

# Report of Bishop William Tesch to the Synod Assembly June 2023

## Northwestern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Bishop's Report Part II February 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

### Ordinations of Ministers of Word and Sacrament

Feb. 5, 2022 Kate Gerike, Salem, Hitterdal by Bp. William Tesch  
July 17, 2022 Matthew Engum, St. Peter's, Audubon by Bp. William Tesch  
July 24, 2022 Julie Carlson, Faith, Evansville by Bp. William Tesch  
Aug. 5, 2022 Melissa Pickering, Our Savior's, Moorhead by Bp. William Tesch  
Nov. 20, 2022 Lynn Melchior, Zion Lutheran Church of Amor, Battle Lake by Bp. William Tesch

### Installations of Ministers of Word and Sacrament

Feb. 5, 2022 Pr. Kate Gerike, Lysne, Hawley; Salem, Hitterdal by Bp. William Tesch  
Feb. 6, 2022 Pr. Rachel Johnson, Bethany, Williams; Mt. Carmel, Roosevelt by Bp. William Tesch  
Mar. 12, 2022 Pr. Genelle Netland, Northwestern Minnesota Synod by Bp. William Tesch  
Mar. 12, 2022 Pr. Rebel Hurd, Northwestern Minnesota Synod by Bp. William Tesch  
Mar. 20, 2022 Pr. Alex Ohman, Faith Evangelical, Pelican Rapids by Pr. Genelle Netland  
May 15, 2022 Pr. PJ Malin, First, Alexandria by Bp. William Tesch  
July 18, 2022 Pr. Matthew Engum, St. Peter's, Audubon by Bp. William Tesch  
Aug. 28, 2022 Pr. Daphne Urban, Bethany, Red Lake Falls by Pr. Genelle Netland  
Sept. 25, 2022 Pr. Eliza Johnson, Bethlehem, Fergus Falls by Bp. William Tesch  
Sept. 14 & 18 Pr. Meggie Bjertness, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead by Bp. William Tesch  
Sept. 25, 2022 Pr. Julie Carlson, Foxhome-Vukuu Lutheran Parish by Pr. Genelle Netland  
Aug. 21, 2022 Pr. Melissa Pickering, First, Audubon by Pr. Rebel Hurd  
Oct. 16, 2022 Pr. Megan Clapp, Trinity, Detroit Lakes by Pr. Genelle Netland  
Dec. 4, 2022 Pr. Jess Olson, Trinity, Moorhead by Bp. William Tesch  
Dec. 11, 2022 Pr. Eric Clapp, Calvary, Perham by Pr. Dennis Preston  
Jan. 29, 2023 Pr. Stephanie White, Redeemer, Thief River Falls by Pr. Genelle Netland

### Synod Council Calls

Feb. 2022 Pr. Tiffany Sundeen, Interim at First, Fergus Falls  
Feb. 2022 Pr. Matt Williams, Interim at Climax Lutheran Parish, Climax  
Feb. 2022 Pr. Doug Stave, Interim at First, Battle Lake  
Feb. 2022 Pr. John Andrews, Interim at United Valley Parish, Halstad  
Mar. 2022 Pr. Gretchen Enoch, Interim at Fisher/Bygland Parish, Fisher  
Mar. 2022 Pr. Randy Fett, Interim at Lutheran Church of Christ the King, Moorhead  
Oct. 2022 Pr. Salim Kaderbhai, Interim at Zion, Fergus Falls  
Oct. 2022 Pr. Ruth Hetland, Interim at First, Mahanomen  
Oct. 2022 Pr. Doug Stave, Interim 75% Zion Lutheran Church of Amor, Battle Lake

### Transfers of Rostered Ministers from Other Synods

Feb. 22, 2022 Pr. Matt Williams, Eastern North Dakota Synod  
Apr. 1, 2022 Pr. PJ Malin, Metro Chicago Synod  
June 30, 2022 Pr. Jared Carson, Rocky Mountain Synod  
July 27, 2022 Pr. Randy Fett, South Dakota Synod  
Sept. 1, 2022 Pr. Steve Bovendam, Southwestern Minnesota Synod  
Oct. 4, 2022 Pr. Stephanie White, Montana Synod  
Nov. 1, 2022 Pr. Jess Olson, Northeastern Minnesota Synod

## **Transfers of Rostered Ministers to Other Synods**

Feb. 9, 2022 Pr. Saul Stensvaag to St. Paul Area Synod  
Feb. 16, 2022 Pr. Corey Lange to Eastern North Dakota Synod  
Apr. 25, 2022 Pr. Katherine Johnson to Northeastern Iowa Synod  
June 22, 2022 Pr. Gary Lundberg to Eastern North Dakota Synod  
July 15, 2022 Pr. Jamie Desai to Eastern North Dakota Synod  
Sept. 1, 2022 Pr. Hope Deutscher to Eastern North Dakota Synod  
Sept. 1, 2022 Pr. Jared Carson to Eastern North Dakota Synod  
Dec. 14, 2022 Pr. Justin Fenger to St. Paul Area Synod  
Jan. 3, 2023 Pr. Randy Fett to Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

## **Retirements of Ministers of Word and Sacrament**

Apr. 30, 2022 Pr. Greg Billberg  
Apr. 30, 2022 Pr. John Riggle  
June 30, 2022 Pr. Jim Gronbeck  
July 30, 2022 Pr. Anne Meredith  
July 30, 2022 Pr. Chris Eldredge  
Oct. 1, 2022 Pr. Bob Kelly  
Dec. 31, 2022 Pr. Mary Gilthvedt

## **Deaths of Ministers of Word and Sacrament**

Apr. 3, 2022 Pr. Richard Radde  
Apr. 15, 2022 Pr. Bruce Anderson  
Apr. 25, 2022 Pr. Robert Dahlen  
June 9, 2022 Pr. Donna Jean Kyllonen  
July 24, 2022 Pr. Arvin Halvorson  
Sept. 15, 2022 Pr. Byron "Mike" Edwards  
Oct. 28, 2022 Pr. Eugene Floistad

## **First-Call Candidates Assigned to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod**

Melissa Pickering - Called  
Lynn Melchior - Called

## **Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities**

2021 A Community Called Grace, Bemidji  
2021 Table of Mercy, Moorhead