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"It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.



**Thank You, LORD!**



# October 2024

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## Notes

**WORSHIP TIMES (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)-9:00 am Worship, 10:00 am Sunday school and fellowship.** Worship helpers as of printing-10/6-Coffee-, Ushers-, Reader-Earline, Serve Communion-, 10/13 Children's church-Coffee-Andrea & Nicole, U-Tim, Cooper, & Dash, R-, 10/20-C-Becky, U-, R-Becky, SC-, 10/27-Reformation Sunday-C, U,R, (needed)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is change in the air. I read a notice a couple days ago that there are now more hours of darkness in our days than light from the sun. The trees have begun their transformation from green leaves into yellow. My pumpkins are turning orange in the vine garden. Even though we've had unseasonably warm weather, the world still knows it's time for a change.

The change from summer into fall can come with sadness or excitement. To some the rustle of leaves and the dying of the green growth is sad. To others, it signals things like harvest of the fields which means a paycheck for the year's hard work.

Change is never easy. It means something will be different. Some differences are good, some are bad and some are just not the same as it always has been. Even good changes can take some getting used to. That's why we often fight change in our lives, jobs and institutions. What we know often seems easier and better than the unknown.

But God reminds us that some changes need to be made. Without the fall harvest, we never receive payment for all our spring and summer work and growth. Even good changes involve leaving something behind. To move to a new house, you need to leave behind the comfort of the old one.

Adapting to change is how we grow as human beings. It's also how we learn to trust. We learn to trust our own choices or the choices of the ones who brought the change. We learn to trust that although everything in this life can and does change, our God does not. In every change, every path, every new challenge our God is there.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that our God is "the same yesterday, today and forever." When life's changes seem overwhelming, that's a comfort to remember. Everything in your life can be in the chaos of change and yet, you can count that our God is always there.

Whether the changes of your life are seasonal or something much more, hang on to our God who never leaves, always loves and never changes.

Pastor Janet Miller



## Meet Bishop Hagmaier:

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier has served as Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA since September of 2019. Her greatest joy in serving as Bishop is found in the sacraments which unite us and knowing that in our differences, baptism and communion are at the center of who we are. She is also grateful and humbled by the many people she gets to meet and share life and faith with, who she is only able to meet because she is Bishop of the South Dakota Synod. The sacramental center of our faith and the personal encounters are something she will treasure forever. Thanks be to God!



## Meet the South Dakota Synod Staff:



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## Be in the Loop:

There are various ways to stay connected, including email! We urge everyone to join our weekly email list. You can sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter at: <https://sdsynod.org/subscribe>.



South Dakota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Who we are:

The South Dakota Synod is a faith community of over **93,000** baptized people in **195** congregations. It is one of the **65** synods that make up the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The synod includes **two** synod-authorized worshipping communities, **five** campus ministries, **three** camps, and **two** companion synods.

## Introducing a new ministry in the South Dakota Synod:



Step into a brand new way to be “church together.” Named after our state flower, Pasque is a digital space that is designed to build courage, confidence and capacity among all of God’s people in the SD Synod. Check out the growing list of free resources at [www.sdsynodlearns.org](http://www.sdsynodlearns.org)

## Find the office in-person...

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## ...and online!

[www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org)

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## Synod means “to walk together.”

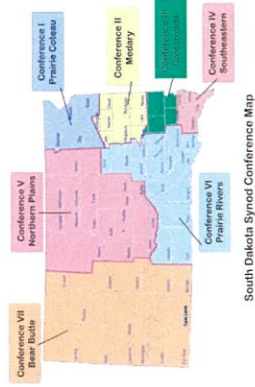
The three expressions of the ELCA are congregations and specialized ministries, synods, and the churchwide organization. The synod consists of congregations, groups, leaders, and members.

**Our Vision: “Journeying Together in Christ.”** We are Synod because we are called to journey together in Christ (Luke 24:13-35).

How do we journey together in Christ? By **Relating** with intentionality; **Networking** across the church, **Equipping** leaders for ministry, **Sharing** leadership, and doing all these things with confidence in **Christ’s Love for All**.

## Synod Council:

- Prairie Coteau Conference
- Medary Conference
- Crossroads Conference
- Southeastern Conference
- Northern Plains Conference
- Prairie Rivers Conference
- Bear Butte Conference



Each conference serves to cultivate relationships between congregations, provide a community for ministry leaders, select representatives to synod boards and committees, and more. Each conference elects three (3) representatives to the Synod Council, which serves as the board of directors of the Synod and its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. You can find out more, including your conference’s representatives, at [sdysnod.org/council](http://sdysnod.org/council).

## Lutheran Planned Generosity:

Lutheran Planned Generosity combines your financial, tax and estate planning goals with support for the ministries that best represent your family’s faith journey. Whether you are considering a gift today or a legacy for tomorrow, your life can make a difference. You can find out more at [lpgsd.org](http://lpgsd.org).

## Pastoral Transitions:

Pastoral transitions are inevitable and important times for both congregations and leaders. The South Dakota Synod will work with you during this journey to make it as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

## Candidacy:

“Candidacy” is the process of preparation and formation leading to the ordained Ministry of Word and Sacrament or Ministry of Word and Service. If you have any questions about candidacy, please contact Rev. Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to the Bishop at 605-274-4022 or Crystal McCormick, Candidacy and Mobility Office Coordinator at 605-274-4024.

## Dates to Save:

Each year we hold various events, so mark your calendars now! Of course, just as the Spirit moves, our list of events is always subject to change. Check our online calendar regularly for upcoming events and details by visiting [sdysnod.org/events](http://sdysnod.org/events).

- Reports to Synod Due**      **Spring Theological Conference**      **Fall Theological Conference**
- \*Multiple reports from congregations and leaders*      **April 27-29, 2025**      **September 15-17, 2024**
- Annual Synod Assembly**
- May 30-31 2025**

## Neighbors in Solidarity:

We have many specialized or supported ministries. Each of these ministries proclaims the Gospel and carries out the mission of our church in a specific way – sometimes working with those who have no home, sometimes building a new faith community, sometimes working with prisoners. We call these ministries “Neighbors in Solidarity” to celebrate that their work is our work, too. Find out more at [sdysnod.org/neighbors](http://sdysnod.org/neighbors).

- Church on the Street, Sioux Falls**      **McLaughlin Community Alliance Group**      **Shepherd’s Table, Sioux Falls**
- Companion Synods in Nicaragua and Cameroon**      **Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center**      **Spirit of Hope, Scotland**
- First Lutheran African Ministry, Sioux Falls**      **Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls**      **Woyatan Lutheran Church, Rapid City**
- Lutheran Campus Ministries (LuMin)**      **St. Dysmas of South Dakota**

## And more:

This brief introduction to the synod isn’t everything! Please see the staff positions on the back and visit our website for more on the many moving pieces of this synod.