](#)



Opportunity!

Are you interested in lifting your voice on the Farm Bill? Our D.C. staff is setting up virtual meetings between our members and their Representatives right now. Please respond to this email if you are interested. For the most recent updates on the Farm

Bill [click here](#).



Wisconsin EV Charging Infrastructure

LOPPW supported SB 791 and SB 792 to expand electric vehicle charging through federal investment through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program which passed in March. Where will the first round of new EV Level 3 DC fast charging stations be located? Check out this announcement from the [State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation](#).

Certificate in Climate Justice & Faith

Grow your faith, practice the skills, gain the knowledge and build the community to be an effective advocate for climate justice

September 2024 – May 2025

- 100% Online
- 2-3 hours/week
- Small group cohorts
- Students from 29+ countries
- Project-based learning

**Applications Due
Friday, June 17th**

Apply here: bit.ly/24_25CCJFApp



Center for Climate Justice and Faith
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary



MREA Energy Fair The Midwest Renewable Energy Association is hosting its 33rd annual energy fair which is the longest-running event of its kind. The event is promoted as “part trade show, educational event, and grassroots festival, the Fair brings thousands of industry professionals and sustainable living enthusiasts together for workshops, exhibits, demonstrations, networking events, and much more. Join us in the clean energy transition and help make clean energy and sustainable living accessible to all!” If you volunteer for two hours, there is free admission to the event. The event will occur on June 22nd from 9 AM until 11 PM at 7558 Deer Road Custer, WI 54423. [Sign Up](#) for the event by June 19th and direct any questions to energyfair@midwestrenew.org.



Art Contest!

Lutherans Restoring Creation

Guidelines and inspiration at bit.ly/2024GatheringArtContest

- Prompt: A Better Future for Creation
- Submissions will be displayed at Youth/YA Gathering
- Winners will have their design turned into postcards to send to legislators!

Are you an artist looking for opportunities for your art to make a difference? Lutherans Restoring Creation is hosting an art contest ahead of the 2024 Youth and Young Adult Gatherings. Learn more details on guidelines, the deadline, and how to enter by [clicking here](#).



Take Action on Immigration

[Support the Afghan Adjustment Act!](#) Learn more and contact your elected officials by clicking on the link.

Find other ELCA federal [action alerts here](#).

Called to be Advocates is [open for registrations!](#)

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Young Advocates' Retreat "Called to be Advocates"

Date:
October 4-6, 2024

Location:
Pine Lake Camp
@ Crossways Camps
W 5631 Akron Ave.
Waupaca, WI 54981

Who:
High School Youth
& Young Adults

Registration:

- \$100 per participant
- Includes housing & meals
- Registration
 - Opens 5/1/24
 - Deadline: 9/15/24

Topics:

- Environmental Justice
- Gun Violence
- Women's Rights
- LGBTQIA Advocacy

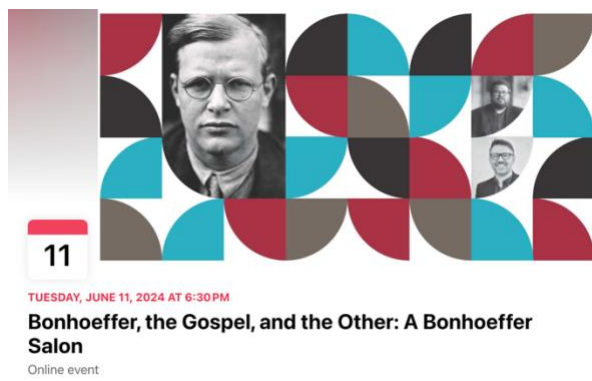
Participating Synods:

- East Central Synod of WI
- Greater Milwaukee Synod
- La Crosse Area Synod
- Northern Great Lakes Synod
- Northwest Synod of WI
- South-Central Synod of WI

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



The ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement continues in 2024! In the coming weeks and months, there will be opportunities to learn about the true history and current realities of Indigenous people — beginning with a “Powwow 101” class the evening of Tuesday, June 11. Visit ELCA.org/TruthAndHealing to learn more about all upcoming events.



Luther Seminary is hosting this online event on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Learn more and [register here](#).



The interfaith group, MICHA, will hold a press conference to support returning 17-year-old youth to the juvenile justice system and also to support youth and children in general being tried as adults. The press conference will be held on **June 18 at 10:00 AM at the Milwaukee County Courthouse** downtown Milwaukee at the south entrance between 9th and 10th St. off of Wells.



Happy Pride Month!

In relation to one of our priorities, human trafficking, did you know that LGBTQI+ homeless youth are disproportionately affected by human trafficking? About 33.8% of sex trafficked homeless youth identify as LGBTQI+ (Covenant House, 2023).

May celebrating Pride bring us closer to recognizing one another as children of God with a shared humanity.

Thank you for taking time with us!