

## What does FAITH have to do with the HEALTH of our community?

In 2009, organizations in La Crosse County began a focused effort to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin by 2015. Many significant changes to the environment have occurred since then including the passing of policies that have health implications. These initiatives have helped to raise the overall health of the community. Yet, we are aware that disparities and gaps still remain.

Come and be part of the conversation! How have faith communities been engaged in this work? How can we create a community that doesn't leave any of our neighbors behind? How can we support those with different beliefs or support someone in emotional distress? What role can the faith communities play in their neighborhood?

### **Community Conversations**

January 18, 2017, 12-1 pm

English Lutheran Church



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