

??...DID YOU KNOW THAT...??

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Please use these ministry blurbs in your church bulletins and/or newsletters. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel ministry. May God bless your ministry abundantly.

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- Through our partnership with the Fort Dauphin Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church, a companion synod in Madagascar, our synod provided scholarships for 25 seminarians and three pastors engaged in graduate study who relate to the Fort Dauphin Synod? Scholarship recipients are selected by the Fort Dauphin Synod President.
- On the 21st of every month, through the close of the 115th Congress, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and ELCA Advocacy are inviting Lutherans to pray and fast? The 21st is when 90 percent of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits run out for families, making the remainder of the month a hungry time. To watch a video message, visit www.ELCA.org/PrayFastAct.



- You have the opportunity to nominate someone special for the “I’m a Lutheran” column in “The Living Lutheran” magazine? For details, you may contact Megan Brandsrud at megan.brandsrud@elca.org
- This year 95 Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) have accepted a call to serve through one of 11 programs in 14 countries? For more information about the YAGM program, call (800) 638-3522 or visit www.globalchurch@elca.org



- Five Gifts of Discipleship has free online resources that you can download? Resources include: an implementation guide; Bible studies; and worship resources (music and prayers)? Visit www.ELCA.org/faithpractices
- AMMPARO is the ELCA strategy for **A**ccompanying **M**igrant **M**inors with **P**rotection, **A**dvocacy, **R**epresentation and **O**pportunities? AMMPARO works primarily with minors from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. For details and resources, visit www.ELCA.org/Resources/AMMPARO



- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Christian churches in the Lutheran tradition? Founded in 1947 in Lund, Sweden, the LWF now has 145 member churches in 98 countries all over the world representing over 74 million Christians. The ELCA is the only U.S. Lutheran church body that participates in LWF. For more information, visit www.lwf.org
- Wartburg Seminary has launched a new MDiv Collaborative Learning Program that places students in a congregation where they will work part-time throughout the 4-year degree program and access their courses taught by Wartburg faculty via a real-time virtual classroom? For more information, visit www.wartburgseminary.edu



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