

## **#Proclaim300 Bulletin and Newsletter Blurbs**

*Encourage your congregation to join in on the #Proclaim300 celebration and campaign! Here is a short blurb to include in your newsletters or bulletin announcements. Please contextualize and personalize as you see fit! If you'd like, share a story about the ways ELM's Proclaim has supported you in your ministry. Use any of the photos provided to you in the #Proclaim 300 toolkit: [click](#).*

As you may know, **Deacon Sam [Vicar, Pastor, Intern, etc.]** is a member of Proclaim, a ministry of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM). Proclaim is ELM's professional community for Lutheran ministers and candidates who publicly identify as LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, plus).

It's only since 2009 that the doors have been open to ordain publicly-out and partnered LGBTQIA+ leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Now Proclaim has reached 300 members, and they are celebrating!

### **September 17-23, 2018 is #Proclaim300 Week!**

One of ELM's goals is to reach 300 gifts of \$300 by Reformation Day- October 31, 2018. **[First Trinity]** is hoping to be one! A special offering will be taking place **TODAY [or DATE]** to raise funds for ELM's Proclaim in celebration of #Proclaim300! If you would like to make a specific offering to honor or celebrate someone, please see **[Deacon Sam]**!

Follow along on Social Media by finding the hashtag **#Proclaim300** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see the incredible ministry taking place.

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