

North/West Lower Michigan 2026-27 Synod Council

Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas

**Bishop of the
North/West Lower
Michigan Synod
through August 2031
*(first term)***

***Member of Executive
Committee***



For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 2:37

Chris Altemann

**Council Member
through August 2029**
(first term)

And what does the Lord
require of you? To act justly
and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



Pr. Julie Bailey

**Council Member
through August 2027**
(first term)

Since we have such a hope,
we are very bold.

2 Corinthians 3:12



Daniel Carter

**Council Member
through August 2028**
(filling an unexpired term)

*Synod Treasurer and Member
of Executive Committee*



And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Karla Chamberlain

**Council Member
through August 2028**
(second term)

From his fullness we have all
received grace upon grace.

John 1:16



Pr. David Hueter

**Council Member
through August 2026**
(filling unexpired term)

For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:23



Constance Teddy

**Council Member
through August 2029**
(first term)

Be still, and know
that I am God.

Psalm 46:10



Diane Madej

**Council Member
through August 2028**
(first term)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



David Marquette

**Council Member
through August 2027**
(first term)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

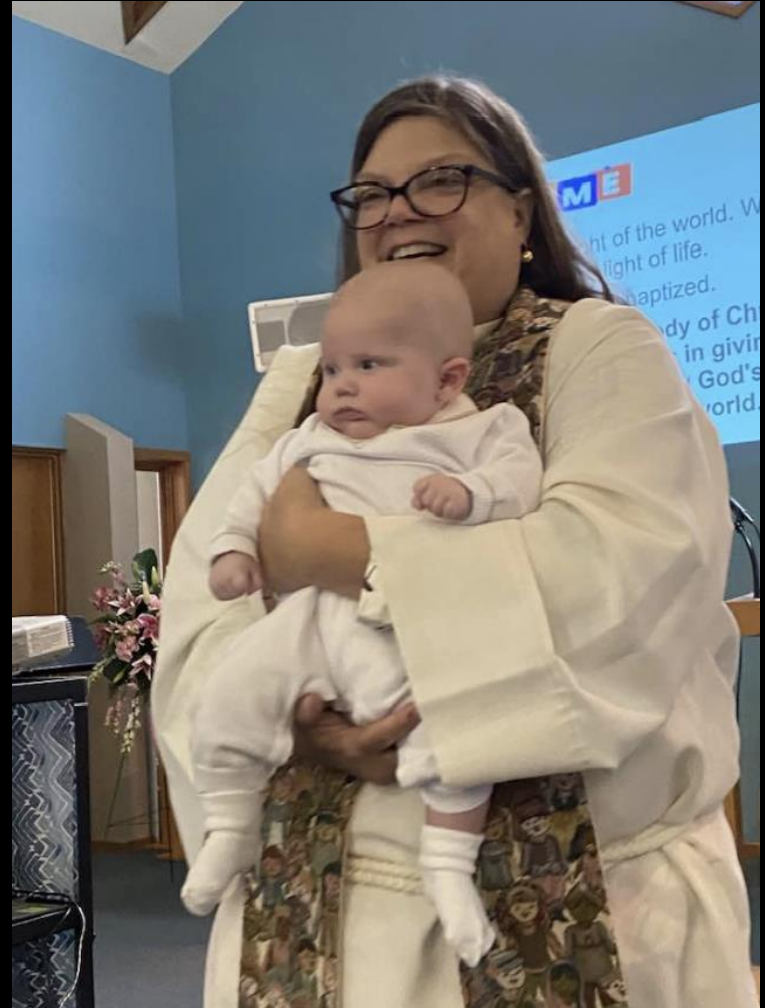


Pr. Sherry McGuffin

**Council Member through
August 2025**
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Love one another with mutual
affection; outdo one another
in showing honor.

