



# Updates from the Synod

**April 2026**

This monthly insert is just one way to stay connected with what's going on in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. You'll find highlights of recent news, upcoming events, and ways our synod is walking together in ministry. We hope it helps you see the bigger picture of how God is at work through the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.

## Upcoming Events



**April 11**

Conference 2 Summit

**April 16**

Joint Theological Day

**April 24**

In-Person Boundaries & Anti-Racism Training

**April 25**

Synod Council | SAM Retreat

**April 26-28**

First Call Retreat | Ready to Retire Event



**May 1-2**

Behold The New Has Come! Summit

**May 7**

Stewardship Day

**May 17 & 18**

Synod Assembly Pre-Event  
Zoom Sessions

**May 30**

Synod Assembly



## New Website...

*and we need  
your help!*

We've launched a refreshed synod website—and we'd love your help making it even better.

As with any new website, there are still a few errors, broken links, or things that need updating. If you notice something that doesn't look right, please let us know!

Email: [newsnwmn@cord.edu](mailto:newsnwmn@cord.edu) (Include a screenshot if you can)

Thanks for helping us make this a helpful and welcoming resource for everyone!



# Synod Spotlight

## ELCA World Hunger Grants

We're excited to celebrate that 17 congregations in our synod received ELCA World Hunger grants!

These grants support ministries that are addressing hunger, caring for neighbors, and building stronger communities.

This is a powerful reminder that your generosity is making a real difference—right here and beyond.



## Prayer Corner

God of new life,  
when things feel heavy or uncertain,  
lift what weighs on us.

Where there is fear, bring peace.

Where there is guilt, bring grace.

Where something feels stuck or finished,  
make a way forward.

Like light breaking across the sky,  
remind us that hope is still rising,  
even now.

Amen.



## Synod Staff

**Pr. Bill Tesch** | Bishop

**Pr. Genelle Netland** | Associate to Bishop for Leadership

**Pr. Rebel Hurd** | Associate to Bishop for Mission / D.E.M.

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**Morgan Olson** | Communications & Events

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## NW MN Hunger Grant Recipients

First Lutheran Church, Battle Lake

Grace Lutheran Parish, Hallock

Bethlehem Church, Newfolden

First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes

Bethany Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Barnesville

Grove Lake Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids

Sion Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Peoples Church, Bemidji

Faith Lutheran Church, Milton

Faith Lutheran Church, Wolverton

Bethany Lutheran Church, Williams

Zion Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls

Dilworth Lutheran Church, Dilworth

Glyndon Lutheran Church, Glyndon

Eksjo Lutheran Church, Lake Park

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Warren



## Did You Know?

Your mission support—the money you and your congregation share with the synod—helps fund ELCA World Hunger grants, supporting ministries near and far.



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