



East Central Conference

Report to the Assembly

Pastor Amy Zietlow, Dean
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 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 Paul Chapman
Pastor Chris Repp
Pastor Lynette Chapman, Deacon Jason Fisher
Pastor Amy Thoren
Pastor Robert Rasmus, interim
Pastor Julia Rademacher
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

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Pastor Jennifer Hartweg-Brown
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New and Renewing Congregations
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Clergy, Pastor Julia Rademacher
Clergy, vacant
Clergy, Pastor Amy Thoren
Lay Male, Mr. Chris Edmonds,
Clergy, Pastor Chris Repp, chair

The Conference meets monthly via zoom for fellowship and conversation. Our theme for this year was "Spiritual Renewal." Each meeting, we were led by a spiritual director to explore different spiritual practices as we processed the continual changes to congregational and vocational life during a global pandemic.

In February we celebrated our annual Epiphany gathering via zoom. We were joined by Bishop John Roth, Ministry Candidate Elle Dowd, and Pastor Lenny Duncan. They offered video reflections on their spiritual Aha! Moments in 2020. These reflections served as a springboard to our conference conversations. In April, we held our annual conference assembly via Zoom and our theme was “Filling up our Spiritual Toolbox.” We will meet in-person in May at Allerton Park, Monticello, and we hope to gather in-person over the summer for fellowship.