



North/West Lower Michigan Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace be with you!

Earlier this afternoon, I was shocked to hear of the FBI's announcement that six individuals had been charged in an alleged plot to kidnap Governor Gretchen Whitmer and overthrow our state government. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we condemn white supremacists and hate groups, such as those involved in this alleged plot.

This shocking announcement again reminds us of the power of words and that what we say matters. I am especially reminded of the Eighth Commandment that instructs us to defend and speak well of our neighbor, and Jesus' command that we love one another as Jesus has loved us (John 13:34). I urge you to take these commandments to heart as we continue our work to fight injustice, support our neighbors, and love one another.

Please join me in praying for our governor, her husband, and her children.

Peace,
The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop