Who Runs the World? (Girls) Room 201
Stephanie Berkas and Erika Dornfeld
Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Young Adults in Global Mission welcome ELCA young adults in yearlong service opportunities across the United States and throughout the world. Come hear stories of the many women who make the world go ‘round, tending to life’s most basic needs, healing the sick, and altering the trajectory of their communities and cultures through acts of faithful service.

Erika Dornfeld serves as Midwest program coordinator for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. As a member of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, she served for two years at a Chicago interfaith environmental organization, Faith in Place. She received her master of divinity from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 2015, and was an affiliate student at LSTC.

Stephanie Berkas serves as manager of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. She served as a YAGM volunteer in Cape Town, South Africa from 2009-2010, an experience that deepened her understanding of the global church and our shared call to be agents of hope and justice in the world. She earned a master of arts in ministry from LSTC in 2016.

Grow, Hold & Fold: Turning Around Faith-based Organizations Room 202 for the 21st Century
Beth Lewis
In the face of rapid changes in religion, lifestyles and technology, how do faith-based organizations (congregations, synod, seminaries and others) make the radical shifts necessary to continue to proclaim a grace-filled Gospel while renewing and revitalizing our ministries for the 21st century? Augsburg Fortress, the ELCA’s ministry of publishing, has wrestled with this challenge and dramatically changed their priorities and processes in recent years. By focusing on a “grow, hold, fold” strategic framework combined with effective use of technology not only for delivering content but also streamlining internal processes, they have moved form a money-losing traditional denominational publishing house to a successful media organization creating dynamic print, digital and video content for congregations, higher education, individuals and families. In this workshop you’ll learn some practical techniques that have worked for Augsburg Fortress/sparkhouse to apply to your ministry.

Beth Lewis is president & CEO of 1517 Media, the ministry of publishing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. 1517 Media is the parent organization of Augsburg Fortress, Fortress Press and Sparkhouse, (ELCA). In 2008 Lewis received the Doctor of Divinity honorary degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary. In 2015, she was recognized with the Women in Business Award by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. In June 2015, Augsburg Fortress (now known as 1517 Media) was named one of the Top Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune.
Putting the Public Back into Public Worship

Jodi Houge

Real life stories from a church that gathers in public spaces every single week. Humble Walk Lutheran Church gathers in bars, coffee shops, parks, a Jewish nursing home and an art studio out of necessity – and because it undergirds this community’s theology.

Jodi Houge started Humble Walk in a coffee shop during her last year of seminary and has been running to catch up with where this community leads her ever since.

That It May Be Well with You

Tammy Devine

“I have come that you may have life abundantly.” John 10:10b

God calls us to live abundantly throughout our life journey. All too often we find ourselves out of breath and out of balance in this fast paced world. We are confronted with living up to expectations we place on ourselves and those set by others. With the Wholeness Wheel as our guide we will explore our call to live as a new creation in Christ. Come catch your breath and discover what it means to live as whole people of God.

Tammy Devine is a diaconal minister and Wellness Manager for the Evangelical Church in America, serving through Portico Benefit Services. She is a registered nurse and earned a master’s degree in leadership from Luther Seminary. She has completed preparation as a parish nurse/coordinator and is ICF certified as a spiritual coach.

Wednesday, October 12 at 3:15 p.m.

ELCA World Hunger

Mikka McCracken

ELCA World Hunger supports responses to hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. Recognizing the unique contributions women and children bring to this work, ELCA World Hunger, through congregations, partners, and companions supports local efforts to develop women leaders, address gender inequities and build a just world where all are fed. In this workshop, participants will learn more about these vital, effective projects and ways Lutherans around the world are working creatively and courageously to respond to hunger.

Mikka McCracken serves as director of planning and engagement for ELCA World Hunger. She has worked with the ELCA Justice for Women program, advocates for gender justice and serves on The Lutheran World Federation International Council.

ELCAvotes: Race, Rights and Women’s Leadership

Kwame Pitts and Amy Reumann

This workshop focuses on women’s leadership in guaranteeing the right to vote, especially in areas where marginalization and oppression have been factors and stumbling blocks for voting, challenges to voting rights on the federal and state level, and how women can advocate for all voices, especially those of communities of color, immigrant, and native voice. The workshop will include resources and tools for leadership to promote civic engagement as a Lutheran leader based on culture and context.

ELCAvotes! Is an initiative of ELCA Advocacy, Racial Justice and Young Adults.

