

Northeastern Iowa Synod Weekly Newsletter

July 23, 2026



Due to increased fuel costs, the 2026 IRS standard mileage rates feature a mid-year adjustment, effective July 1, 2026.

For Miles Driven Jan 1 – June 30, 2026:

- Business: 0.725 per mile

For Miles Driven July 1 – Dec 31, 2026:

- Business: 0.76 per mile



Lutheran
Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response

Catastrophic flooding, dangerous heat waves, and wildfires are forcing people from homes, leaving vulnerable neighbors at risk, and threatening lives, homes, and communities. [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) is the ELCA's ministry to accompany disaster survivors. Your support helps meet immediate needs such as food, shelter, clean water, and recovery possible. Will you consider a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response? Click below to learn how to give.

How to Give



ELCA Worship Resources

[“Creation in Christ” worship resource](#)

As you consider observing “Creation in Christ” (or “Feast of Creation”) this September, a new worship resource provides liturgical texts, a preaching help and music suggestions. This resource is available in [Word](#) or [PDF](#) format.

[God’s Work. Our Hands worship resources](#)

Congregations are encouraged to celebrate “God’s work. Our hands.” on Sunday, Sept. 13. [Worship resources](#) and several other resources are available to support your congregation's local observance.



One Year To Live Retreat - October 23-25, 2026

Learn More and [Register!](#)

Brochure



Theological Conference 2026: Bridges & Tables

Rostered leaders, SAMs, and ministry partners across Northeastern Iowa are invited to gather for the 2026 Fall Theological Conference,

held October 4–6, 2026, in Cedar Falls at St. John's Lutheran Church.

[*Register*](#)

Grants

Your Story Matters



Sacred Discoveries - Augustana University Microgrant Application Opening Soon

Are you interested in being part of a larger storytelling initiative for young adults? If so, check out this microgrant opportunity supported by Augustana University and the Sacred Discoveries' Storytelling Initiative. Microgrants are available to fund projects that capture narratives that illuminate God's faithfulness and explore the questions, curiosities, and convictions that shape young adult faith. The application process will begin in September, but we encourage you to start brainstorming with your team to see if this might be for you. Learn more about this project and how you can apply.

[*Learn More*](#)



Prayers

Please join us in praying for the following leaders and ministries of the Northeastern Iowa Synod:

Rev. Jeremy Wolfe; Messiah Lutheran Church, Charles City; Rev. Susan Friedrich; First Lutheran Church, Clarion; St. John Lutheran Church, Clarksville; Rev. Jennifer Thomas; Galilean Lutheran Church, Clear Lake

Bishop & Staff Updates

- Meetings with Rostered Ministers
- Sphere Humanitarian Charter & Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response
- Communications Gathering
- Churchwide All-Staff Gathering
- Staff Meetings



Save
THE DATE

Mark your calendars for what's happening next!

[Check out the events calendar on the website for detailed information on meetings and events.](#)

[Sphere Humanitarian Charter & Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response](#)

July 28-30, 2026
Chicago, IL

Global Church Together Network

August 13, 2026 Online

Racial Justice Advocacy Network

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September 10, 2026 Online

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St. John Lutheran Church Cedar Falls, Iowa

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Gathering Expedition

October 30-November 1, 2026

Camp Ewalu, Strawberry Point, Iowa

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

June 28-July 2, 2027

Minneapolis, Minnesota

2028 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

August 7-11, 2028

Des Moines, Iowa

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