



# Updates from the Synod

March 2026

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



**March 6**

In-Person Boundaries & Anti-Racism Training

**March 9-11**

Senior Pastor Retreat

**March 21**

The Great NWMN Synod Get Together

**March 29**

Palm Sunday



**April 11**

Conference 2 Summit

**April 13-May 22**

Online Boundaries & Anti-Racism Training

**April 16**

Joint Theological Day

**April 24**

In-Person Boundaries & Anti-Racism

Training

**April 25**

Synod Council | SAM Retreat

**April 26-28**

First Call Retreat



## New website...loading

We're in the process of building a refreshed synod website — one that better tells the story of who we are and what God is doing across Northwestern Minnesota.

**We need YOUR help!**

Please send photos of your congregation — your building, worship, and ministry in action to [morganolson@cord.edu](mailto:morganolson@cord.edu). High-resolution images are appreciated!

Thank you for helping us tell the story of what God is doing across Northwestern Minnesota.

# THE GREAT NWMN SYNOD GET TOGETHER

MARCH 21 | 10AM-3:30PM *Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji MN*

Join us at Calvary Lutheran in Bemidji for this one-day gathering designed to reconnect, learn, and share ministry together.

We'll begin and end grounded in worship and enjoy dedicated conference time to prepare for the upcoming Synod Assembly on May 30. Throughout the day, participants can choose from practical and theologically grounded workshops and hear from keynote speaker Pastor Ian McConnell as we explore this year's theme: Grace in a Digital Space.

This is a day for **ALL** who care about the shared work of our synod.



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## Prayer Requests

We invite congregations and leaders to share prayer requests with the synod and to hold the ministries, leaders, and communities of our synod in prayer. Your prayers sustain our shared work and deepen our connection to one another.



## From the Bishop's Desk

As we continue through this season, I give thanks for the faithful witness of congregations across our synod. In changing times, we remain rooted in the steady grace of God and connected in shared ministry.

Thank you for the many ways you embody Christ's presence in your communities.



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