

**NOMINATIONS TO SERVE THE EAST CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN**  
Submitted by the 2019 Nominating Committee

**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 1 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Lay Male Member

**Mr. Will Ostrem, Kronenwetter**

Employment: Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Membership: Mount Calvary, Rothschild  
Conference: Wisconsin River Valley

**Church Activities/Offices:**

Vicar-Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Churchwide Assembly Voting Member – 2017, 2019  
Church Council President  
Via De Cristo Council President  
Via De Cristo participant

**Community/Volunteer Activities:**

Blessings that Give Hope Food Program  
Community of Hope Food Pantry  
Several MDA fundraising efforts  
Participated in several local organization fundraising efforts including Boy  
Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, Neighbor's Place, Women's Community

**Statement of experience or qualities you would bring to the position:** I believe that we, as a church, need to seek ways that we can be active in our communities and walk in accompaniment with our neighbors. I have been active in the congregation, synod, and churchwide levels as well as currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> year seminarian at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

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**NO OTHER NOMINATION AVAILABLE  
WILL TAKE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

## **SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 2 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Lay Clergy Member

### **Rev. Michael Peuse, Rosholt**

Employment: Faith and North New Hope Lutheran Parish

Membership: Faith, Rosholt

Conference: Tomorrow River

#### **Church Activities/Offices:**

Boy Scout Troop Representative

Pastoral Office – catechism, first communion preparation, officiate  
weddings and funerals, preside and baptism and Holy Communion

Synod Council 2016-2019

Synod Nominating Committee 2015-2016

Tomorrow River Conference Secretary 2016-present

Bishop Installation Committee

Hops & Hymns co-organizer, song leader

#### **Community/Volunteer Activities:**

Cub Scout Den Leader

Youth soccer coach 2018

Over-enthused parent at youth baseball, football, and soccer events

**Statement of experience or qualities you would bring to the position:** After serving this past year on synod council, I found the experience to be an enriching and an experience I'd like to continue to serve in.

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**Conference: Tomorrow River**

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**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 3 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Lay Clergy Member

**Rev. Nate Gauerke, Neenah**

**NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 3 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Lay Clergy Member

**Conference: Appleton**

**NO OTHER NOMINATION**

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## **SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 4 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Lay Female Member

### **Ms. Wendy Koepp, Fond du Lac**

Employment: Buyer III

Membership: Church of Our Saviour, Fond du Lac

Conference: Oshkosh

#### **Church Activities/Offices:**

Synod Council

Coach – Reimagining Church

Youth Leader- National Youth Gathering

Mission Interpretation

Assisting Minister

Choir

Lector

Eastern Lay School Coordinating team

Eastern Lay School Graduate

Worship and Music Chairperson

Church Council

#### **Community/Volunteer Activities:**

South Shore Chorale member

Midwest Chorale member

Board member South Shore Chorale

Board Secretary – Fond du Lac Community Theatre

Historical reenactor – Historical Timekeepers

WI Historical Society – Site volunteer

Fond du Lac County Historical Society – Site volunteer

Forensics Judge – Middle and High School

**Statement of experience or qualities you would bring to the position:** My faith journey/story started in the basement of my home congregation, serving with the women who made quilts. Hearing the stories of what God was doing in our church but also outside our church at the Synod and National levels. Because of these stories, I became more involved in my congregation and at the Synod level. It has been a blessing to hear and see the stories of what God is doing in us and through us in our Synod.

**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 4 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Lay Female Member

**Conference: Oshkosh**

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## **SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 5 – Vote for One – Three Year Term

Person of Color or Whose Primary Language is other than English

Lay Male Member-at-Large

### **Mr. Horace Davis, Wisconsin Rapids**

Employment: Retired

Membership: First English Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids

Conference: Tomorrow River

#### **Church Activities/Offices:**

Personnel Committee

Adult Sunday School

Reimagining Church Coach

Synod Council Member

Lay School Graduate

FELC Project Revitalize Committee

#### **Community/Volunteer Activities:**

Learning is Forever (LIFE), UWSP- Curriculum Committee member/Program  
Presenter

Ecumenical Men's Bible Study Group

**Statement of experience or qualities you would bring to the position:** In addition to the above mentioned current involvement, past church activity involvement includes: 1. Voting Member of 2016 Churchwide Assembly; 2. Participation in ECSW Tomorrow River Conference (presenter/attendee); 2. Member of ECSW Equal Justice Committee; 4. Chair of Adult Education Committee, Nomination Committee and The Equipping Ministry; 5. ChristCare Small Group Ministry Equipper; 6. Church Council Member-at-Large for Adult Education, Long Range Planning, and The Equipping Ministry. I also bring many years of experience as a Human Resources Executive, a Training & Development Department manager, and a member of the Boards of several Associations and Organizations. I have also taught in Public Schools, Technical Colleges and Universities (adjunct and guest teacher roles).

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Position 5 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Person of Color or Whose Primary Language is other than English  
Lay Male Member-at-Large

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**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 6 – Vote for One – Three Year Term  
Person of Color or Whose Primary Language is other than English  
Lay Female Member-at-Large

**NO NOMINATIONS**

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**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 7 – Vote for One –One Year Term  
Youth Member-at-Large (Age 14-18)

**NO NOMINATIONS**

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**SYNOD COUNCIL**

Position 8 – Vote for One –Three Year Term  
Young Adult Member-at-Large (Age 19-30)

**NO NOMINATIONS**

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