



Northwestern Minnesota Synod

Connections



Connecting the Congregational, Synodical, and Churchwide Expressions of the ELCA

A chance to check out Luther Seminary

Do you have, or know someone who might have, an interest in the call to ministry? Luther Seminary hosts Ventures in Vocation, an opportunity for college-age students and post-college professionals to consider God's call to ministry and the role seminary study plays in that calling. The two-day conference allows participants a glimpse into Luther's worship and community life, as well as a taste of the content and quality of seminary teaching and learning.

This year's event is scheduled for October 8th and 9th. The registration fee has been waived, thanks to a generous donation. Spouses are welcome, and transportation to and from the airport is available. Visit www.luthersem.edu/admissions/ventures for more information, and to locate the online registration form. Feel free, also, to call 1-800-Luther3.

2006 Junior High Youth Gathering

This year's Junior High Youth Gathering will be held in Bemidji with Conferences 6-10 attending November 17-18; and Conferences 1-5 attending from November 18-19. Lyle Griner, the founder of Peer Ministry with the Youth and Family Institute, will be the keynote speaker. Registration opens September 30 and must be postmarked no later than November 1st.

If you have transportation needs or can offer rides, you are encouraged to connect with other congregations near you. If you would like to find others from your area to carpool together or would like to find several small churches to attend as one group, email Linnae at hegg@cord.edu or Michael Stein at stein@cord.edu and your request will be posted on the LYO website: www.nwmnsynod.org/lyo/index.html.

About Our Synod

The Northwestern Minnesota Synod is a geographical designation and a Church arrangement for carrying out the Church's mission. We are part of Region 3 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Mission Interpreters

Sharing the Good News of how our "Mission & Ministries" are making Christ known

Thanks to your individual and congregational support, the ELCA faithfully and effectively carries out practical and personal ministry in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod and throughout the world.

The ELCA's Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson has asked us to "scatter seeds and be part of the planting of the Good News in the hearts of people around the world." Missions and ministries working toward this planting include

- 47 new sites approved for congregational starts
- 8 seminaries preparing pastors and lay leaders
- 171 ELCA congregations under development
- 145 camps and retreat centers serving 450,000 people yearly
- 280 social ministry organizations serving 3,000 communities
- 40,000 youth and adults who attended the Youth Gathering in San Antonio, two-thirds work on service projects
- 28 Lutheran colleges and universities
- 140 campus ministries and 600 partner campus ministries
- 240 Lutheran elementary and 20 high schools
- 1,775 early childhood schools
- 286 mission personnel working in 47 countries.

"As followers of Christ we 'go and tell' and 'go and do' and trust that God will do the rest."

-Bishop Hanson

Thank you for your congregation's support of these missions.

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
Make known among the nations what he has done.
Psalms 105:1*