



Rejoice, rejoice,

believers, and let your lights appear.”

In the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, we rejoice as we enter the season of Advent, knowing the ways God has been present with us during the past year. We rejoice over the ways God has worked through our ministry together with you. We enter the season of Advent this year with an excitement, renewed energy, and joy! Your gifts are having a great impact.

Generous giving from congregations and individuals has allowed us to adapt ministry highlights like these for this new time:

- Gather rostered ministers for a high-caliber Fall Theological Conference that deepened relationships, inspired hearts, and renewed ministry.
- Re-imagine a one-day “equipping” event and take it “on the road” to meet people where they are in three different locations across this synod.

We’re excited to do more, and your gift can make it happen. An additional \$15,000 in giving will allow the synod to continue initiatives like these to strengthen the rostered and lay leaders whom God has called “for such a time as this.”

“Ministry right now is hard. I am grateful for the way our Synod is able to convene us as leaders so that we can be fed and grow. I don’t know how I could continue in my role without the grace of God, the support of colleagues, and the new training I’m receiving. Thank you.”

Please prayerfully consider a financial gift to make this possible. All sizes of gifts, whether \$25 or \$2500, will have a great impact. Know that we are so grateful for your generosity.

May you be blessed as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who said, *“I am the light of the world... let your light shine before others.”*

+ In Christ,

Rev. Dee Pederson, D.Min.

Bishop, Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA



P.S. Thank you to Our Savior’s Lutheran, Montevideo, for a \$1,000 gift when 50 households share a gift of any size, and to Bethel Lutheran, Willmar, for providing matching funds, dollar for dollar up to \$5,000.

Your participation matters! Thank you!



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