

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

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- Lutheran World Relief will be offering LWR Farmers Market Coffee, a new line of coffee this summer sourced directly from farmers participating in LWR projects? For more details, visit lwr@lwr.org or call (800) 597-5972.
- The ELCA World Hunger has produced a resource entitled “Backpack Buddies: How to Guide”, which gives step-by-step instructions on how to start a backpack ministry? This free resource is available at [ELCA.org/Hunger Resources](http://ELCA.org/HungerResources) under the “Hunger Ed” tab.



- Registration for this year’s synod assembly has begun? The Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, IL, will be the site for this year’s assembly, June 1-3, 2017. The festival worship service will be held at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine, Belleville on Thursday, June 1, beginning at 8:00pm. The worship service is open to the general public. Congregational members are also welcome to attend any of the forums that will be offered on June 2. You may check in at the registration desk for a free forum pass.



- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois’s “Re-entry Services for Returning Citizens” is a holistic, multi-faceted statewide program that supports a returning citizen’s transition back into the community? For more information, visit www.lssi.org or call (618) 997-9076.
- 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? These organizations, in turn, use the loans to build worship spaces, facilities for health clinics, soup kitchens, senior housing and more. Some investments require a minimum initial investment of \$5.00. For details, visit www.ELCA.org/MIF or call (877) 886-3522.



- A charitable gift annuity is a way to support the ministries of the ELCA that matter most to you? As an annuitant, you will receive regular fixed payments, determined by your age at the time of your gift, during your lifetime. A portion of your gift is tax deductible, and a portion of your payments may also be eligible for other tax benefits. To find out more, visit www.ELCA.org/foundation or call (800) 638-3522.
- Mission Builders is an organization of people who work side-by-side with your congregation to build or improve your facility? People with carpentry skills and/or have an interest in construction can help in builds across the Church. For more details, visit <http://www.elcamissionbuilders.org>



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