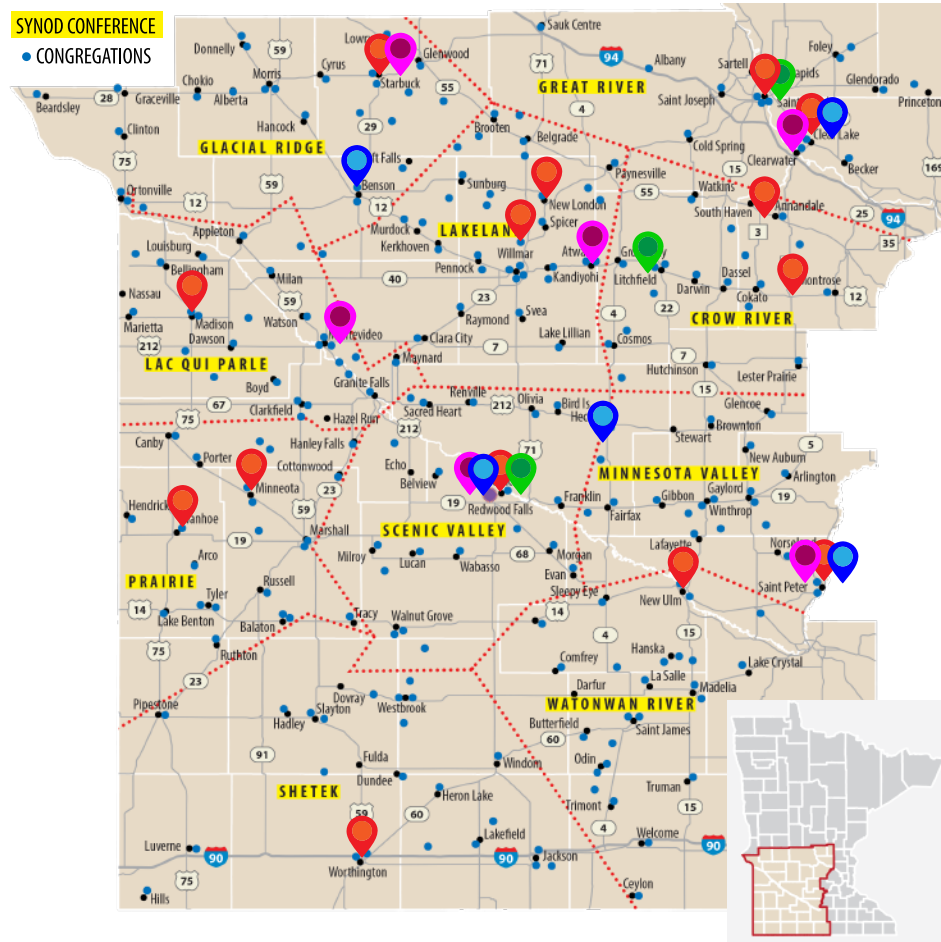


SYNOD CONFERENCE

• CONGREGATIONS



UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS:

July 24.....Lutheran Men in Mission Golf Tournament

“Conscience and Conversation: A Study During the Reconsideration of the Social Statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust.”

- **Thursday, August 13** – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Synod Office, Redwood Falls
- **Thursday, August 20**—1:00-3:00 p.m. Synod Office, Redwood Falls

Sept. 27-29.....2026 Fall Theological Conference

Bishop Dee Pederson, *Synod Bishop*

- OUTINGS:**
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|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Willmar | St. Cloud | Worthington |
| Ivanhoe | Minneota | Rapidan |
| New London | St. Peter | Grand Rapids |
| New Ulm | Madison | Flandreau, SD |
| Waverly | Olivia | St. Paul Area Synod Assembly |
| Clear Lake | Lake Benton | Luther College |
| Redwood Falls | Starbuck | |

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

-Romans 12:5



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SW MN Synod

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Synod-Authorized Ministries
- South African partnership
- Leadership Transitions
- Synod Assembly
- Neighboring Synod Assemblies
- Congregational Partnerships
- Building Renovation

Pr. Heather Culuris

Synod Minister for Engaging Leaders

OUTINGS:

- Synod Assembly, St Peter
- LYO Board Training Retreat, Alexandria
- Council Meeting, Benson
- Swedlanda, Rural Hector
- Rejoice, Clearwater

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Candidacy work
- Call work with congregations
- WELCA Liason

Pr. Troy Pflibsen

Director for Evangelical Mission

OUTINGS:

- Tour of Community Outreach Center, Salem, St. Cloud
- Synod Assembly, St Peter
- US Dakota War Forum, Trinity, Grove City
- Waters Edge Ministries Board Meeting, Shores of St. Andrew
- SW MN Deans, Redwood Falls

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

- Faith in Us: A National Clergy Initiative
- Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota Policy
- Congregational Vitality Strategy
- Rewriting the Rural Narrative
- SW MN Quarterly Coaches Gathering
- Indigenous Relationships Team
- SW MN Synod Council
- Church Anew-Building a Healthy Staff Community

Pr. Seyward Ask

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

OUTINGS:

- Synod Assembly, St Peter
- LYO Board Training Retreat, Alexandria
- Preached/led worship, Garfield, Madison
- Preached/led worship, Rejoice, Clearwater
- Preached/led worship, Tripolis, Kandiyohi
- Call process meeting, Madison
- Call process meeting, Clearwater
- Call process meeting, Rural Starbuck
- Weekly staff meetings, Redwood Falls

PROJECTS / MEETINGS:

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