



North/ West Lower Michigan Synod

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Welcome

As you receive this, we are busily preparing for Synod Assembly this weekend. The Assembly Book—including reports—is available on the Synod website (<http://mittensynod.org/events/assembly>). The last thing you need is more reading for me. Except for this:

I am pleased to share that Pastor Rosanne Anderson will be joining the Synod Staff as Interim Assistant to the Bishop for the period of July 2018-August 2019. Pastor Anderson will serve 35 hours a week and will continue to serve as contract pastor at Trinity in Manton. She will initially take on Pastor Frieden-Carper's portfolio; however, I expect we will adjust responsibilities as we live into this new reality. Pastor Anderson will be with us in Lansing on Wednesdays and plans to spend Thursdays in Grand Rapids at the "Synod Desk" we are gratefully establishing at St. Luke's. Pastor Anderson has already begun transitioning into her work.

Pastor Anderson was born and raised in Cadillac, Michigan. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in Religious Studies and Psychology and minors in Piano, Voice and Organ performance from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pastor Anderson ministered as a Liturgist and Pastoral Associate in Roman Catholic congregations for 20 years prior to her Affirmation of Baptism in the Lutheran Church.

Pastor Anderson received her Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio in 1995. She was then assigned to the Southeast Michigan Synod and served Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Taylor and King of Kings Lutheran Church, Lake Orion. While in Southeast Michigan, Pastor Anderson was chair of the Synod Worship Committee for 10 years and was a member of the Michigan Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committee. She also served as Dean of the Downriver Cluster.

Since coming to the North/West Lower Michigan Synod in 2013, Pastor Anderson served as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake City and is currently pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Manton. She remains on the Michigan Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committee and is chair of the Synod Response Team. Pastor Anderson and Pastor David Sprang currently share leadership in presenting Boundary Training for the Mitten Synod. She is also Dean of the Traverse Conference.

Pastor Anderson enjoys reading, travel, board games, walking, movies, and Words with Friends.

We invite you to join us in welcoming Pastor Anderson to the Synod Staff!

The Rev. Craig A. Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop

Signs of the Spirit
 North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly
 May 20-22, 2018

We are excited to see you at the 2018 Synod Assembly! We are pleased to welcome the ELCA's Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, who will preach at the opening Eucharist Sunday evening, address the assembly Monday, and preside at Tuesday's closing Eucharist.

Opening Eucharist will take place at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible.

The updated 2018 Assembly Book and Audited Financial Statements are now available on the Assembly page of the Synod Website. We invite you to review them: <http://mittensynod.org/events/assembly>.

We want to see and hear about the Signs of the Holy Spirit's work in your ministry setting! We encourage every congregation, mission partner, task force, and table create and bring to Assembly a standard-size poster with pictures, art, and words describing how the Holy Spirit is at work in their setting.

You Matter 2018

We invite all rostered ministers and their families to you us for the annual You Matter Event. This year's event will be held at Potter Park Zoo on July 14.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/2li3POf>

Pedal for a Purpose 2018

Join us May 30-June 3, for the second annual Pedal for a Purpose Synod Bike Tour. This four day cycling tour in the Stony Lake Conference of our Synod is aimed at keeping awareness of World Hunger, challenging giving to ELCA World Hunger, and enhancing physical fitness. Pedal for a Purpose will begin and end at First Lutheran Church in Muskegon. Riders may ride for a day, a short segment, or the entire tour (200 miles). Contact erickj74@gmail.com to register.

Upcoming Events

May		
May 20-22	Synod Assembly	Lansing
May 30- June 3	Pedal for a Purpose	Stony Lake Conference

June		
June 27-30	ELCA Youth Gathering	Houston, TX

For information on these events and more, be sure to read our weekly update emails and visit the events section on our website.

Congregations in Transition

Note: We include congregations on the public list when the called pastor or rostered leader completes her or his ministry in the congregation. Thus, congregations in which the pastor has resigned but is still serving are not listed here. We also do not post calls that are accepted until Bishop Satterlee signs the Letter of Call.

Bay Conference	Rev. Emily Olsen, Dean	Kalamazoo Conference	Rev. Kjersten Priddy, Dean
Hope/Marlette (part-time)	Supply Pastors/Awaiting a candidate	Messiah/Constantine	Tom Pederson, Interim/ Interviewing
Prince of Peace/Rose City	Jeff Bonn, Intentional Interim	St. John's/Baroda	CALL ACCEPTED: Nan Dehnke (I-K). Installation 6/3
Grace/Vassar (part-time)	Supply Pastors/Awaiting a candidate	Stony Lake Conference	Rev. Doug Ogden, Dean
St. Paul's/Au Gres	Supply Pastors/Exploring Cooperative Ministry with Grace/East Tawas	Samuel/Muskegon	Chris Anderson, interim/ Preparing MSP
St. Timothy/Midland (part-time)	Gerald Ferguson, administrative pastor/ Entering cooperative ministry with Trinity/ Midland	Sunrise Conference	Rev. Chrisy Bright, Dean
Trinity/Midland (part-time)	Associate Pastor/ Congregational Meeting 6/3	Peace/Gaylord	Thomas Mammoser retiring 8/1
Capital Area Conference	Rev. Gary Bunge, Dean	St. Paul/Alpena	Shirley Ross Jones retiring 9/1
St. Stephen/Lansing	Erick Johnson, Interim/ Preparing MSP	Traverse Conference	Rev. Rosanne Anderson, Dean
Greater Grand Rapids Conference	Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas, Dean	St. Paul's/Reed City	Dawn Pooley retiring June 2018/Preparing MSP
Mamrelund/Kent City	Matt Deames, Intentional Interim/Interviewing	Augustana/Tustin	Supply Pastors/Awaiting a candidate
Christ/Wyoming	Polly Standley, Interim/ Congregational Meeting 6/2		