

**Western Iowa Synod ELCA
2026 Nomination Biography**

(Enter your information in the spaces below)

Position Nominated for:	Nominating Committee
My conference:	Winds of Hope
My name (first, middle initial, last):	Kim S Gayer
My congregation:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Congregation's town/city:	Inwood IA

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under 18) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Person of Color/non-English primary language |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-English Primary Language |

Please use this space to highlight your experience (professional or work experience, congregational responsibilities, and community involvement) in relationship to the position you are nominated to serve:

Previous experience on nominating committee

Please use this space to share what motivates your interest and your desire to serve the position to which you have been nominated.

I enjoy being useful

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My name (first, middle initial, last):	Brian D. Jack
My congregation:	First Lutheran
Congregation's town/city:	Milford

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I have been on this committee for several years and have chaired it for the last three years.

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I seek to serve the synod's needs in some capacity, but don't feel as though I have a lot of extra time needed to commit to most of the positions needed. I feel I have the time to commit to the needs of this particular committee. I enjoy connecting with leadership across the synod. I don't mind extended periods of awkward silence after asking for a significant commitment.