Romans 12:10



Teague Meckstroth

**Council Member
through August 2027**
(filling unexpired term)

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:34



Pr. Kevin O'Bryan

**Council Member
through August 2028**
(first term)

He has shown you, O mortal,
what is good; and what does
the Lord require of you? To act
justly, to love mercy, and to
walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



Noah Parker

**Council Member
through August 2029**
(second term)

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations
of many generations; you shall be
called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58:12

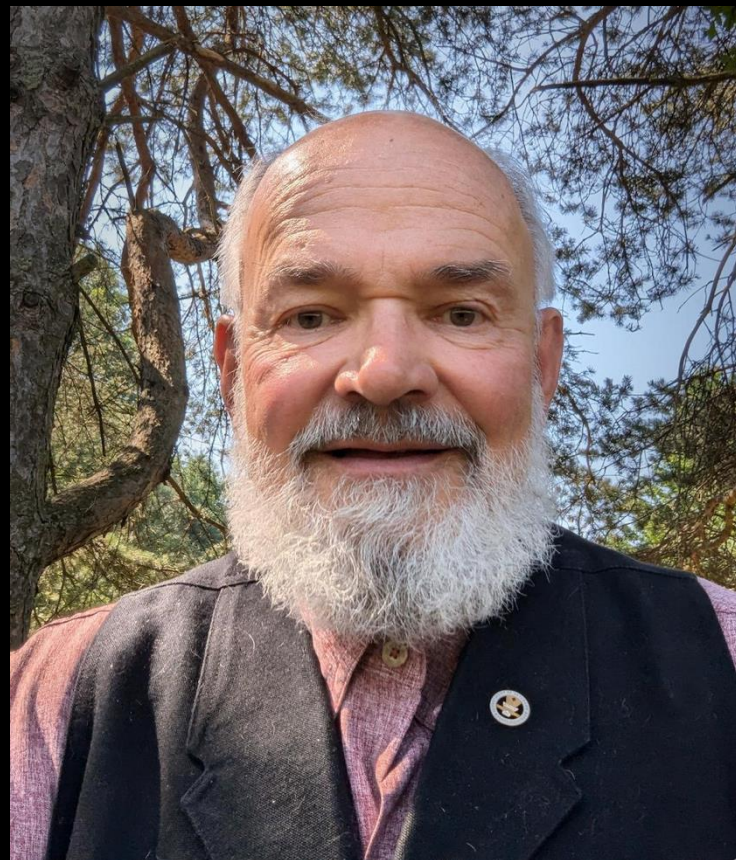


Steve Pendziszewski

**Council Member
through August 2027**
(first term)

In the same way, the True Human Being did not come to be served by others but to (serve and) offer his life in the place of many lives, to set them free.

Mark 10:45
(First Nations Version)



Sandy Schlesinger

**Council Member
through August 2027**
(fourth term)

*Synod Vice President and Chair
of the Executive Committee*

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6



Anna Scheck

**Council Member
through August 2028**
(first term)

I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another. Just as I
have loved you, you also should
love one another. By this everyone
will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.

John 34-35



Pr. Dennis Smith

**Council Member
through August 2029**
(second term)

*Synod Secretary and Member
of Executive Committee*

Nathanael said to Philip, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

John 1:46



Sandra Walker

**Council Member
through August 2027**
(second term)

" . . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24



Linda Wicander

**Council Member
through August 2028**
(second term)

*At-Large Member of the
Executive Committee*

... but those who wait for the
LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings
like eagles, they shall run and not
be weary, they shall walk and not
faint.

Isaiah 40: 31



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Luke 2:37

Pr. Alex Aivars

Director of Technology
(co-terminus with the Bishop)

Then the Lord answered Job
out of the whirlwind.

Job 38:1



Shannan Boerema

**Director of
Communication and
Administration**
(co-terminus with the Bishop)

Above all, clothe yourselves with
love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14



Bobbie Bollinger

Synod Accountant / Bookkeeper
(co-terminus with the Bishop)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



Dr. Tim Lundgren

Synod Attorney
(co-terminus with the Bishop)

He has shown you, O mortal,
what is good. And what does
the LORD require of you? To
act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



Pr. Scott Torkko

Assistant to the Bishop
(co-terminus with the Bishop)

But we have this treasure in
jars of clay, to show that the
surpassing power belongs to
God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:76



Pr. Kate Van Valkenburg

**Director of
Evangelical Mission**
(co-terminus with the Bishop)

Above all, maintain constant
love for one another, for love
covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

