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# LOM Election Guide 2024

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## **LOM Board of Directors Elections 2024**

**Role of LOM Board Members:** Determine the mission & vision of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries; Relate to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America churchwide office; Ensure effective organizational planning; Ensure adequate resources & manage resources effectively; Determine, strengthen, and evaluate the organizational programs; Enhance the organizational public standing; Ensure legal and ethical integrity; Recruit new board and committee members; Assess Board and Executive Director performance. A board member's term is 3 years; they may serve 2 terms.

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**We are voting for 2 open LOM Board of Directors position:  
2 Professional LOM staff members**

### **Professional Incumbent**

(It is the desire of the Board that incumbents in good standing run unopposed.)

**1) Leah Pletscher (Luther Park, Danbury, WI)**

**2) Write In**

**Vote for one candidate. Biographies of each candidate follow this page.**

### **Professional**

**1) Rev. Drew Tucker (Hopewood Outdoors, OH)**

**2) Eric Klein (Luther Park, Chetek, WI)**

**3) Write In**

**Note:** The 3rd open position (1 Current/Formal Board Member of an LOM organization) was voted on by the boards of LOM member organizations and will be announced at the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.



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## LOM Board Nominee

### Biographical information

**Name:** Drew Tucker

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**Home Congregation:** Peace (ELCA) **City:** Gahanna **State:** OH **Synod:** Southern Ohio

**Most Recent Camp Affiliation:** HopeWood Outdoors



**Share about your skills, profession, and what you would like to offer LOM.** While I'm a new Executive Director in outdoor ministry, I've been developing administrative skills in higher education that include grant writing, strategic planning, recruitment and retention, and marketing. I'm also a published author, curriculum contributor, and an editor for Faith Lens. I'm passionate about developing new models for sustainable ministry in this emerging era of church and world.

**Share how you have been part of your local Outdoor Ministry.** I grew up as a camper at Camp Mowana, Lutheran Memorial Camp, and Camp Luther in Ohio. I've experienced many of the Novus Way sites, as well as Agape-Kure Beach and Caroline Furnace, during my time as a campus minister. We partnered in staff recruitment, in retreat development, and in volunteer service to help camps prepare for summer season. I served as a staff training and summer volunteer for HopeWood Outdoors prior to becoming Executive Director.

**Why would you like to serve on the LOM board at this time?** I take seriously the realities of internal and external call. Since I was nominated by others in outdoor ministries, I took time to pray, as well as consult with my wife and the HopeWood Outdoors Executive Board. I believe I can bring a strong network across the church in both NECU and LuMin, as well as through my service on the ELCA Nominating Committee. I also bring a strong ecumenical and interfaith network through my time as a college and seminary professor, as well as my service through the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio and my alumni networks through Duke University (United Methodist) and Ashland University (Brethren).



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## LOM Board Nominee

### Biographical information

**Name:** Eric Klein

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**Home Congregation:** Ezekiel Lutheran Church

**City:** River Falls **State:** WI **Synod:** NW Synod of WI

**Most Recent Camp Affiliation:** Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek, WI



### Share about your skills, profession, and what you would like to offer LOM.

I serve organizations well as a catalyst for turning strategic plans into action. I am a strong communicator, that brings relentless positivity and passion to development and strategic planning. I have a heart for governance and believe in the mission of a board run organization. I am a developer that is excited to discuss new, bold, ideas in board discussions and strategic planning. Additionally, my strong advocacy for the progressive & millennial church ensures that I will always bring this side into any discussion of programs so that they are inclusive, welcoming, and resonate with the direction we plan LOM to go.

With my extensive experience as a board member in other contexts, I bring valuable expertise in organizational management, program development, and structural growth. I am passionate about nurturing environments where individuals can grow spiritually and personally, and I am committed to helping the LOM thrive and expand its impact.

**Share how you have been part of your local Outdoor Ministry.** Currently I serve as the Executive Director at Luther Park - Chetek and have been in this role since May 2023. I have served in a variety of different roles at LOM camps, spending time as a Retreat Director & Program Director. I also was on the church side of things, working as a youth minister bringing youth to camp, as well as serving on the board at one of our LOM sites. My passions in outdoor ministry are young adult ministry, vocation formation and making camp accessible for all people, but primarily for those that are the most marginalized in our society.

