

Additions to Mobility List | Sept. 25, 2024 - Jan. 15, 2025

full list at milwaukee-synod.org/congregations-in-transition

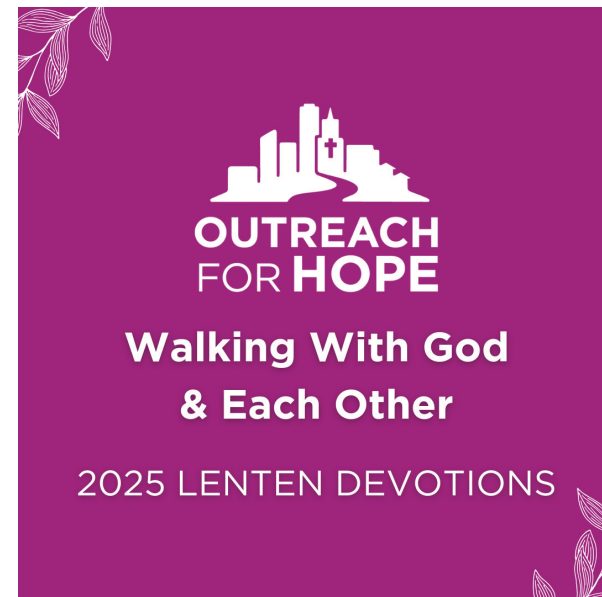
New Change of Status for Congregations in Transition

- All People's, Milwaukee** (FT solo pastor) - call extended
- Ascension, Milwaukee** (FT solo pastor) - names submitted
- Christ, Paddock Lake** (PT solo pastor) - names submitted
- First United, Sheboygan** (FT pastor) - MSP posted
- Mount Carmel, Milwaukee** (FT lead pastor) - MSP posted
- Mount Pleasant, Racine** (FT co-pastor) - call extended
- North Cape, Franksville** (FT solo pastor) - MSP posted
- Resurrection, New Berlin** (FT solo pastor) - call extended
- Spirit Alive!, Kenosha** (FT solo pastor) - call extended
- St. Mark's, Waukesha** (FT solo pastor) - call extended
- St. Mary's, Kenosha** (FT pastor) - MSP posted
- St. Paul, Milwaukee** (FT solo pastor) - MSP posted
- Unity, Brookfield** (FT co-pastor) - call extended
- Vernon, Mukwonago** (FT solo pastor) - MSP posted

New Change of Status for Rostered Ministers

- Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill** - from on leave from call to called pastor at Lake Park, Milwaukee
- Rev. Steve Bogie** - from called pastor at St. Luke, Waukesha to called pastor at Mt. Olive, Mukwonago
- Rev. Sandy Chrostowski** - from synod call to interim ministry at Vernon, Mukwonago to retired
- Rev. Lynn Erickson** - from synod call to interim ministry at Mount Carmel, Milwaukee to synod call to interim ministry at Martin Luther, Milwaukee
- Rev. Larry Harpster** - from on leave from call to synod call to interim ministry at Mount Carmel Milwaukee
- Rev. Maren Hooper** - from on leave from call to synod call to interim ministry at St. Luke, Waukesha
- Rev. Wesley Isberner** - ordained and called by congregation to Spirit Alive!, Kenosha
- Rev. Justin Kierzek** - from on leave from call to called pastor at Unity, Brookfield
- Rev. Juniper Linberry** - from called pastor at Cross, Milwaukee to on leave from call
- Rev. Tim McIntosh** - from on leave from call to synod call to chaplaincy at Amedisys Hospice
- Adam Moreno** - from on leave from call to resigned from the roster

- Rev. Andrew Nyren** - from synod call to chaplaincy at Compassus Hospice to synod call to chaplaincy at St. Croix Hospice
- Rev. Evan McVann** - from the Western Iowa Synod to called pastor at All People's, Milwaukee
- Rev. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick** - from the Upstate New York Synod to synod call to transition pastor at St. Mary's, Kenosha
- Rev. Diane Olson** - from synod call to interim ministry at All People's, Milwaukee to synod call to interim ministry at Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Rev. Nathan Pratt** - ordained and called by congregation to Mount Pleasant, Racine
- Rev. Paula Ramcke-Wilke**, retired - from the Greater Milwaukee Synod to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin
- Rev. Matthew Short** - from Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission to called pastor at Resurrection, New Berlin
- Rev. Jacob Werkheiser** - from synod call to chaplaincy at Zilber Residence to synod call to chaplaincy at St. Camillus



It's almost time for Outreach for Hope's annual Lenten Devotion series featuring ministries across our synod! Visit outreachforhope.org/lenten-devotions to join the devotion email list. (NOTE: If you've received these emails in the past, you DO NOT need to sign up again.)



Life Together | Winter 2025

Notes from the Bishop



Curiosity, courage, compassion, and collaboration. These are the four core values adopted by the 2019 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly (milwaukee-synod.org/about-us/vision-mission-values). We have used these values to organize our synod life in recent years, and we are now transitioning from the year of courage to the year of compassion.

