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**SAVE THE DATES**

**Panel Conversations with Women of the ELCA**  
 November 5, 12, and 19  
 at 8:00 PM EST

**Conversation with Pastor Platz and Celebration Service**  
 Saturday, November 21  
 at 2:00 PM EST




Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
*God's work. Our hands.*

## Meet our Word & Service Panelists

**Deacon Doctor Nancy Gable**, *Director of Admissions and Adjunct Faculty in Christian Education, United Lutheran Seminary; Allegheny Synod*



Deacon Doctor Nancy Gable has served the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA] (or its predecessor church bodies) as a rostered minister since June 1, 1979.

During her 41 years of service she served in congregations in the areas of faith formation and youth ministry (Waukegan, IL, and State College, PA), for 15 years in admissions/diaconal ministry/financial aid/continuing education (at ULS predecessor institution LTSG), for 10 years as the Coordinator for Missional Leadership in Region 8 of the ELCA (based in Gettysburg), and, most recently, as the part-time Deacon for Faith Formation and Administration at Garden of Grace Community of Churches (a community of four ELCA congregations in northern Adams County). Over the course of her years in ministry Deacon Nancy served on various work groups and committees in the larger church, including as a part of the planning of the Lutheran World Federation 2005 Consultation, “Diaconal Ministry in the Mission of the Church,” where she also was a presenter and a part of the writing team.

Deacon Nancy’s academic background includes a BS in Education from Indiana University of PA (Music), MAR from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg – now a part of United Lutheran

Seminary (religious education and youth ministry), and a Doctor of Education from The Pennsylvania State University (Adult Ed). She carries additional academic preparation and certification in early childhood education from The Pennsylvania State University.

In addition, Deacon Dr. Gable is a liaison to ELCA candidates at non-ELCA divinity schools and seminaries (especially Yale, Harvard, Union NYC, and Princeton) who “affiliate” with ULS.

**Deacon Deb Haynes**, *Assistant Director of Case Management, Lamb Center; Metro DC Synod*



Deacon Deb Haynes joined the Lamb Center as a Case Manager in May 2016 on their first day in their new building. Deb is a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is originally from Central Pennsylvania and has been in Northern Virginia for over twenty years. She is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Falls Church, VA. Deb has a Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, a Master of Science in Information Science from UNC-Chapel Hill and a BA from Ursinus College. In former careers she was the office manager for a small local business and a systems analyst in federal contracting.

**Deacon Kim Hintzman**, *Director of Engagement, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick, MD; Delaware-Maryland Synod*



Deacon Kim Hintzman has been serving in full time ministry at Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) since being called there in 2015. She currently lives in Frederick, Maryland with her best friend and husband, Len Owens. In 2017, she was installed as Director of (Faith) Engagement at ELC. She preaches, teaches, and leads hospitality and outreach efforts in a church with 2000 members located in downtown Frederick Maryland. She graduated with a Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies -Diaconal Ministry from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 2015.

Prior to becoming a full time student at LTSG in August of 2013, Kim was a Vice President for Serco, Inc., a \$1+ billion federal services provider. Prior to joining Serco, Deacon Hintzman was a Partner (Executive) in IBM's Global Business Services Public Sector Practice. Deacon Hintzman has over 25 years of experience managing large organizations and delivering services in the public and private sector. She also led multiple large-scale financial system implementations in the public and private sectors, including organizations with global operations. Kim has a BS in Accountancy and a Masters of Business Administration in Management Information Systems.

**Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt**, *Bishop Associate for Faith Formation and Communication;*  
*Southwestern Texas Synod*



Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt became a rostered minister in the ELCA on October 26, 2003, in Phoenix, AZ. Since being rostered, Deacon Darcy has served on the Bishop's staff in the Grand Canyon Synod as Minister for Communication, in a congregation (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chandler, AZ) for 14 years in Children, Youth & Family Ministry/Faith Formation, and since August 2018, as Bishop's Associate for Faith Formation and Communications in the Southwestern Texas Synod.

Over the course of her years in ministry Deacon Darcy has served on various boards, teams, and committees in the larger church, including serving on the ELCA Youth Gathering Planning Team and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board. She currently serves on the SYMBOL (Synod Youth Ministry Band of Leaders) Steering Team as well as her Synod's camping ministry board. In fall 2019 Deacon Darcy organized a Deacon Gathering in Region 4.

Deacon Darcy's academic background includes a BA in Sociology/Psychology from Midland University in Fremont, NE. She did her theological studies at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

**Deacon Sue Rothmeyer**, *Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer was elected August 9, 2019, to a six-year term as secretary of the ELCA by the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee.

Secretary Rothmeyer began her ministry as a lay campus minister with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Iowa State University in 1984. With her passion for campus ministry, Secretary Rothmeyer continued her work at the churchwide organization in 1995. Before transitioning to the Office of the Secretary in her role as assistant to the secretary and executive for Office of the Secretary administration in 2012, Secretary Rothmeyer served in various positions in youth, young adult and campus ministry. She is the first deacon and first woman to serve as secretary of the ELCA.

Secretary Rothmeyer earned a Master of Arts in communication arts and rhetoric from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1984, and a Bachelor of Arts in English and speech communication from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, in 1981.

Secretary Rothmeyer serves as the ELCA representative to 1517 Media, Portico Benefit Services and Luther College Board of Regents; is a board member of Concordia Place in Chicago; and is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

**Moderator: Sister Anne Hall**, *Transitional Minister, Nebraska Synod*



Sister Anne grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, a suburb of Washington DC with her three brothers who all remained on the east coast where they now live in North Carolina, Virginia and Florida.

Sister Anne received an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Montgomery College, Rockville, MD. After deciding to pursue the ministry as a Deacon she attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for theological training. After Augustana, she completed her internship at Christ Lutheran, Philadelphia. Following Sr. Anne's consecration service in 1983 as a member of the Deaconess Community, her first call was at St. Peter's Lutheran, Philadelphia. She then went onto Bell, CA (Los

Angeles) and started a daycare center at Grace, Bell. Two calls later, she met her husband David and moved to Madera, CA as David accepted a call to be Pastor at their Lutheran church. From there, they served congregations in Port Arthur and then Brenham, Texas, and then to Sidney, NE and Columbus, NE.

While in Sidney, Sister Anne was the transition minister for First English Lutheran in Kimball and later with an assistant for the Tri-County parish that included four congregations in three counties. After a time, two of the congregations split away and she continued to serve St. Mark's in Oshkosh and Berea Lutheran south of Oshkosh. From January 2019 until October 2020, Sr. Anne served as Transitional Minister at St. John's in Shell Creek.

Pr. David and Sr. Anne have a daughter, Christine, who lives in Colorado.