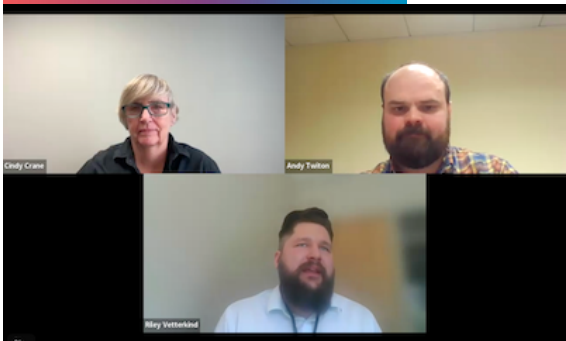




**What are some things we can do to be responsibly engaged during this election season?** Below learn about misinformation, fact-checking, absentee ballots, an invitation to truth-telling, and poll workers.



**Wednesday Noon Live: Watch for misinformation** (intentional and unintentional), know where to check out the facts about the voting process. In addition, learn about important details about absentee ballots. Hear from **Riley Vetterkind, Public Information Officer at the Wisconsin Elections Commission.**

**Important Websites**  
[My Vote Wisconsin](#)

[Elections 101 \(from the Wisconsin Elections Commission\)](#) (a series of videos)  
[The Wisconsin Elections Commission](#)  
[Michigan Voter Information Center](#)  
Find your county or municipal clerk  
[National Association for Media Literacy Education](#)

## ELCA Conference of Bishops Emphasizes the Need to Speak the Truth

- Pledge to be vigilant guardians of truth, refusing to perpetuate lies or half-truths that further corrode the fabric of our society.
- Commit to rigorous fact-checking, honoring God's command to "test everything; hold fast to what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).
- Reject the use of humor that normalizes falsehood, remembering that our speech should "always be gracious" (Colossians 4:6).
- Boldly advocate for the marginalized and oppressed, emulating Christ's love for the least among us.
- Courageously interrupt hate speech, standing firm in the knowledge that all are created in God's image.
- Lean in with curiosity, engage with those who think differently and "put the best construction on our neighbor's action" (Luther's explanation of the Eighth Commandment).
- Amplify voices of truth.

[Click here for the full document.](#)



### We need poll workers! Hear from **Delaney Zimmer, Voter Services Coordinator at the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin**

Below are identified poll worker needs (as of 9/19) from the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. Just a reminder that qualified electors can be a poll worker in any municipality in their county (CI's must reside in the municipality they serve).

City of Beloit (20, with a 10/15 deadline)

City of Brookfield (unknown, still hearing back from past

workers, but assuming a sizable number still needed)

City of Eau Claire (100)

City of Green Bay (25-30)

City of Janesville (still hearing back from past workers, but assuming a need of 15-25)

City of La Crosse (50+)

Madison (unknown, but always accepting apps)

Milwaukee (unknown, but assuming a sizable number still needed)

City of Superior (unknown, but likely 10-15)

City of West Bend (25)

Village of West Salem (10)

City of Waukesha (unknown)

City of Sun Prairie (10- 15)

City of Superior (15-20)

City of Janesville (10-12)

[Poll Worker Recruitment Toolkit](#)



Are you interested in what you can do as a non-partisan influence in this election cycle? Take your energy to the

[#ELCAElectionActivator](#) network - an opportunity for individuals and our congregations to share in our communities love in action



**The Raise the Age Coalition** held an afternoon strategy meeting at Lakeview Lutheran Church in Madison, where LOPPW's office is housed along with the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin office. We appreciate the conference room space Lakeview made available to us and the SCSW for assisting us to make the meeting available to our steering committee members

who needed to attend online.

What is next as the state legislature is about to undergo changes? We have experienced resistance, especially from the Speaker of the House, despite bipartisan support for returning 17-year-old youth to the juvenile justice system? More planning will be needed in response to the November elections. Emily Coddington, our chair, will convene a full coalition meeting after that time.



Several crucial bills, including those related to migration, are still pending as the annual federal appropriations process remains unfinished. The effective support of new arrivals, immigrants and refugees by non-governmental organizations, including various Lutheran-affiliated ones, use federal resources. Customize this Action Alert with your message. <https://give.elca.org/page/73363/action/1?chainThe>



**More from the Conference of Bishops**

Inspired by colleagues in NY and NJ synods, our six bishops in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan submitted this press release: [Remembering God's People in the Holy Land](#)

**Bad Faith Showings**



Various groups have been showing "Bad Faith," a very compelling documentary on Christian Nationalism, around Wisconsin. Viewing the powerful film as a group gives people an opportunity to process challenging information with a helpful, guided discussion. Several showings are still coming up soon!

Please consider involving individual members from your church, social concerns team, Women of the ELCA groups, men's groups, youth groups, etc. Below are the various locations we are aware of.

**Monday, October 7 at 5:30 PM – No cost**

Carnegie-Schadde Memorial Public Library, 230 4th Ave. **Baraboo, WI**

Brief discussion to follow. Hosted by Concerned Citizens Against Christian Nationalism

**Monday, October 15 at 7:00 PM \$10.00**

Barrymore Theater, 2090 Atwood Ave., **Madison, WI**

Special speaker. Learn more and register [here](#).

Hosted by *The Progressive*, the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, Community Shares of Wisconsin, and the Center for Media and Democracy Present, and WORT

**October 18, 4:00 PM – No cost**

River Falls Public Library, River Falls, WI

Brief discussion to follow. Hosted by Concerned Citizens Against Christian Nationalism

**October 24, 6:00 PM – No cost**

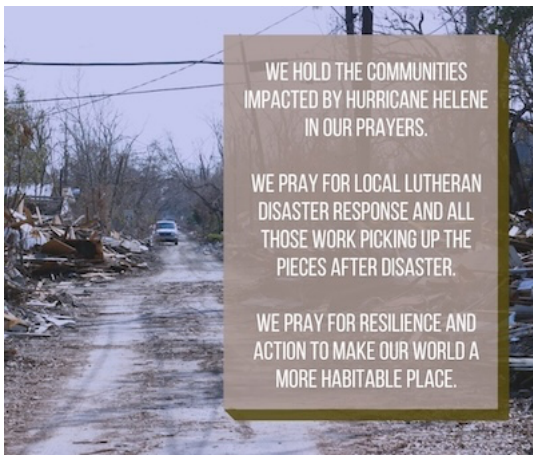
Trinity Episcopal Church, Oshkosh, WI

Brief discussion to follow. Hosted by Concerned Citizens Against Christian Nationalism

**October 24, 6:30 PM – No cost**

Woodland Theatre (Davies Center 328), Eau Claire, WI

Discussion to follow. Hosted by Concerned Citizens Against Christian Nationalism



[Give to LDR to support victims of Hurricane Helene](#)

Your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response helps our church provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and others. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, LDR provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.