Kwame Pitts is fully immersed in pastoral ministry at Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Holland, Ill., and has always been a rabble rouser and troublemaker. In 2013 when the Voting Rights Act was destroyed, she researched, wrote and lobbied along with the help of Reconciling Works the Social Policy Resolution on Voting Rights which was presented and passed at the
ELCA Churchwide Assembly in the summer of 2013. She earned a master of divinity degree from LSTC in 2015.

Amy Reumann is ELCA director of advocacy, which includes the UN, Washington, State Public Policy and Corporate Social Responsibility offices. She has served in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Jersey City, NJ and later at the Lutheran Office for World Community at the UN. Reumann has served as a pastor in New Jersey and Wisconsin, as Assistant to the Bishop/Urban Coalition Director in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, and director of the ELCA state public policy office in Pennsylvania. She earned a master of divinity degree from LSTC and a master of sacred theology in spiritual direction at the General Theological Seminary in New York.

Trans/forming the Church

River Needham and Christephor Gilbert

Transgender people are one of the most spiritual and unchurched segments of the US population according to Canadian transgender advocate Lisa Salazar. This workshop will begin with a brief exploration of gender and sexuality using The Gender Unicorn graphics and then use this baseline to explore what it means for our churches, including what changes we can begin to make in congregational practice and facilities to welcome and encourage transgender people to come to our congregations.

River Needham holds clergy candidate status with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and currently studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Their passion for the movement for transgender liberation informs much of their study. They were the first (and so far only) out trans feminine student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. They use pronouns like they/them/theirs/themself.

Christephor Gilbert is a middler in the master of divinity program at LSTC. He recently was awarded 2016 Joel R. Workin Scholar by Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. He is a member of Proclaim, a professional community of 239 publicly identified LGBTQ Lutheran rostered leaders and seminarians.

Underground Religious Woman Voices of Dissent in Elizabethan England 1550–1600

William E. Flippin Jr.

Explore the rise of prophetic women in early modern England from 1550–1600. Emphasis will be given to Quaker women preachers’ development of “separate women’s meetings” compared to Womanist theology in conversation with Shakespearean literature and the Elizabethan ideal.

William E. Flippin Jr. serves as pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Atlanta, Ga. He received the “Prophetic Voice Award” from Faith in Public Life, Washington, DC, in April 2016. He also received the Servant Leadership Award for the Georgia NAACP where he serves as Third Vice President. He currently sits on the ELCA church council.

Thursday, October 13 at 10 a.m.

Talking to Youth and Adult Church Members about Human Trafficking

Cindy Crane

Learn about the hidden scandal of sex trafficking. Explore how to discuss the problem with adults and youth using a resource from the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin. The resource focuses on the problem of sex trafficking of young people and includes discussion questions about healthy relationships versus unhealthy and abusive relationships.
Cindy Crane has been the director of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin since January 2014. She served as a parish pastor for 10 years and spent several years managing secular nonprofit organizations, where her duties included working as an advocate and familiarizing herself with government officials.

Women of the ELCA, not your grandma’s ladies’ aid  
*Room 202*

*Linda Post Bushkofsky*

Think Women of the ELCA is still your grandma’s ladies aid? Think again! Women of the ELCA is a vibrant ministry partner in parishes and other ministry settings, engaging women in study, advocacy, service and more. Learn about WELCA’s resources (mostly free!) that can help you in your call.

Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director of Women of the ELCA since 2002, loves to quilt and her scones are legendary. She’s also a creative and versatile strategist with more than 20 years of non-profit leadership following a successful legal career. When asked to describe herself, however, she always starts with “writer,” because she processes the world through her writing.

Leading Levitical Music Worship  
*Augustana Chapel*

*Keith Hampton*

“Doc” Hampton will lead a discussion of what Levitical worship is according to the Bible. Participants will explore ways in which we might lead worship as a Levitical worshipper. Come learn songs that will be used to lead the Thursday sending worship.

Keith Hampton is a classically trained organist and conductor who currently serves as Cantor to the Community at LSTC. He is also director of music/organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church and assistant director of music at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. He is founder and artistic director of the Chicago Community Chorus and president of Dr. KT Productions, Inc. In February 2016, Dr. Hampton made his conducting debut at Carnegie Hall in NY, leading the National Festival Chorus. Hampton earned a bachelor of music education degree from Westminster Choir College, a master of arts from Marywood University, and a doctor of music in church music from Northwestern University. He has been awarded the Service Playing, Choir Master, and Associate certificates from the American Guild of Organists.