



# East Central Conference Report to the Assembly

Pastor Amy Zietlow, Dean  
Holy Cross, Decatur

## Congregations

St. Matthew, Urbana  
Grace, Champaign  
Good Shepherd, Champaign  
St. Andrews and Campus Center  
Lutheran Church of Mahomet  
Christ, Monticello  
First, Decatur  
Holy Cross, Decatur  
Bethel, Danville  
St. Paul, Shelbyville,  
St. John Shelbyville  
Grace, Rankin

Pastor Robert Rasmus  
Pastor Chris Repp  
Vacant, Deacon Jason Fisher  
Pastor Amy Thoren  
Vacant  
Pastor Julia Rademacher, interim  
Pastor Rita Augsburg  
Pastor Amy Zietlow, dean  
Pastor Ed Stone  
Jan Lawson, TEEM candidate, Tom Galyen, SAM  
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Pastor Jennifer Hartweg-Brown

## East Central Officers

Dean  
Vice Dean  
Lay Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Pastor Amy Zietlow, Dean  
Pastor Amy Thoren, Vice Dean  
Jason Fisher, Deacon  
Kim Johnson  
Marilyn Dudley

## Synod Committees

Synod Council	Lay Male, Tim Marty
Adult Faith Formation	Clergy, Pastor Rita Augsburg, chair
New and Renewing Congregations	Clergy, Pastor Julia Rademacher
Global Mission	Clergy, vacant
Mission Support & Stewardship Education	Clergy, Pastor Amy Thoren
Candidacy	Lay Male, Mr. Bill Moehring, Clergy, Pastor Chris Repp, chair

The Conference continues to meet the fourth Tuesday of each month for fellowship and conversation. Our theme for this year was on "Finding Sabbath Rest."

In September, Pastor Amy Zietlow invited us into the dance studio, and shared how ballet classes bring her sabbath rest. In October, we learned about how creating and playing games brings sabbath rest to Deacon Jason Fisher. In November, we gathered at St. Andrew's on the campus of the University of Illinois. We toured the building in order to see the significant challenges the building poses to their campus ministry. Following the meeting, cookies were given away on the quad. In January we celebrated our annual Epiphany dinner at Good Shepherd in Champaign. In March, we held our annual conference assembly at LODGIC in Champaign. LODGIC is the rebranded Moose Lodge with the aim of serving modern families. We gathered in their campfire space to discuss how our facilities help facilitate our ministries. Pastor Amy Zietlow was elected by ecclesiastical ballot to serve a three-year term as dean. Pastor Amy Thoren was elected to the Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee. We concluded our meeting with a Hymn Sing and fundraiser for St. Andrew's campus ministry. In March, we met at Grace in Champaign to learn how making music brings sabbath rest and renewal to Pastor Chris Repp. In April, we met with Bishop John Roth for our annual bishop's colloquy and chrism mass. This year's service was held in the Pines at Rock Springs Nature Center and hosted by Pastor Rita Augsburg. In May, we traveled to Lake Shelbyville for a day of restful fellowship and boating, hosted by Jan Lawson, TEEM candidate and SAM.