

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

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## **DID YOU KNOW THAT.....**

- The Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee is inviting congregational members to participate in a letter writing campaign to ask state legislators to develop a fair and equitable state budget? Visit [www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org) and click on the banner on the homepage.
- Numerous congregations are hosting Pedal for a Purpose events between now and the synod assembly? This year, we seek to raise \$50,000 for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Contributions may be sent to the Central/Southern Illinois Synod, 524 South 5<sup>th</sup> St., Springfield, IL 62701-1822. Please make check payable to: "Central/Southern Illinois Synod" with a notation that it is for the "2017 Pedal for a Purpose".



- The Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held at the Gateway Conference Center, Collinsville, IL, June 1-3? Congregational members are invited to attend the Festival Worship Service at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine on Thursday, June 1 and the assembly forums on Friday, June 2. To find out more, visit [www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org)
- There are 162 pastors on the synod roster? Of those, 75 serve congregations, 11 are called to specialized ministry, 70 are retired, and 6 others are in other categories.



- The Central/Southern Illinois Synod covers 40,335 square miles and is the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest synod in the ELCA geographically? There is approximately one baptized member per square mile. The Metro Chicago Synod has 37 ELCA Lutherans per square mile and the Northern Illinois Synod has five.
- A recent analysis of giving to faith-based organizations revealed that more donations came in electronically than all other methods combined? In a recent Vanco survey, 50% of churchgoers ages 45-65 prefer e-Giving, and almost 40% of seniors ages 66-72 also said that they would prefer to give electronically.



- The Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, located at 1834 Illinois 2, Oregon, IL 61061 has camping programs for children, youth, adults and families of all ages? For more information, visit [www.lomc.org](http://www.lomc.org) or call (815) 732-2220.
- A special offering will be received at this year's synod assembly to support the work of our two companion synods in Madagascar? Thank you for your support of ELCA Global Mission.



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