I have served on my synod council, church council, two different Lutheran Campus Ministry boards, a LOM camp board, as well as the board of our local food pantry and the Sustainability Council at my alma mater.



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**LOM Board Nominee:** Eric Klein (continued)

**Why would you like to serve on the LOM board at this time?** Serving on the LOM board would be an honor. I find it important to strengthen the millennial voices in LOM's leadership. We have some fabulous leaders already representing our age demographic, but I only see more value in building upon these. As more and more LOM sites are calling millennials to serve as Executive & Camp Directors, it is important that our voices are well represented and heard from across all boards and committees. This is important to me because as a church, specifically the ELCA, we are struggling to keep young people in the pews. I see this as a lack in young leadership, and I hope that I can contribute in this way.

I am board trained and have a passion for volunteerism and service. Due to this I am someone who values governance and believes in the role of a board as well with a big picture mind that is always thinking huge and visioning to where we are going.





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## Board of Directors

### *LOM Professional Staff (3 Positions)*



**Name:** Leah Pletscher (Board VP)  
**Territory:** West Midwest  
**Skills:** Strat. Planning,  
PR/Marketing/ Comm., Program,  
Youth Min, Theology, Partnerships



**Name:** Amanda Rasner  
**Territory:** East Midwest  
**Skills:** Fundraising, PR/Marketing/  
Comm., Program, Youth Min,  
Education, Partnerships

Open position to  
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### *At-Large (3 Positions)*



**Name:** Pr. Kelsey Green  
**Territory:** East  
**Skills:** To be published



**Name:** Deacon Dallas Shealy  
(Board Treasurer)  
**Territory:** East  
**Skills:** Board Dev., Org. & Gov.,  
Fundraising, Theology



**Name:** Pr. Rozella White  
**Territory:** West  
**Skills:** To be published

## *Current/Former Board Member of LOM Organization (3 Positions)*



**Name:** Laney Herauf

**Territory:** West Midwest

**Skills:** Org. & Gov., Program, Youth Min, Theology, Partnerships, HR



**Name:** Tami Lewis-Ahrendt

**Territory:** West Midwest

**Skills:** Org. & Gov., Strat. Plan., Cross-Cultural, Tech, HR

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## *Board Elected (2 Positions) & Appointments (1 Position)*



**Name:** Jessica Jackson

**Position:** LOM Board Elected

**Territory:** West

**Skills:** Fundraising, PR/Marketing/Comm., Program, Education



**Name:** Pr. Matt O'Rear

**Position:** LOM Board Elected

**Territory:** East

**Skills:** Board Dev., Org. & Gov., Strat. Plan., PR/Marketing/Comm., Education, Theology, Tech



**Name:** Pr. Ed Kay

**Position:** ELCA Appointed

**Territory:** East

**Skills:** N/A





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## **Nominations Committee Elections 2024**

**Role of the Nominations Committee:** The Nominations Committee is comprised of six individuals from across the country with connections to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. They are responsible for seeking and recruiting candidates for the LOM Board of Directors. It is the LOM board's desire to have a Board of Directors that is diverse, gifted and well connected to the church, outdoor ministries and nonprofit organizations. A Nomination Committee member's term is 3 years.

**We are voting for 2 open Nominations Committee positions.**

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**Vote for two candidates. Biographies are below.**

- 1) Nathan Boykin (Luther Rock, NC)**
- 2) Grace Crevier (Lutherdale, WI)**
- 3) Mary Katherine King (South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers, SC)**
- 4) Charlotte Strom (Fortune Lake, MI)**





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## LOM Nominating Committee Nominee

### Biographical information

**Name:** Nathan Boykin

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**Home Congregation:** Incarnation Lutheran Church **City:** Columbia **State:**  
SC **Synod:** South Carolina

**Most Recent Camp Affiliation:** Lutherock



### Share how you have been part of your local Outdoor Ministry.

For over a decade, I've been part of Lutherock and NovusWay Ministries staff in various roles. I've served at both Lutheridge and Lutherock, but for the past six years, I've been a part of the year-round staff at Lutherock, where I'm now the Camp Director. Lutherock has become a second home, and I'm deeply committed to fostering its community and mission!

