



Updates from the Synod

October 2025

This monthly insert is just one way to stay connected with what's going on in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. You'll find highlights of recent news, upcoming events, and ways our synod is walking together in ministry. We hope it helps you see the bigger picture of how God is at work through the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.



Upcoming Events

October

- October 12** | World Hunger Day
- October 13** | Indigenous Peoples' Day
- October 13** | NWMN Synod Road Trip
- October 14** | NWMN Synod Road Trip
- October 15** | NWMN Synod Road Trip
- October 17** | Mental Health First Aid | Zoom
- October 23** | Synod Council | Zoom

November

- November 11** | The Ripple of Thanks: A Stewardship Conversation | Zoom
- November 20** | Give to the Max Day

New Dates!

We are **HITTING THE ROAD** and you are invited!

ROAD TRIP 25

OCTOBER 13 12 PM Trinity Moorhead 6 PM Calvary Alexandria
OCTOBER 14 12 PM Trinity Detroit Lakes 6 PM Redeemer Thief River Falls
OCTOBER 15 12 PM Messiah Roseau 6 PM Good Shepherd Clearbrook

Synod Spotlight

Our synod has been blessed by the storytelling work of WDAY News reporter Kevin Wallevand, who has recently shared powerful glimpses of ministry in northwestern Minnesota.



SAM Ministry Highlights



Jeremiah 29 Program



Mission Support Update

Thank you to congregations who have already shared back your bright red Fuel the Mission gas tanks!

Your gifts are helping keep our shared ministry moving forward. If you haven't yet, consider hosting a Fuel the Mission Sunday and sending your tank back to the synod office.

From the Bishop's Desk

October is a season of turning—harvest, falling leaves, and the church's remembrance of Reformation. This month we also lift up World Hunger Day, joining together in prayer and action so that all may be fed. As you gather for worship and community, may you be filled with gratitude for God's abundance and courage to share that abundance with your neighbors.

In Christ's peace,
 Bishop Bill



Middle School Synod Youth Gathering Update

The Northwestern Minnesota Synod is taking a strategic pause on the Middle School Synod Youth Gathering this fall. This decision allows us to listen, evaluate, and plan for stronger future offerings. Watch for local/regional options and updates ahead. Thank you for your patience and partnership in nurturing faith in our youth.

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Resource of the Month

This October, congregations across our synod are invited to join in prayer, worship, and action for World Hunger Day. The Western North Dakota Synod has prepared a Hunger Sunday Liturgy that lifts up God's call to mercy, justice, and feeding our neighbors near and far. Worship resources include prayers, hymns, sermon ideas, and a children's message—all designed to help communities reflect on the reality of hunger and respond with generosity and hope



Prayer Corner

**✪ Daily Beginning Prayer
(to the tune of the Servant Song)**

Jesus, Jesus you are with me
As I step into my day.
Let me hear you gently calling,
"Precious Child, walk this way."

Jesus Jesus when I hear you,
Calling me to follow you,
In that hour give me grace to
do the good that I can do.

Amen



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