

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

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- Because of you, we surpassed this year's Pedal for a Purpose goal of \$50,000? As of June 14, 2017, we had received slightly more than \$51,000 in offerings to support the work of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Our goal was \$50,000. Thank you for your generous support!
- During the month of April, folks from the Central/Southern Illinois Synod contributed the following amounts to the Campaign for the ELCA: \$19,829 to Hunger/Poverty; \$3,956 to the Global Church; and \$500 to Where Needed Most? Thank you for your continued generous support.



- Two new parishes have recently been developed in our synod? The Three Saints Parish, which consists of St. Mark, Chillicothe; St. John's, Lacon; and St. Timothy, Wyoming called its first pastor (Rev. Linda Strader) in March. The three pastors (Rev. Jim Davis; Rev. Ed Hudelson; and Rev. Kurt Hoover) of the newly formed Servants United Parish were installed in March. Servants United Parish congregations include: St. John, Anchor; Trinity, Chenoa; Community, Cornell; St. Peter, Dwight; American, Gibson City; and St. John, Sibley.
- Augsburg Fortress is sponsoring a free Music Clinic at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL, July 31-August 1, 2017? David Cherwein and Mark Sedio are the featured presenters. Visit www.augsburgfortress.org and click on the Choral Music tab for registration information.



- From June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017, our synod welcomed two newly ordained pastors and received five pastors from other synods? During the same time, eight pastors within our synod retired and nine pastors transferred to other synods.
- The special offering received at this year's synod assembly to support the work of our two companion synods in Madagascar was \$6,515.63? Thank you for your support of our companion synods.



- The ELCA is accepting applications its' 2017 ELCA Hunger Advocacy Fellowship Program? This year-long program transformative experience combines leadership development and faith formation with impactful advocacy. Sites include: Lutheran Advocacy in Minnesota; Texas interfaith Center for Public Policy, and the Virginia Interfaith. For details, visit www.ELCA.org/careers.



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