

Did you know . . .

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Did you know an American Black Lutheran ordained minister in the 17th century led Black and racially integrated churches? Also, in the first half of the last century Lutheran colleges in Northeastern Iowa were affiliated with an Indian mission school?

The Northeastern Iowa Synod Racial Justice Advocacy Network has developed a project titled Lutheran Memoir, which consists of posters and handouts to promote learning and discussion. Thus far, a set of five individuals or locations have been completed. Congregations are welcome to display the posters and/or use the handouts for adult or secondary school youth programming.

Available now are:

- BETHANY INDIAN MISSION
- BISHOP NELSON TROUT
- PASTOR JEHU JONES
- REV. DANIEL PAYNE
- SAINT SEBALD CHURCH

For your convenience, digital copies (PDF format) of these resources are available for printing. Three-foot poster displays with stands are available for short term loans. Our hope is to soon develop digital presentation software to accompany the topics above.

Contact the Racial Justice Network by e-mail to arrange for any of the opportunities in this article. Members of the Racial Justice Network will be available during the upcoming Spring Day of Renewal, and the posters will be on display at that time.

For further information or to express interest in using this project in your context, please email the Racial Justice Advocacy Network at neiasynodrjan@gmail.com.



If you are a researcher, author or presenter in the field of religious racial justice, we welcome your suggestions.

Office Updates

The synod office building will be closed to walk-in business April 7-11 to allow for the installation of new energy-efficient windows throughout the building. Communication with office staff will be available through email and phone, 319-352-1414.

The parking lot and sidewalk will be resurfaced during the week of April 21. Visitors should plan to park across the street in the Redeemer Lutheran parking lot during that time.

OBITUARY

Deacon Marianne Beck died Feb. 20 at the age of 90, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Her body was donated to the University of Iowa Deeded Body Program.

Marianne was an elementary school teacher and spent most of her career as a librarian at St. Paul's Lutheran School and at Wartburg College, both in Waverly.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m. at Bartels Good Shepherd Chapel in Waverly, with visitation starting at 1:30 p.m. A reception and fellowship will immediately follow the service.

Marianne is survived by Walter, her husband of 67 years, and their family. View her full obituary at kaisercorson.com/obituaries/Marianne-J-Beck?obId=37903151.