

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

MAY 15-17, 2025

THURSDAY: BETHEL
LUTHERAN, ISHPEMING

FRIDAY-SATURDAY:
NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY, MARQUETTE



THEME: Apollos Watered

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Rev. Jon Anderson

Head of Rural Ministry at Luther
Seminary and Retired Bishop of the
Southwest Minnesota Synod

ELCA REPRESENTATIVE:

Deacon John Weit
Executive, Worship

**PRE-REGISTER before-hand &
CHECK-IN when you ARRIVE**

- ♦ **Thursday** at Bethel from 3-6:30pm(ET)
- ♦ **Friday** at Assembly Office at NMU from 7-8:45am (ET) or 10-11am

WORSHIP...all are welcomed!

- ♦ **Thursday** at Bethel at 7:00 pm (ET)
Opening Holy Communion including an
Installation for our new Assistant to the
Bishop and DEM, Pastor Sharolyn
Swenson, followed by a reception.
- ♦ **Friday** Evening Prayer following banquet
- ♦ **Saturday** Morning Prayer 9-9:30am

MEALS TOGETHER

Banquet: Friday evening banquet is included in the registration fee for voting members. The banquet program will include the recognition of ordination anniversaries, the Big Bear and Bread Basket awards, and conclude with Joyous Light Evening Prayer.

Fundraiser Meals– Pre-Register!:

- ♦ **\$15 Dinner Thursday Night**, Pasta at Bethel from 5:30-6:45pm supporting Marquette county youth traveling to North Carolina this summer for a week of hurricane relief work.
- ♦ **\$10 Friday Breakfast** at NMU Campus Ministry benefitting shared campus ministry
- ♦ **\$10 Saturday Breakfast** at Messiah Lutheran Church benefitting Messiah Community Assistance fund.

Register online beginning **March 1** at www.nglsynod.org/assembly.

Early registration closes **April 1**.

The Pre-Assembly report will be available for download on April 15. Check out the NGLS website for more information on workshops and other Assembly happenings!

Synod Assembly

ROOTED and WATERED

Workshop Offerings for connection and hope

Friday, May 16, 2025

at Northern Michigan University Campus



3:15-4:15 pm ET

4:30-5:30 pm ET

The WORD of God: Rooted in Language

Pr. Nicole Hanson-Lynn

Enrich and enliven your study of the Bible, in learning more about the root languages, translations, and the intrinsic tensions, and themes found in scripture, so that we may reflect critically and share more faithfully God's story.

The Word grows into action: Evolution of a Social Statement

Chuck Thomas, Synod Vice President

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has long responded to shared societal experiences through scriptural and theological reflection, community dialogue, and time, so that our church may share Christ's way toward community, justice, and love.

Rooted and Watered Walking with our Indigenous Neighbors

Native people are active and connective parts of our church and civic communities. Connect with synod co-workers to deepen our shared knowledge of history, community, and hopeful pathways, so that just relationships will flourish among neighbors.

Christian Nationalism and it's Impact for Neighbors Around the Globe

Pr. David Van Kley

Learn more about the history and harmful direction of a growing pattern of Christian Nationalism, and how it is expressed around the world. From the balcony view, connect the consequences for our global neighbors, particularly between Palestine and Israel.

Spiritual Practices: Rooted in the Art of Wonder

Pr. Sharolyn Swenson

Explore three spiritual practices: Godly Play, Dwelling in the Word, and *lectio visio* as pathways to deeper connection with God and community. Discover how wonder can counter our impulse toward quick answers, and enrich our community life.

The Spirituality of Dying

Pastor Elizabeth Daniels

As an Easter people, we trust in the new life brought through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Explore with Pastor Elizabeth how the rhythm of life can be celebrated as we attend to those rhythm of beginnings becoming endings that become beginnings anew, and caring for one another in the journey.

Caring for Creation: Spirit, Sea and Shore Around the Great Lakes

Lanni Lantto and leaders of UPwild

Discover how UPwild is connecting with God, community and creation through spiritual practices, community connections, and healing for creation and creatures across the Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.

Safeguarding Innocence: A Workshop on Child Protection in the Church

Rev. Kari Vadis

Jesus, The Church and the Protection of Children. Through Scripture, Personal Story and Experience with both sex offenders and survivors of child sexual abuse, Kari Vadis explores a Theology of Child Protection.

Please review these workshops and sign up for what interests you when
Synod Assembly registration opens **March 1!**