

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

- Your Congregation's Annual Parochial Report is now due? Each congregation received a packet in the mail with a copy of the report and instructions. If you need any assistance, or are in need of the congregational ID number and password, please contact Cindy Koonce at the synod office, (217) 753-7915 or by email at cindy.koonce@csis-elca.org Thank you to those congregations who have already submitted their reports.



- When you invest with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, your investment dollars are put to work in the form of loans to ELCA congregations and ministries? There is a wide variety of investment options, including: fixed rate or adjustable rate term investments (\$100 minimum); interest bearing accounts with checkbook availability MIF4KIDZ (a special savings plan for children from birth to age 16); Traditional or Roth IRA accounts; a Coverdell Education Savings Account; and a Health Savings Account. For more details, visit: www.ELCA.org/MIF
- The Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN will host the Lutheran Men in Mission's Gathering, July 21-23, 2017? Visit www.lutheranmeninmission.org to find out more.



- The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, TX, June 27-July 1, 2018? It is not too early to begin making plans. Jill Goldhammer, the Gathering Synod Coordinator, is available to help answer any questions that you might have. You may contact her at (309) 688-9212 or by email at jgoldhammer@saalemofpeoria.com
- The ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving is a special opportunity for the Church to come together to lift up the church's hunger and poverty ministry during Lent? Visit www.ELCA.org/hunger/Resources to view resources that your congregation might want to use.



- The ELCA Foundation has gift planners that will meet with your congregation to help set up an endowment fund at no cost to the congregation? Tim Urness is the regional gift planner for our synod. You may contact him at: (331) 444-3120; or by email at tim.urness@elca.org
- Across the ELCA, 235 seminary students received an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship in the 2015-2016 academic year? To learn more about how you can provide scholarship assistance to seminary students, visit www.ELCA.org/campaign



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