



COMMUNITY ALERT

Candlelight Vigil for Homicide Victims

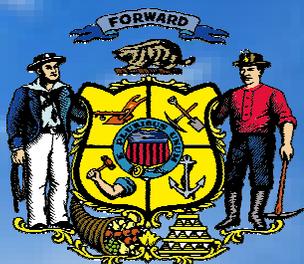
We invite you to this event to bring healing through sharing. This year's vigil will be hosted by Pastor Jonathan Jacobs

Ascension Lutheran
1236 South Layton Bl.
6 PM, December 30

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



Our Prayers go out the Newtown



Like the entire nation, I was shocked and horrified at the news of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut. My prayers go out to all the families affected by this terrible tragedy. I was personally moved by President Obama's heartfelt speech given a few day later. I agree with the President that now is the time for a serious conversation on mass violence with guns. The fact is that some measure of action must be taken. We cannot stand by and allow violence to continue across the country. We must be empowered, and we must act. I ask that you pray and keep the people of Newtown in your hearts.

Support Same-Day Registration

Even Governor Walker now opposes Republican plans to do away with same-day registration for voters in Wisconsin. Same-day registration is popular and supports democracy, and repealing it could cost the state \$10 million! Clearly, we have many stronger and more important priorities that making voting more difficult. People are hurting in Wisconsin, and I believe we should be focused on creating jobs and the economy.



WEDC Needs to be Accountable

WEDC is a quasi-public economic development agency created last year by Governor Walker. A recent audit of the agency has revealed extraordinary deficiencies in the agency, which has allowed delinquent loans to go uncollected and financial deals to be misreported. The economy is too important to be left to the unaccountable WEDC. It's time to move to more accountability and success.



The Office of Student Affairs/Diversity at the Medical College of Wisconsin will again offer summer enrichment programs for students from backgrounds that are historically underrepresented. Applications for these programs are now open!

More information and applications can be found at

<http://spss.mcw.edu/mrlWeb/mrlWeb.dll?I.Project=t=HSPROGRAMS>

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JFC Appointments Announced

I am disappointed but admittedly not shocked by the Democratic leadership's recent appointment to the Joint Finance Committee in the State Senate. I regret to say that I was not reappointed to the committee, though my regret is not for my own standing but rather for the African-American community and other minority communities in Wisconsin. I have long done everything in my power to properly represent minorities and the African-American community, and all my constituents, so I feel that we have lost a strong voice in government. Long have Wisconsin Democrats recognized the crucial and unique needs of minorities. Long have minority communities overwhelmingly supported Democrats. In every session since 1983, Senate Democrats have maintained the presence of an African-American legislator on this important committee. 2013 will mark the first year in three decades that Senate Democrats will not make such an appointment. To my constituents: I will never stop fighting for you! I have much work and service left to do in the Legislature!



Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay."

-Simone de Beauvoir



"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences."

-Audrey Lorde