



NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

North/West Lower MI Synod Council Meets on August 13, 2026

The [N/W Lower MI Synod Council](#) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) met via Zoom on Thursday, August 13, 2026. This council serves as the synod's board of directors and interim legislative authority between meetings of a synod assembly.

This meeting included the following activities and actions:

- Approved Synod Council Minutes from April 11, 2026. Received Executive Committee Minutes from March 31, 2026.
- Extended a synod call to The Rev. Robert Johnson for intentional interim work within the N/W Lower Michigan Synod as assigned by the Bishop.
- Approved roster changes recommended by Bp. Schneider-Thomas.
- Appointed Dan Carter as Synod Treasurer to fill the unexpired term ending August 31, 2028 resulting from Karen Bird's resignation as she transitions her primary congregational membership to the SE MI Synod. This appointment is effective September 1, 2026.
- Received the Report of the Treasurer, including:
 - Review of financial statements for the first five months (through June 2026) of the 2026-27 fiscal year (ending 1/31/27).
 - Income and spending continue to be in line with expectations based on the approved budget and planned grant and ministry support activities.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Executive Committee: September 29, 2026 via Zoom
 - Synod Council Retreat: October 2-3, 2026 (in-person retreat; Catholic Diocese Retreat Center, 5802 Weiss Street, Saginaw)