

Chrism Liturgies & Conversations 2016

Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA

Rooted in an ancient practice, chrism (“anointing”) liturgies provide an annual opportunity for the bishop to preach and preside at services in which oils of anointing are prayed over and distributed for local use and in which rostered and other leaders renew their vocational commitments. The laying on of hands, anointing, and prayer for healing are also offered as part of these liturgies. Following the liturgy, the host congregation offers a simple lunch, after which the bishop engages the gathered folk in conversation about a variety of topics important for local mission and ministry as well as the mission and ministry we share more broadly. In some locations, appointments may be made beforehand to meet with the bishop individually *after the post-lunch general conversation*; at or after 1:00 p.m. Such individual appointments may be made through April Lynch, using the contact information below.

Participants are invited to bring oil cruets to be filled with oil from the liturgy, one for baptisms (scented) and one for prayer for healing (unscented). Although the focus of the liturgy is on rostered leaders, lay folk, spouses, and others are welcome to attend and participate as well.

Five such liturgies are being offered during Lent this year. The locations have been chosen in hope that leaders will be able to find one relatively convenient for them, even if it means crossing conference boundaries. In fact, one of the blessings arising from these liturgies in recent years has been the conversation and fellowship experienced among leaders who might not otherwise know or spend time together beyond their local conferences.

The schedule will be as follows. These are local times; note time zone for each location.

9:00	Gather
10:00	Chrism Liturgy
11:30	Lunch
12:00	Conversation with the Bishop and each other
1:00	Departure

It is very important that participants register their participation beforehand if at all possible. This will assist those providing lunch to have a fairly accurate count. ***Please email or call April Lynch (alynch@iksynod.org; 317-253-3522) as soon as you know which liturgy you will attend, preferably at least a week before.***

<u>Thursday, February 11</u>	Calvary Lutheran Church, 1532 N. Main Street Bluffton, IN 46714 Phone: (260) 824-0177 [Eastern Time]
<u>Tuesday, February 23</u>	Bethany Lutheran Church, 102 G St, La Porte, IN 46350 Phone: (219) 362-3312 [Central Time]
<u>Thursday, March 10</u>	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 526 East 52nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205 Phone: (317) 283-6559 [Eastern Time]
<u>Tuesday, March 15</u>	Christ Lutheran Church, 9212 Taylorsville Rd, Jeffersontown, KY 40299 Phone: (502) 267-5082 [Eastern Time]
<u>Tuesday, March 22</u>	St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 925 Broadway St, Vincennes, IN 47591 Phone: (812) 882-6028 [Eastern Time] >> Lunch will be off-site <<