While there are several words that can mean similar things—pity, empathy, sympathy, to name a few—we have chosen to use the word compassion not just because of the alliteration with the other values, but because it contains an element of movement toward action. In other words, we proclaim that God is not simply inviting us to feel sorry for others, God is inviting us to engage in concrete acts of love and justice in response to the pain and suffering of our neighbors near and far.

These actions are most effective and lasting when we do not engage in acts of paternalism, seeking to fix others' problems for them, but when we stand with our neighbors, learning from and walking with them, working together to address the injustices that harm us all.

This is what we try to accomplish in our global mission relationships with the Diocese of Meru, Tanzania, and the Lutheran Church of El Salvador, shaped by an understanding of accompaniment. It's easy to slip back into our inherited patterns of paternalism and supremacy, thinking that we who have more material resources surely know better how to improve the quality of life of our neighbors, but the wisdom of accompaniment is that we are to slow down, walking side by side as we try to live and learn and love, together.

I look forward to the unique opportunity to visit both of our global companion synods this month, participating in the installation of the newly elected Bishop Guadalupe Cortez in El Salvador and joining a large synod delegation to visit our partners in Meru. I anticipate learning again the value of accompaniment, a journey that is rooted in and shaped by a deep and mutual sense of compassion.

In Christ,

Bishop Paul Erickson

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A joyful day of celebration as we installed Pastor Guadalupe Cortez de Huevo as bishop of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church.

Register Now For Together in Mission



Saturday, February 15 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm @ St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa
 Deadline to Register: Tuesday, February 11 at 11:59 am (noon)

Join us for our synod's annual learning gathering of pastors, deacons and lay leaders from across Southeast Wisconsin! Together we'll worship, celebrate our partnership in the Gospel, and attend workshops on a variety of ministry topics. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Meggan Manlove from our Domestic Companion Synod, the Northwest Intermountain Synod, as our preacher and workshop presenter.



Bishop Meggan Manlove was elected in 2023 to serve as bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod. She grew up in Custer, South Dakota, and graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, spent a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Syracuse, NY and then earned her M.Div. from the Univ. of Chicago Divinity School. She was shaped and nourished by both outdoor ministries (including three summers at Christikon) and campus ministry (ELCA and Episcopal in Chicago). She served a parish in rural Western Iowa for six years and moved to Nampa, Idaho in 2010 to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. She earned her Doctor in Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary in May 2021. Her dissertation is titled Equipping Lutherans for Faith Storytelling.

Bishop Manlove loves working collaboratively and cares deeply about food security and affordable housing. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the region, deepening friendships, reading fiction, and watching good movies. She blogs at www.megganmanlove.com.

Visit milwaukeeesynod.org/events for registration and a full list of workshops

Synod Council Highlights from November 2024

- Passed a Discrimination Policy for the Greater Milwaukee Synod. The policy will be posted on the website after a Resource Team is identified and trained.
- Received a report from Rick Frowein on the Mt Meru Coffee Project, highlighting the continued impact of the coffee project on the lives of farmers and their families in Tanzania.
- Celebrated the beginning of a new Young Adult Ministry—Gather Milwaukee—which is being led by young adults in the synod.
- Noted the need to review the current RIC (Reconciling in Christ) statement of the synod, with a revised statement to be presented at the 2025 Synod Assembly.
- Expressed gratitude for an amazing dinner prepared by Synod Council members Jose and Jacob Guerrero and their family at Ascension Lutheran, Milwaukee.

Learn more at milwaukeeesynod.org/about-us/synod-council



Synod Assembly will take place on May 30-31 at the Brookfield Conference Center. Pastors, Deacons, and lay leaders from our congregations across Southeast Wisconsin will gather to worship, enjoy fellowship, and vote on our budget, elected positions and more.

This year we welcome two special guests. Rev. Khader El-Yateem, Executive Director of the Service and Justice Home Area for the ELCA will be our keynote speaker and our ELCA representative. Tyra Dennis, better known as “Tyralucia” will be our assembly musician. Tyra has provided music for many events, including the recent Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Rev. Khader El-Yateem



Tyra Dennis

Learn more at tinyurl.com/GMSAssembly2025

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Jan. 23 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

Inspired for Mission Zoom Gathering: “The Invitational Christian”

Saturday, February 15 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)

Together in Mission | St. Matthew's, Wauwatosa
 Register online by 2/11

Saturday, February 22 (9:00 - 11:30 am)

Adventures in Renewal CO-LAB: Celebration Edition

Tuesday, February 25 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

Inspired for Mission Zoom Gathering: “Church Councils and Faith Formation”

Tuesday, March 25 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

Inspired for Mission Zoom Gathering: “This is My Story, This is My Song”

Tuesday, April 15

Chrim Mass | Location TBD

Friday, May 30 (4:00 pm) - Saturday, May 31 (5:00 pm)

Synod Assembly | Brookfield Conference Center

Third Sunday of each month (5:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

Gather Games - board game fellowship for young adults (18-35) | Gethsemane, Brookfield

Learn more + register for events at www.milwaukeeesynod.org/events