

The Hilltopper



Our Savior Lutheran Church

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A Prayer for Vocation* in daily life from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book:

O God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live, to be just and true in all our dealings, to be strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty; pure and temperate in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous toward all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are his disciples; in whose name we pray. Amen.



*vocation: a strong feeling of being destined or called to undertake a specific type of work, especially a sense of being chosen by God for religious work or a religious life

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An update from our Bishop on his travel plans:

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many have asked about the status of our trip to Israel during the current unrest resulting from the hostilities in the Gaza Strip with Israel. Bishop Hanson along with others from the executive board of the Conference of Bishops, and the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have had several conference calls to discuss options and monitor conditions. One such conference call on December 29, resulted in the decision that because of a greater need for accompaniment for our churches in Jordan and the Holy Land, it was important for those who still chose to go to proceed with original plans, knowing that the itinerary would be fluid based on security concerns. That decision was made noting that those who chose not to participate at this time would be encouraged to plan another trip at a later date.

Sandy and I were also carefully monitoring the situation over the last couple of weeks. After extensive prayer and dialogue, we decided that we would postpone our trip to Israel and attempt to travel at a later date with others who made the same decision. The decision was a difficult one for both of us and we ask for your fervent prayers for those who made the decision to travel at this time. Presently, 39 ELCA bishops, 5 ELCIC bishops, both Presiding Bishops, several spouses and church staff members are making the trip. Please join Sandy and me in praying for their safety and that they have a meaningful experience during this time. We will keep the synod posted as to when a decision is made for the rest of us to travel.

Blessings!

Bishop Warren D. Freiheit
Central/Southern Illinois Synod

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Holy Communion with Pastor Scoville
9:15-10:30 Sunday Church School
for ages 3 yrs.—Adult
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
Holy Communion with Pastor Scoville