



# East Central Conference

## 2020 Report to the Assembly

**Pastor Amy Zietlow, Dean  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
Decatur**

### Congregations

St. Matthew, Urbana	Vacant
Grace, Champaign	Pastor Chris Repp
Good Shepherd, Champaign	Vacant, Deacon Jason Fisher
St. Andrews and Campus Center	Pastor Amy Thoren
Lutheran Church of Mahomet	Pastor David Castner, interim
Christ, Monticello	Pastor Julia Rademacher
First, Decatur	Pastor Rita Augsburg
Holy Cross, Decatur	Pastor Amy Zietlow, dean
Bethel, Danville	Pastor Ed Stone
St. Paul, Shelbyville,	Jan Lawson, TEEM candidate, Tom Galyen, SAM
St. John Shelbyville	Jan Lawson, TEEM candidate, Tom Galyen, SAM
Grace, Rankin	Pastor Jennifer Hartweg-Brown

### East Central Officers

Dean	Pastor Amy Zietlow
Vice Dean	Pastor Julia Rademacher
Lay Vice President	Deacon Jason Fisher
Treasurer	Pastor Jennifer Hartweg-Brown
Secretary	Caitlyn Reinders

### 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, Chris Edmonds, Clergy, Pastor Chris Repp, chair

The Conference continues to meet the fourth Tuesday of each month for fellowship and conversation in-person and, since March, by videoconference. Our theme for this year was "Who do you say I am?" Each month, we wondered about who Jesus is for us

personally and vocationally, who the people we serve say Jesus is, and who Jesus is for people in other communities, countries and faith communities. We completed two book studies: in the fall, *Canoeing the Mountains* by Todd Bolsinger, and, in the spring, *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan. We held our Conference Assembly at Riggs Brewery in order to partner with St. Andrew's and conference congregations for a Hops and Hymns event to raise funds for campus ministry at the University of Illinois.

As dean of the EC Conference, it's been my joy to work closely with the deans and members of synod council to discern the Spirit's work in our synod this past year. Much time and effort was expended to prayerfully process and build on the ideas shared at the 2019 Synod Assembly. I look forward to journeying forward together in this important work.