

**INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD
PULPIT SUPPLY LIST
(UPDATED April 2021)**

Greetings! We're pleased to provide this resource to support your congregation during times when you need a Supply Pastor. Attached is a copy of the current Pulpit Supply List, which includes Rostered Ministers, clergy from other traditions, Lay Worship Leaders, seminarians and seminary graduates who are available to serve your congregation. This document is always in flux as pastors and others become available or unavailable, and we keep the contact information updated as we know it.

Due to the constant changing COVID-19 situation, we do not have the staff capacity to frequently contact the pulpit supply leaders on this list to inquire about their openness to lead in-person worship vs. online or pre-recorded services and make changes for each person. We recommend you contact any individual you desire to lead worship and ask them what their current comfort level and ability is to lead worship in your community according to your current practices (regardless of what is noted below).

What's a "Conference"? A conference is a regional community of congregations, ministries, and leaders within the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, and represents between 20 and 40 of your closest ELCA neighboring congregations. For your convenience, this list is arranged by the ten conferences of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod; these smaller geographical regions are shown on the map found at <http://iksynod.org/map-of-the-ik-mission-territory-2/>

What's a "Rostered Minister"? Rostered ministers are clergy and deacons who are currently on the "roster" of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Each synod has its own roster, and typically, all clergy and deacons in good standing are on the roster of one of the 65 synods of the ELCA. Being "On the Roster" means that person has been recognized and authorized as available for call – to the public ministries of the ELCA.

What's a Lay Worship Leader? Lay worship leaders are members of ELCA congregations in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod who have undergone special training to equip them to preach and lead worship. They are not usually authorized to preside over Holy Communion.

Who else is on the Pulpit Supply List? In addition to Rostered Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders, you will also find a few additional clergy who are not on the roster of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, seminarians (those currently enrolled), and candidates for ordination and consecration.

What if we can't find anyone? For starters, broaden your horizons. *This list is arranged by conferences, but some individuals will be willing to travel farther than others. Let them decide.*

If you are still coming up empty, there are a couple of other things you can do. First, there might be some other ELCA rostered folks available who are not on the list. You might check and see if any of the ELCA congregations in your area have more than one rostered person on staff. Perhaps whichever pastor isn't preaching in their home congregation might be available on the Sunday you need supply. There are also some rostered folks who are not available on a regular basis for pulpit supply, but might be on occasion. These would include some retired folks, chaplains, and professors.

Yet another option would be to find someone from one of our ecumenical partners. We stand in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, the Reformed Church in America, The United Methodist Church and the Moravian Church in America. Ordained clergy in any of these church bodies can preach and preside. Check your local phone book – If one of these church bodies has a congregation in your community, you might call their parish office and see if they have suggestions for who might be available.

What if we want to celebrate the Eucharist?

If you regularly celebrate Holy Communion, and wish to do so for this worship service, then you will need to find someone who can both preach and preside at the Eucharist.

- Those on the pulpit supply list who are marked “Yes” for communion are available to preside.
- Another option would be for you to find another ELCA clergyperson who is not on the pulpit supply list but resides close by. These folks might include pastors (such as associate pastors, assistant pastors, and any pastors in staff situations), chaplains, professors, and retired pastors. Frequently, you will discover that some of these have chosen not to make themselves available for regular pulpit supply, but are willing to do so on occasion.

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- A third option to consider would be with one of our ecumenical partners. We are in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, the Reformed Church in America, The United Methodist Church and the Moravian Church in America. Ordained clergy in any of these church bodies could preach and preside.

WHEN YOUR CHURCH HAS A GUEST PASTOR AND/OR WORSHIP LEADER:

1. Send a letter or email of welcome to the supply person. Include details related to the person’s duties, a map to the church, and a sample bulletin MARKED to indicate the pulpit supply person’s involvement. Be sure to request information in advance so the bulletin can include the supply person’s name (spelled correctly) and so you can add information that will clearly identify your guest.
2. List any extra activities which the supply person might be expected to participate in, such as a children’s sermon, Sunday Church School, a special meal, etc. If possible, mail or email the bulletin for the service. At the very least, make certain there is a copy available upon his/her arrival at the church.
3. Call the supply person a few days before the service. Make certain the supply person has a name and phone number of the contact person, as well as a “live” phone number for the day of the service. Check directions to the church, and make certain the supply person has the map that was sent with the sample bulletin.
4. A member familiar with the worship practices should be on hand to meet the supply person on the day of the service at the time of his/her arrival. Acquaint the supply person with the church building – coat closet, rest room, room in which to robe, etc. Point out all the physical aspects of the sanctuary – clergy seating, acoustics, fans, etc. Be certain the supply person knows where and when to enter and leave the service, (do you process and recess?) microphone arrangements, choir, and where to stand for greeting members following the service.
5. Have the contact person or church officers available during the greeting period to assist the supply person if needed and to identify, welcome and follow-up on visitors and guests attending the service.
6. As you and your congregation are hosting the supply person, try to do everything possible to make your guest feel comfortable and welcome at your church.

