



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

As our state begins to reopen and congregations return to their church buildings, we have received some questions about when Rev. Rosanne Anderson, Rev. David Sprang, and I will resume our in-person congregational visits.

In speaking with our rostered ministers and congregational leaders these past few months, we know that our congregations are reopening in different ways and at different times. We also recognize that congregations have different comfort levels with resuming in-person worship and the continued risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

We, as a staff, do not want to increase the risk of spreading the virus and getting others sick by traveling from one congregation to another each week. Therefore, to best support all of our congregations, we will not be resuming in-person congregational visits until the fall. Instead, we will continue to support and visit congregations remotely through Zoom meetings, telephone calls, emails, and our weekly sermon videos.

While it will be a few months before we worship with you in person, please know that we are worshipping with you in spirit and keeping you in our prayers.

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