



## Northeastern Ohio Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**Join us for noontime prayers during Lent.** Every weekday at noon, the Northeastern Ohio Synod staff gathers in the Lutheran Center chapel to pray for our synod's congregations and rostered leaders. The liturgy is about 15 minutes, including a devotion, prayers, and a hymn. If you are in the area, you are welcome to join us! The 2019 Lenten Prayer calendar has been published in the weekly e-news, and is included with the inserts for this Unified.

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**Catholic-Lutheran Lent 2019 Scripture Reflections.** The Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission invites Catholics and Lutherans to use the Lent 2019 Resources for Reflection and Discussion for personal or group prayer. See the attachments for a copy-ready edition of this ecumenical resource for praying the Sunday Readings Lent Cycle C. NEOS Lutheran Churches outside the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Youngstown are welcome to use this resource.

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**Hymns for the Church Year.** On the occasions when *Hymns for the Church Year* is updated between issues of the Unified, we post it immediately on the synod website (<http://neos-elca.org/hymns-for-the-church-year/>) and in the weekly e-news. If you're not a subscriber, sign up for the weekly e-news here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpjcq6y>

*Hymns for the Church Year* is a labor of love contributed to the synod by Thomas H. Boreman; we are grateful for his efforts!

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**Does your congregation have a “green team?”** Does your congregation have a “green team,” a creation care committee, or some other program devoted to environmental stewardship? Marilyn Matevia is acting as the synod’s point person, or “Green Shepherd,” with Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC), a national organization promoting care for creation within the ELCA (<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>). If your congregation is already affiliated with LRC, or would like to connect and brainstorm about creation care programs with other congregations across the synod, please contact Marilyn at the synod office: [mmatevia@neos-elca.org](mailto:mmatevia@neos-elca.org).

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