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THIS YEAR'S
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2024 Wrapped NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD ELCA

Join us as we celebrate 2024
and look back on the
accomplishments of our
synod!

Statistics are from January 2024
- November 2024.

Mission Support is from February 2024
- November 2024.

\$997,820



received in Mission Support

\$498,910

given to ELCA Churchwide

\$102,818

given in grants

\$31,142

given in grants through synod initiatives

\$71,676

*given in grants to strategic congregations,
new starts, and campus ministries*

\$20,742

*given in grants to help those affected by
natural disasters*

4 CAMPUS MINISTRIES serving 7 COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Community College, and Kendall College

engaged with

102 STUDENTS

per week through weekly gatherings, camping trips, lock-ins, community meals, and other programs

engaged with

255 STUDENTS

per week by being present and active on campus

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

New Orleans

52

adult leaders and volunteers from the Mitten Synod

16,000+

youth from across the ELCA

LIVING WATER MINISTRIES

engaged with

476 YOUTH

through summer camps

engaged with

241 YOUTH

through Charge

\$97,710

given in scholarships for summer camp

105

youth from the Mitten Synod

\$15,000

given in scholarships through the Synod ELCA Youth Gathering Fund

The Synod Staff spent

47,505

minutes



meeting with congregations, leaders, and ELCA colleagues on Zoom

connected with

164 PEOPLE

through in-person synod events

connected with

612 PEOPLE

through virtual synod events

connected with

1,956 PEOPLE

through recordings of synod events

12 ROSTERED MINISTERS
installed

1 ROSTERED MINISTER
ordained

5 ROSTERED MINISTERS
joined the synod

4 ROSTERED MINISTERS
retired

5 congregations
celebrated milestone
anniversaries

The Synod Office
sent

63,613

emails with
information about
events, resources,
and more!

The Bishop and
Assistants to the
Bishop led worship
at

95

congregations

The Bishop connected
with

4,866

people through his
Take One videos

1,243

people participated in
our Adult Theological
Education courses

SYNOD STAFF'S TOP 6

Music/Podcasts

- Unexpected Elements (BBC World Service)
- Dear Daughter (BBC World Service)
- Chicago
- Queen
- Charli XCX
- The 1975

Movies/TV Shows

- The Handmaid's Tale
- The Americans
- Sister Act 1&2
- Wicked
- Chicago Fire
- Blink Twice

Books

- What's Next: A Backstage Pass to the West Wing by Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack
- Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Anne of Green Gables Series by L.M. Montgomery
- Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Close to Death by Anthony Horowitz
- Throne of Glass Series by Sarah J. Maas

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Thank you for your generosity, your commitment to the Gospel, and your support of the ministries of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod!

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