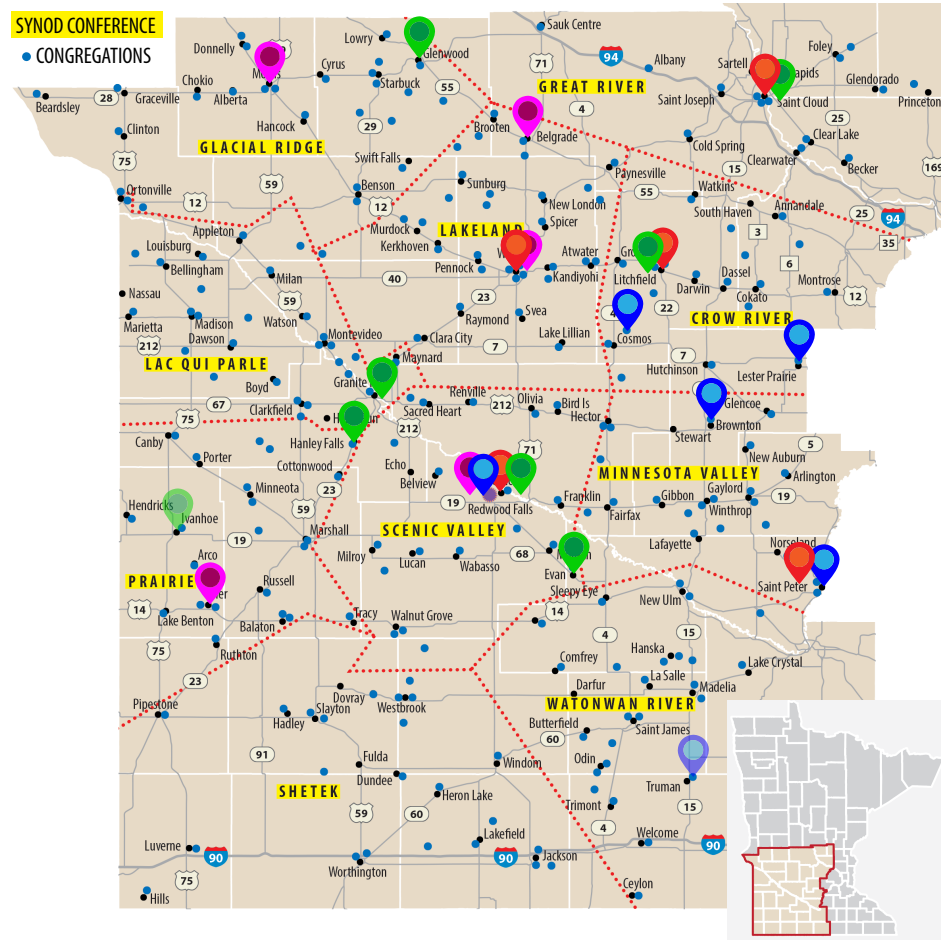


MARCH 2026 / Synod Pastoral Staff

SYNOD CONFERENCE

• CONGREGATIONS



UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS:

- April 9** Call Process Summit, Zoom
- April 21**..... CYF Healthy Boundaries Training, Zoom
- 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
- May 14**..... The Church in a Secular Age: Why Things Feel so Hard and
Our Best Intentions May Hurt More Than Help
Bethlehem, St. Cloud
- June 5-6**.... Synod Assembly

*“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 Grace, Brownton
- Preached at Peace, Cosmos
- Planned Preaching at Trinity, Truman (Snowed out)
- Crow River Conference Gathering, Lester Prairie
- MN Valley Conference Gathering, Arlington
- Region 3 Candidacy Retreat, Alexandria
- Synod Council Meeting, Redwood Falls

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Interim Pastors Monthly Zoom
- Synod Assembly Planning
- Compensation Guidelines Committee
- Candidacy
- Call Process
- Scholarship Committee
- SAM Oversight Committee

 **Bishop Dee Pederson**, *Synod Bishop*

OUTINGS:

- Conference of Bishops Gathering, Chicago
- Synod Council Meeting, Redwood Falls
- Planned Preaching at Bethany-Elim, Ivanhoe (Snowed out)
- Preached at Glenwood Lutheran, Glenwood
- Scenic Valley Conference Assembly, Evan
- Lac Qui Parle Conference Assembly, Hanley Falls
- South Africa Partnership Committee, Litchfield
- Pastoral Visit, St. Cloud
- Palm Sunday Faith Action, St. Cloud

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Pastoral & Congregation Care
- Synod-Authorized Ministries
- Reading Rostered Minister's Annual Reports to the Bishop
- Writing
- Stewardship
- Rooted in Redwood Capital Appeal
- Building Renovations
- Conference of Bishops Leadership Committee
- Synod Assembly Planning

Pr. Troy Pflibsen 

Director for Evangelical Mission

OUTINGS:

- Preached and Adult Forum at Calvary, Willmar
- Synod Council Meeting, Redwood Falls
- Adult Forum at Trinity, St. Peter
- ELCA DEM Gathering, Chicago
- Palm Sunday Faith Action, St. Cloud

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Fresh Expressions of the Rural Church Workshop
- Lutheran Advocacy MN
Zoom on the Hill
- SW MN Synod Coaching
- ELCA Monthly DEM Zoom

Pr. Seyward Ask 

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

OUTINGS:

- Preached at Maynard Lutheran, Maynard
- Preached at Big Grove, Crow River, and Grace, Belgrade
- Call Process Meeting, Willmar
- UMM Lutheran Campus Ministry, Morris
- Lakeland Conference Gathering, Willmar
- Prairie Conference Gathering, Tyler
- Synod Council Meeting, Redwood Falls

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Interim Pastors Monthly Zoom
- Fresh Expressions of the Rural Church Workshop
- Quality of Call, Women in Ministry
- Synod Assembly Planning
- Call Process
- Sr. High Youth Gathering Planning / LYO