The Indiana-Kentucky Synod Compensation Guidelines for pulpit supply honorarium:

- One worship service is \$150.00
- \$50.00 for each additional worship service
- Round-trip mileage should be paid at the IRS standard mileage rate for employee reimbursements (see www.irs.gov for current rate).

Thank you for your partnership in mission!

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Stempson, Tom Lay Worship Leader **INDPLS** Home: 317-374-8708
364 Waterford Ln Avon, IN 46123 Office:
E-mail: stempson@att.net Communion? No
Additional Information:

Swartz, Rev. Paul F. Clergy **INDPLS** Home: 317-566-9955
9955 Logwood Ct Indianapolis, IN 46280 Office:
E-mail: pswartz@indy.rr.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired – will travel to church to record, livestream or lead in-person worship, safety protocols must be in place; no capability to record at from home

Calliari Kindig, Sherily Lay Worship Leader **LAF** Home: 317-663-9548
PO Box 192 Tipton, IN 46072 Office:
E-mail: Sckcarmel@yahoo.com Communion? No
Additional Information:

Cooksey, Teresa Lay Worship Leader **LAF** Home: 574-859-2251
4973 St Rd 29 Camden, IN 46917 Office:
E-mail: tacdci@gmail.com Communion? No
Additional Information:

Lichtenberger, Rev. James Clergy **LAF** Home: 765-476-1318
2483 Matchlock Court W. Lafayette, IN 47906 Office:
E-mail: jimlichten@gmail.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired – will record worship from home, or will travel to congregation to record or lead via livestream, but is not open to lead an in-person gathering

Diemer, Rev. Tim Clergy **NCC** Home: 574-266-9580
3508 Briarwood Dr. Elkhart, IN 46514 Office:
E-mail: revtim1@comcast.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired - will record sermon/worship elements from home, or will travel to the congregation to record worship, lead a livestream service or lead in-person worship; safety protocols must be in place

Jepson, Rev. Leonard Clergy **NCC** Home: 574-277-7510
1417 Bridge Water Way Mishawaka, IN 46545 Office:
E-mail: lmjep21@aol.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired – contact for specific request

Kashmer, Vanette Deacon **NCC** Home: 574-533-2630
309 Gra-Roy Drive Goshen, IN 46526 Office:
E-mail: kashmer@maplenet.net Communion? No
Additional Information: retired

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Callender, Stephen Lay Worship Leader **NEC** Home: 260-436-2829
6717 Sky Blue Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46804 Office:
E-mail: s.callender@frontier.com Communion? No
Additional Information:

Roberts, Rev. John Clergy **NEC** Home: 773-516-1716
15719 Chilkat Trail Huntertown, IN 46748 Office:
E-mail: jardad49@yahoo.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired – will travel to church to record, livestream or lead in-person worship, safety protocols must be in place; no capability to record at from home

Row, Rev. Paul W. Clergy **NEC** Home: 260-623-2120
11409 Rowe Rd Monroeville, IN 46773 Office:
E-mail: picklepastorpaul@yahoo.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired – contact for specific request

VanGundy, Rev. Forrest Clergy **NEC** Home: 260-475-1292
2830 S 390 W Pleasant View, IN 46779 Office:
E-mail: fvan1946@gmail.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired – will record sermon/worship elements from home, or will travel to the congregation to record worship, lead a livestream service or lead in-person worship; safety protocols must be in place

Bartusch, Rev. Mark Clergy **NWIC** Home: 219-477-2042
104 Somerset Drive Valparaiso, IN 46383 Office: 219-464-6881
E-mail: mark.bartusch@valpo.edu Communion? Yes
Additional Information: Professor, Valparaiso University – will travel to church to record, livestream or lead in-person worship, safety protocols must be in place; no capability to record at from home

Beaver, Rev, Perry ELCA Clergy **NWIC** Home: 860-301-6846
3106 Kestrel Street Valparaiso, IN 46383 Office:
E-mail: perrylbeaver@gmail.com Communion? Yes
Additional Information: retired - will travel to church to record or lead via livestream, safety protocols must be in place; no capability to record at from home; requests for leading in-person worship will be case-by-case decision

Williams, E. Louise Deaconess **NWIC** Home: 219-241-2419
501 Glade Place Valparaiso, IN 46383 Office:
E-mail: louise.williams@valpo.edu Communion? No
Additional Information: retired

