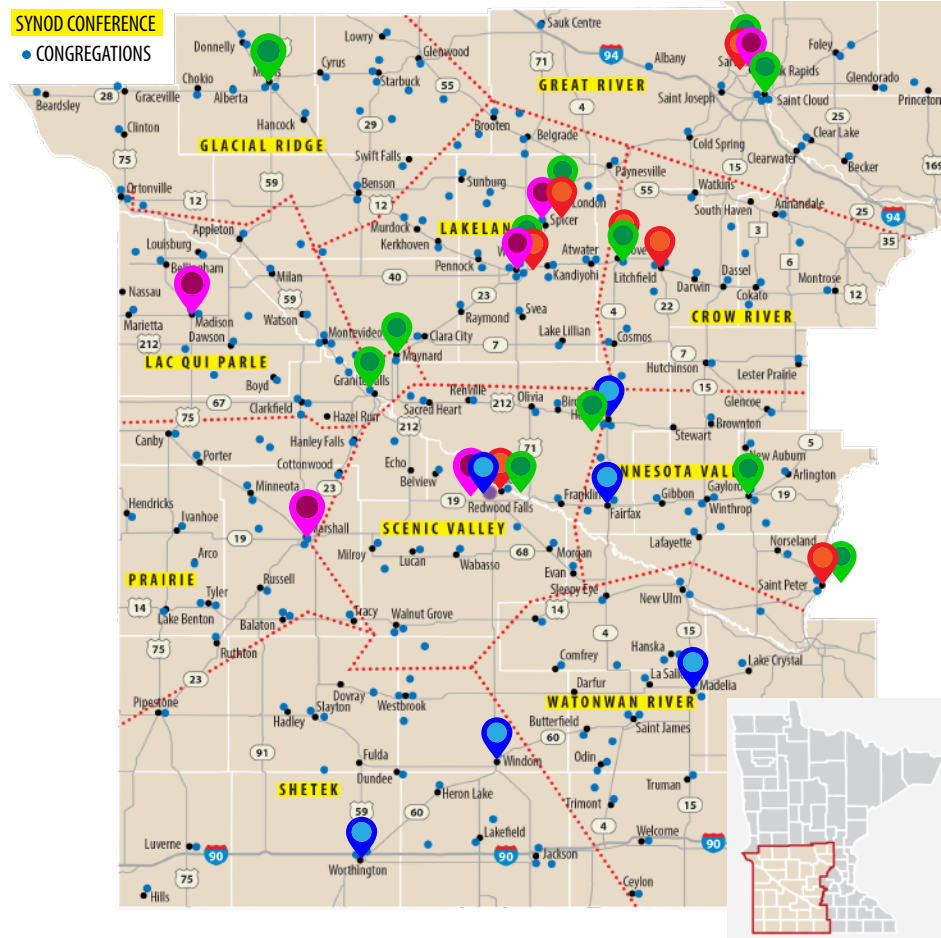


FEBRUARY 2026 / Synod Pastoral Staff

SYNOD CONFERENCE

● CONGREGATIONS



UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS:

- Mar 5**..... Zoom Training: Fresh Expressions of the Rural Church
- April 10-11**.. Sr. High Youth Gathering at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Redwood Falls
- April 18**..... EcoFaith Summit at First Lutheran Duluth and Online
- May 5**..... Ethics and Boundaries for Ministers Training In person Our Savior's, New Ulm
- June 5-6**.... Synod Assembly Hybrid: Zoom and Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter

*“so we, though many,
are one body in Christ,
and individually
members one of another.”*

-Romans 12:5



ELCA
SW MN Synod

Pr. Heather Culuris



Synod Minister for Engaging Leaders

OUTINGS:

- Preached at Trinity, Hector
- Preached at Beckville, Beckville
- Preached at Trinity, Madelia
- Preached at American, Worthington
- Shetek Conference Meeting, Worthington
- Installation at American, Windom
- Met with Hector and Swedlanda Churches
- Met with First, Hector
- Met with Central & Our Savior's, Fairfax

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Interim Pastors Monthly Zoom
- Synod Council Meeting
- Synod Assembly Planning
- Compensation Guidelines Committee
- Candidacy (Trip to Churchwide)
- Call Process



Bishop Dee Pederson, Synod Bishop

OUTINGS:

- Preached at First, Morris
- Preached at St. Paul's, Hector
- Preached at Maynard, Maynard
- Preached at Celebration, Sartell
- Ministry travels to the follow locations: Minneapolis, New London, Hector, St. Peter, Granite Falls, and Willmar.
- Crow River Conference Assembly, Grove City
- Great River Conference Assembly, Sartell
- Lakeland Conference Assembly, Spicer
- Glacial Ridge Conference Gathering

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Pastoral & Congregation Care
- Conference of Bishops
- Facilities Arrangements & Building Renovation
- Rooted in Redwood Capital Appeal

Pr. Troy Pflibsen



Director for Evangelical Mission

OUTINGS:

- Preached at Calvary, Willmar
- Great River Conference Assembly, Sartell
- Waters Edge Annual Meeting, Spicer
- Continuous Growth Pathways, St. Peter
- Adult Forum at Zion, Litchfield
- Crow River Conference Assembly, Grove City

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Presented at Interim Monthly Zoom
- Native American Ministry
- ELCA Hunger Monthly Zoom
- AMMPARO
- ELCA Evangelism Network
- Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota
- GSB Fundraising
- Support for House of Grace, Montrose
- Support for Reborn Lao, Waite Park

Pr. Seyward Ask



Synod Minister for Equipping Congregation Leaders, Ministers, Youth, & Families

OUTINGS:

- Great River Conference Assembly, Sartell
- Lakeland Conference Assembly, Spicer
- Prairie Conference Assembly, Marshall
- Preached at Garfield, Madison
- Preached at First, Marshall
- Call Process Meeting, Willmar

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Interim Pastors Monthly Zoom
- Quality of Call
- Synod Assembly Planning
- Call Process
- Sr. High Youth Gathering Planning / LYO
- Meeting with Bishop Curry and MN Rostered Ministers