### In what ways have you been involved with the LOM Network?

I've been involved in several ways! I've attended three conferences and joined in online meetings, staying connected to LOM's vision and people. I've also had the chance to work on staff at another LOM camp in the network, which has given me a broader perspective on how these ministries work together

### Why would you be willing to serve on the LOM Nominating Committee at this time at this time?

I'm excited to serve and give back to LOM in this way. I hope to support the network and get more involved on a broader scale. This is a chance to contribute to the future of LOM, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to help grow this amazing community.



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## LOM Nominating Committee Nominee

### Biographical information

**Name:** Grace Crevier

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**Home Congregation:** Sugar Creek Lutheran Church

**City:** Elkhorn **State:** WI **Synod:** South Central Synod of WI

**Most Recent Camp Affiliation:** Lutherdale



### Share how you have been part of your local Outdoor Ministry.

I have been involved with East Midwest Outdoor Ministry for the past 8 years (seasonally and year-round), serving as Program Director at Lutherdale, summer staff at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, and leading retreats. I am passionate about promoting outdoor education and building community with young adults in LOM. These roles have allowed me to foster meaningful connections and contribute to the spiritual growth of others while deepening my own commitment to outdoor ministry.

### In what ways have you been involved with the LOM Network?

I've been involved with the LOM Network for the past 2 years, participating in the LTE, LOM Conference, and Territory Gatherings. During this time, I've connected with peers, shared ideas, and gained insights into the broader impact of outdoor ministry. Although newer to the LOM Network, I bring a young adult perspective and a strong commitment to inclusivity, which I believe can help foster a welcoming and diverse community.

### Why would you be willing to serve on the LOM Nominating Committee at this time?

I believe in the mission of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and its impact on individuals and communities. Working in camp and retreat ministries, I understand the importance of strong, diverse leadership within LOM. By helping identify gifted individuals for positions, I can contribute to the continued success and growth of the organization. Serving on this committee also aligns with my commitment to ensuring that outdoor ministry leaders reflect the diversity, gifts, and strengths needed to meet the challenges and opportunities facing LOM in the years ahead.



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## LOM Nominating Committee Nominee

### Biographical information

**Name:** Mary Katherine King

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**Home Congregation:** Mount Tabor Lutheran Church

**City:** West Columbia **State:** SC **Synod:** South Carolina

**Most Recent Camp Affiliation:** SC Lutheran Retreat Centers



### Share how you have been part of your local Outdoor Ministry.

As an employee of SCLRC I am involved each day in providing opportunity for folks to come and experience community, faith formation, and ministry in our facilities.

Additionally serving on Synod Council for SC with an emphasis in the children, youth, and family ministries I advocate for groups from our congregations and synod to come to our facilities to experience time apart on retreat and enjoy worship and fellowship in outdoor settings they may not have had an opportunity to do before.

### In what ways have you been involved with the LOM Network?

I attended the LTE in 2022 in Idaho, the Conference in 2023 in Wisconsin and the Total Inclusion Symposium in 2024 at Camp Agape NC.

### Why would you be willing to serve on the LOM Nominating Committee at this time at this time?

Because it has been a joy at each event to meet and get to know others more and see how connected each camp, retreat facility, and staff are to one another across the country. It's awesome to see the reunions of folks who have been attending and known each other for years (some decades) and how new folks are welcomed into the group. To see and experience the concern and care for each other's sites, and staff, the support and sharing of knowledge and resources. I think it would be a joy to serve and get to know people and help facilitate some of those connections and support the organizations and programs of each site and of LOM.



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## LOM Nominating Committee

### Nominee

#### Biographical information

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**Home Congregation:** United Lutheran Crystal Falls **City:** Crystal Falls

**State:** MI **Synod:** Northern Great Lakes Synod

**Most Recent Camp Affiliation:** Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp



#### Share how you have been part of your local Outdoor Ministry.

I currently serve at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp as the Guest Services Coordinator.

#### In what ways have you been involved with the LOM Network?

I have primarily been involved in the LOM Network through my work at Fortune Lake, which has allowed me to attend various LOM events and trainings.

#### Why would you be willing to serve on the LOM Nominating Committee at this time at this time?

I believe in the importance of finding strong candidates to serve on our Board of Directors, whose work is integral to the organization.