



GROUNDING IN CHRIST JESUS  
GROWING IN OUR WITNESS  
GIVING OF OUR BOUNTY  
GRADED FOR THE WORLD

We are a church grounded in Christ Jesus and  
growing in our witness to God's love for all  
There is a place for you here

## Upstate Update for February 7th, 2020



### ELCA presiding bishop issues statement on new travel ban

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD ...

[Read more](http://www.elca.org)  
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## Upcoming Events



Online Synod Wide  
Book Group Using  
Zoom Technology



Moderated by: *Pastor Lori Kochanski*

### THIS MONTH:

**February 19**

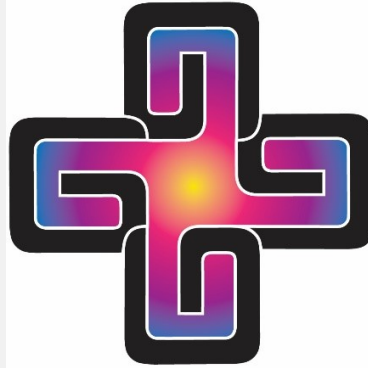
One Coin Found: How God's Love  
Stretches to the Margins  
by *Emmy Kegler*

1:00 p.m. Zoom info:

Join: <https://zoom.us/j/962551700>

7:00 p.m. Zoom info:

Join: <https://zoom.us/j/603599180>



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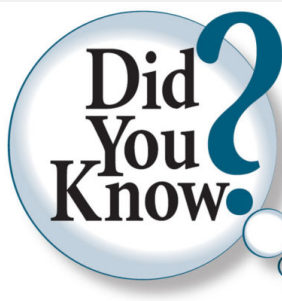
## Bishop's Convocation: "Front Porchin"

March 14, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Baldwinsville, NY

**Details:** Click [HERE](#)  
**Register (\$15):** Click [HERE](#)



### Rostered Leader's Annual Reports to the Bishop are Available

The annual rostered minister reports  
are available on our website! All  
rostered ministers are expected to  
complete and return the forms to  
[bishopmacholz@upstatenysynod.org](mailto:bishopmacholz@upstatenysynod.org)  
or regular mail by  
**February 29, 2020.**

These forms can be found here:

[Link to UNYS Resource Page](#)

Note that Parochial Reports may be  
accessed from the ELCA website,  
[HERE](#). They are also to be completed

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



### ELCA expands efforts to increase inclusivity of outdoor...

CHICAGO - The Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America  
(ELCA) has announced a new  
initiative entitled Total  
Inclusion!: Widening the  
Welcome at ELCA Outdoor  
Ministries. The new program is  
designed to equip and  
empower outdoor ministry...

[Read more](#)  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

## *Daily Bible Reading* *Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*

*Friday, February 7th:*  
Isaiah 29:1-12

[Link to Daily Bible Reading](#)

### *We are praying for:*

- Strength and healing for Marilyn Dyer.
- The people of Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland; We pray for:
  - environmental practices that preserve the natural environment, especially the Alps' melting glaciers
  - The work for justice, reconciliation and peace pursued by the people and organizations here, seeking to shape globalization so that it benefits all
  - Religious freedom, also for those from non-Christian traditions overcoming the fear of, and welcoming the embrace of, those who are outsiders to the countries' historic, ethnic traditions.
- The Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern who God is calling to be our bishop.

*Almighty God, grant to your church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

### *We give thanks for:*

- The quality of life that many in these countries enjoy and their commitment to provide for those in the world who are in need
- The organizations located here that seek to increase ecumenical and interfaith understanding and work together for the common good of all people and creation
- Political and economic transparency in these countries
- Those who reach out to migrants and counter attitudes and practices that oppose them.

*\*Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland are this week's World Council of Churches prayer cycle focus. Read more on the [WCC website](#).*

### *Upcoming Commemorations:*

**Cyril**, monk, died 869; **Methodius**, bishop, died 885; Friday, February 14, 2020  
Missionaries to the Slavs, these two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

