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Weekly News & Announcements

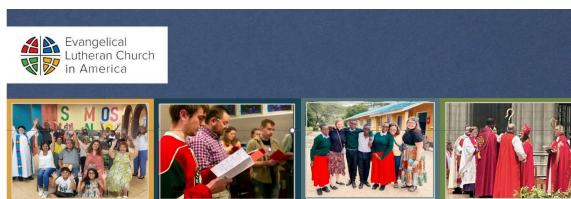
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Nomination deadlines extended until May 15 for:

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APRIL 2026 Mission Support Memo

STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

Palm Sunday Path

A story from our [Northwest Synod of Wisconsin](#)

**As you read this story, what inspires you?
Where have you been sharing Jesus' call for justice and love?**

Across our country, Palm Sunday includes morning palm-waving processions in our churches and through our neighborhoods, but this year, these processions continued into the afternoon with journeys through downtown areas, around state buildings, in amphitheaters and in parking lots, as we and our denominational partners cried out for justice, peace and love. This is the [Palm Sunday Path](#).

The grounding for the Palm Sunday Path is Matthew 25:31-46, which calls us to feed the hungry, heal the sick and welcome the stranger. In 2025, religious leaders, including ELCA bishops, decided to create an advocacy event that would provide a counterbalance to rising oppression, anti-immigrant rhetoric and white Christian nationalism.

Our [April 2026 Mission Support memo](#) takes us back to Palm Sunday where this year many palm waving processions continued into the afternoon with journeys through downtown areas, around state buildings, in amphitheaters and in parking lots, as we and our denominational partners cried out for justice, peace and love, during the [Palm Sunday Path](#). Our story focuses on activities in Wisconsin

and specifically Northwest Synod of Wisconsin ~ learn about the day with dance, prayer, and calls to action. Also check out how to participate in the May 18 in the evening for a webinar on *The Stewardship of AI: Benefits and Concerns*. We continue to be grateful for partners and individuals who advocate for education, justice, peace and love.



Join us for Pride 2026 on June 6 from 5pm-10pm. [Support us financially](#) or walk with us ([join the WhatsApp group](#) for latest info and updates). **Questions?** Contact Pr. Sue Schneider at pastor@livingmosaic.org.



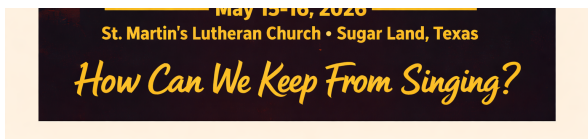
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Register for a room at Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land [online](#) or



Register

call the hotel for reservations at 281-491-7777 or 1-866-577-1278 and mention the group name or group code TXLA26. All reservations must be completed by May 1, 2026.

Upcoming Events

May 7
[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

June 6, 2026
[Pride Parade, Houston](#)

May 15-16
[Synod Assembly](#)

July 1, 2026
[LSM Choral Gathering](#)

June 4-6, 2026
[Godly Play Core Training](#)

September 19-20, 2026
[Faith Lutheran Church Celebration](#)

Synod Partners



LEAD: Living Every Day As Disciples
[LEAD](#) is a Christian leadership development organization that is nurtured by this synod to be a gift to the whole church.



Lutheran Men In Mission Opportunities
For more information on [LMM](#), contact [Randy Bratsven, Ambassador-Grams](#) (right side)





Lutherans Restoring Creation
For more information on [LRC](#),
contact the [Lisa Brenskelle](#). The
team is seeking additional
members.



Creation Care
For more information on [Creation
Care](#), contact [Lisa Brenskelle](#).



Lutherhill Ministries
Lutherhill Ministries is a Summer
Camp and year-round Retreat
Center at two locations – [Lutherhill
in La Grange, TX](#) and [Lutherhill in
Galveston, TX](#).



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