



Seek the Welfare of the City

Jeremiah 29:7

Wednesdays on Zoom at 7:00 pm ET

February 24 – March 24

Our 2021 focus for Lenten worship is Racial Justice. Beginning on Feb. 24, each mid-week service will feature speakers from various backgrounds who will discuss racial justice as it relates to the Church, to the education system, to policing, to indigenous people, and to the criminal justice system.

February 24: Rachel Kurtz

Rachel visited ULC in September 2016 and led a women's Bible study, a concert and Sunday worship as part of the ULC 75th anniversary celebration of campus ministry.

While we won't be able to share Rachel's music in person this year, Rachel will use the Zoom platform to share her story and music. Her theme is "An Evening of Music and Conversation Around Racial Injustice." Visit www.rachelkurtz.com to learn more about Rachel's passions and talents.



Rachel Kurtz with Annaliese and Julianna Marks, leading Sunday worship on Sept. 18, 2016 during 75th anniversary celebration of campus ministry.



March 3: The Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells

Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells is the Program Director for LuMin/ Campus Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). [LuMin](#) is a network of over 240 colleges and universities. He is also the National President of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ELCA).

Pastor Wells is a graduate of Morehouse College and the Interdenominational Theological Center, both in Atlanta, Ga; and has studied at Harvard, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, and

Cornell University.

As a dynamic speaker, Rev. Wells is frequently called to share prophetic messages of ecumenism and social justice which motivates him as a leader and community organizer.

March 10: Rev. Ken Ponds

Rev. Ponds served as chaplain at Starr Commonwealth's Albion campus for nearly 40 years. He is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In his role as chaplain, he provided pastoral services to both students and staff. He has been active in the Calhoun County community, where he served as board chair of the Calhoun Intermediate School District. Ken has also been a member of boards for the Albion School District, the Calhoun County Board of Health and the Battle Creek Health System among others. Additionally, he chairs the Publicly Engaged Church Committee of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of ELCA.

He earned a Master of Divinity from Christ Seminary in St. Louis, MO., and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, IL. He has also been trained in several youth and human services techniques, such as Life Space Crisis Intervention, Specialized Foster Care, Childhood Sexual Victimization, Outdoor Adventure Education Facilitation and racial healing. He has been an advocate for Starr's racial healing efforts with Glasswing, serving as a facilitator for dozens of two-day sessions.

March 17: TBD

March 24: Scott Hughes