

Water is Life



June 7 & 8, 2024
UW Eau Claire
Davies Center



Assembly Highlights

Resolutions Passed

- Grace Driven Generosity For All Generations
- Supporting and Celebrating Children and Young Families
- 2025 Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits
- Operating Mission Plan
- Honoring Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Bright Spot Awards

- Our Savior's Lutheran - Menomonie
- Spirit Creek Lutheran - Black River Falls
- Grace Lutheran - Eau Claire
- Zion, Our Savior's, Pilgrim, & Concordia - Superior
- Peace - Pigeon Falls, Ezekiel - River Falls

Assembly Offerings

*Thank you for
your generosity!*

Worship Offering: \$ 7,263.52
(1/2 Endowment Fund, 1/2 Neighbor to Neighbor)

Noisy Offering: \$ 2,627.52
Endowment Offering: \$ 7,900.00

Water is Life Campaign (June 2024): \$ 24,211.60
Water is Life Campaign (Total to Date): \$ 66,074.84

REV. MARTIN HALOM IS ELECTED BISHOP OF THE NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN!

REPORT OF BALLOT 1

Martin Halom - 119
Diane House - 65
Elizabeth Bier - 53
Chad Anderson - 35
Judy Kincaid - 32
Karen Behling - 21
Kristina Weber - 21
(Write-in) Josh Toufar - 1
(Write-in) Brad Dokken - 1

REPORT OF BALLOT 2

Martin Halom - 159
Diane House - 56
Karen Behling - 45
Elizabeth Bier - 34
Chad Anderson - 28
Judy Kincaid - 24
Kristina Weber - 16

REPORT OF BALLOT 3

Martin Halom - 211
Karen Behling - 56
Diane House - 49
Elizabeth Bier - 26
Chad Anderson - 24

REPORT OF BALLOT 4

Martin Halom - 241
Karen Behling - 57
Diane House - 56

*For full details, resources and giving opportunities from the 2024 Synod Assembly, please visit:
<https://nswi.org/synod-assembly-2024>.



THANK YOU, BISHOP LAURIE SKOW-ANDERSON

On Friday evening of assembly, Bishop Laurie was joined by her family and recognized for her years of ministry with the synod. After serving as the Director for Evangelical Mission (2014-2018) Laurie served as the first woman bishop (2018-2024) for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. She accompanied congregations by way of education and discernment in generosity and innovation, ordained several deacons and pastors, provided care and adaptive resources for leaders and congregations during a global pandemic, established several sustainable justice teams, and consistently uplifted the importance of the ministry we do together so that "the youngest generations come to know and love Jesus." We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Laurie Skow-Anderson and her faithful ministry!

Elected to Synod Council

Apple River: Rev. Laurie Kenyon Woods
Chequamegon: Kaj Peterson
Chippewa Valley: Jacob Gapko
Dairyland: Nancy Quarberg
Heart of the North: Rev. Sara Feld
Lake Superior: Mary Trettin
St. Croix Valley: Kim Warren
Secretary: Rev. Julie Brenden

Elected to Consultation Committee

Apple River: Sam Campeau
Chequamegon: Irene Villareal
Chippewa Valley: Rev. Brad Peterson
Dairyland: Rev. Jennifer Hatleli
Heart of the North: Rev. Michael Sparby
Lake Superior: Kandee Rosburg
St. Croix Valley: Dan Bensen, and Rev. Al Aakre

Elected Voting Members 2025 ELCA Assembly

Apple River:
 Deacon Jodi Lorenz, Karalyn Littlefield
Chequamegon:
 Rev. Katie Anderson, Shelby Niskanen
Chippewa Valley:
 Heather Day, Mike Hulet
Dairyland:
 Rev. Jennifer Hatleli, Nancy Quarberg
Heart of the North:
 Rev. Tiffany Chipman, Ted Hakala
Lake Superior:
 Rev. Katie Wagner, Mary Trettin
St. Croix Valley:
 Rev. Ben Nelson, Eric Klein



Anniversaries & Retirements

25 Years of Ordination

- Rev. Debra Boynton
- Rev. Martin Halom
- Rev. Melinda Halom
- Rev. Gail Sowell
- Rev. Greg Ofsdahl
- Rev. Mark Woeltge

50 Years of Ordination

- Rev. Wayne Deloach
- Rev. Ron Gerl
- Rev. Larry Jorstad
- Rev. Vern Weeks

Retirements

- Rev. Valerian Ahles
- Rev. Rick Biedermann
- Rev. Mary Eide
- Rev. Nancy Hanson
- Rev. Tamra Harder
- Rev. Peter Jonas
- Rev. Greg Kaufmann
- Rev. Mike Knudson
- Rev. Keith Ruehlow
- Rev. Doug Steinke

GUESTS, SPEAKERS & MINISTRY PARTNERS

Workshop #2: JUSTmove: How to Build and Anti-Racist Youth Group

Facilitators: Joe Davis & David Scherer

Participants learned how we can help to make youth group a place where "All Are Welcome." This interactive workshop explored models for how to create more inclusive spaces so that we can reflect the diversity of God's kin-dome. Poetry, Music, and storytelling were a part of this engaging experience.



Workshop #2: Journey Together

Facilitators: Synod Youth Board, Outdoor Ministry, Campus Ministry

Participants heard from three synod ministries and learned practical ways to encourage & galvanize the faith formation of young people. Together we explored some cultural realities of youth and young adults, discovered ways they find meaningful connections with one another, and learned how we can journey alongside them with authenticity, awareness, and love.



Visiting Bishops

In person:

Former NWSWI Bishop, Rick Hoyme
Bishop Paul Erickson, Greater Milwaukee Synod
Bishop Yehiel Curry, Metro Chicago Synod

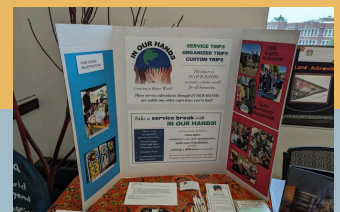
Via Video:

Former NWSWI Bishop, Duane Peterson
Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe, ELC Malawi



Synod Staff 2018-2024

Liz Bartsch
Rev. Randy Olson
Deacon Laura Ramlow
Rev. Sara Villarreal Bishop
Deacon Lidix Montoya
Rev. Diane House (DEM)
*Rev. Erin Nelson
*Deacon David Behling



Ministry Partners on Site

Synod Youth Board
Care of Creation Team
Reconciling Works
Global Health Ministries
Lutheran Office for Public Policy
Joe Davis and David Scherer
Feeders for Malawi
Lutheran Social Services

Luther Park Bible Camp
Synod Resource Center
Racial Justice Team
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Wisconsin Council of Churches
ELCA World Hunger
Portico Benefits
Land Acknowledgement
Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp
Neighbor to Neighbor
In Our Hands Service Learning

