

# North/West Lower Michigan Synod—ELCA

**Proclaiming Christ and prayerfully participating in Jesus' own work of reconciling the world to God's very self!**

We are the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. As one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we work to support the 113 congregations and 220 pastors across our geographic region.



In supporting congregations, the synod provides resources for candidates for rostered leadership, mission, outreach, renewal, youth, faith formation, outdoor ministry, social ministry, worship, public engagement, global mission, and much more.



2015  
Synod  
Assembly

You are a part of something bigger than your own congregation. You are part of nearly 10,000 across the U.S. that form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In addition, we are part of the Lutheran World Federation - 145 national church bodies in 72 countries numbering in membership over 72 million people. Together we are The Church and many expressions of it.



Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
and Bishop Craig Satterlee

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## STAFF

**Bishop** - Rev. Craig A. Satterlee, Ph.D

Ordained in 1987, Bishop Satterlee served congregations in Upstate New York and Michigan. He served as professor of homiletics (preaching) at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and as dean of the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program and adjunct professor in the Department of Theology at The University of Notre Dame prior to his election as bishop. He continues to serve as adjunct professor at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.



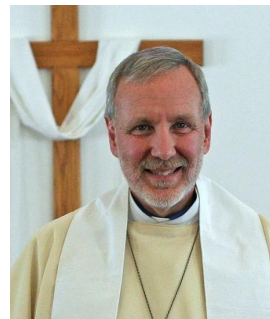
**Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational and Leadership Excellence** - Rev. Sarah Friesen-Carper

Ordained in 2007, Pastor Friesen-Carper served Peace, in Charlotte. She is a graduate of Valparaiso University, and Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. She works with candidates for rostered leadership, the call process, leadership support, lay ministry, faith formation, and youth.



**Assistant to the Bishop and**

**Director for Evangelical Mission** - Rev. David E. Sprang - Ordained in 1980, Pastor Sprang has served congregations in Michigan and Ohio, and also with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. He is a graduate of Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus. He is called by the ELCA to serve in our synod to foster new worshipping communities, congregational renewal, and mission support. In addition he works with synod finances, global missions, outdoor ministry, and leadership boundaries.



**New— Assistant to the Bishop for Synod Life** (one quarter time) -

Rev. Chrysanne Timm—Ordained in 1985, Pastor Timm is a graduate of Ohio State University, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary. She served congregations in Northwest Ohio. She is currently a Candidate for Doctor of Ministry at George Fox Evangelical Seminary and is pastor of Advent, Lake Ann.

