

Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Bishop's Report
April 2009-April 2010

Ordinations

June 7, 2009	Matthew Rose, Peace Lutheran Church, Barrett MN by Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe
June 28, 2009	Joy Grainger, Family of God Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks MN by Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe
Aug. 29, 2009	Dane Skilbred, Salem Lutheran Church, Hitterdal MN by Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe
Aug. 29, 2009	Patrick Loree, First Lutheran Church, Minot ND by Bishop Mark Narum
Oct. 17, 2009	Mark Mathews, Resurrection Lutheran Church, St. Joseph MN by Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe
Oct. 25, 2009	Ingrid Skilbred, Southwood Lutheran Church, Lincoln NE by Bishop David deFreese
Nov. 29, 2009	Andrew Ronnevik, New Life Lutheran Church, Rothsay MN by Pr. David Astrup
Feb. 6, 2010	Theresa Jacobson, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bellevue NE by Bishop David deFreese

Commissioning

Dec. 6, 2009	Christie Meier, associate in ministry, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wadena MN by Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe
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Installations

June 14, 2009	Pr. Jeffrey McCracken, pastor, Grove Lake Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids
June 7, 2009	Pr. Matthew Rose, pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Barrett
July 11, 2009	Pr. Genelle Netland, senior pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji
Aug. 16, 2009	Pr. Karen Holmberg-Smith, pastor, Concordia and Pinecreek Lutheran Churches, Roseau
Aug. 29, 2009	Pr. Dane Skilbred, pastor, Salem Lutheran Church, Hitterdal
Aug. 30, 2009	Pr. Joy Grainger, pastor, Climax and Sand Hill Lutheran Churches, Climax, Grue Lutheran Church, Buxton ND
Sept. 20, 2009	Pr. Charles Dyrhaug, pastor, First Lutheran Church, Battle Lake
Sept. 27, 2009	Pr. Stephen Norby, senior pastor, Calvary Lutheran, Park Rapids
Oct. 11, 2009	Pr. Jonathan Sorum, pastor, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie
Oct. 25, 2009	Pr. Patrick Loree, associate pastor, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Moorhead
Nov. 8, 2009	Pr. Kenneth Nyhusmoen, pastor, Grace Lutheran, Church, Ada
Nov. 22, 2009	Pr. Mark Mathews, pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, Greenbush
Nov. 29, 2009	Pr. Ingrid Skilbred, associate pastor, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Barnesville
Dec. 6, 2009	Pr. Kenneth Thiele, pastor, Christina Lake Lutheran Church, Evansville
Jan. 3, 2010	Pr. Andrew Ronnevik, associate pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji
Jan. 10, 2010	Pr. Paul A. Peterson, pastor, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Audubon and Augustana Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes
Jan. 31, 2010	Pr. Carl Andersen, pastor, Nidaros, Leaf Mountain and Vining Lutheran Churches, Vining
Feb. 21, 2010	Pr. Theresa Jacobson, associate pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Bagley
Apr. 23, 2010	Pr. Thomas Schlotterback, Director of Vocation and Church Leadership, Concordia College, Moorhead

Rostered Leaders On Leave From Call

Pr. D. Rolf Aanestad	Pr. Cheryl Berg	Pr. Kenneth Bowman	Pr. Shawn Brandon
Pr. Marsha Burt	Pr. Paul Erdal	Pr. Gary Garvey	Pr. John Golv
Pr. James Gustafson	Ms. Myrna Hanson (AiM)	Ms. Holly Johnson (AiM)	Pr. Heidi Mann
Pr. John Martinson	Pr. Eric Midthun	Pr. Ann Newgard-Larson	Pr. Kathryn Rothman
Ms. Jill Torgerson (AiM)	Ms. Shana Williams (Deaconess)		

Retirements

Pr. Warren Broughton	Pr. Weston Moir	Pr. Ann Sorum	Pr. Cordell Strug
Pr. Mary Carol Strug			

Deaths

Aug. 28, 2009 Pr. Elmer Anhalt	May 21, 2009 Louise Nelson Rustad (AiM)
Jan. 12, 2010 Pr. Gordon Hetland	Mar. 8, 2010 Pr. Merlin Bartelt

Rostered Leaders Resigned or Removed from ELCA Clergy Roster

Feb. 17, 2010	Pr. John Beem, resigned from the ELCA clergy roster
Mar. 8, 2010	Pr. Lori Beck, removed from ELCA clergy roster (three years on-leave-from- call ended)
Mar. 16, 2010	Pr. Kristin Thvedt, resigned from ELCA clergy roster
Apr. 7, 2010	Pr. Loren Spaulding, resigned from ELCA clergy roster

Transfers Received from other Synods

May 15, 2009	Pr. Johan Hinderlie from Minneapolis Area Synod
June 1, 2009	Pr. Valerian Ahles, on leave from call, from Central States Synod
Aug. 1, 2009	Pr. Charles Dyrhaug from Minneapolis Area Synod
Sept. 1, 2009	Pr. Jonathan Sorum from Southwestern Washington Synod
Sept. 13, 2009	Pr. Stephen Norby from Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Oct. 1, 2009	Pr. Karen Young Trenne from Eastern North Dakota Synod
Dec. 17, 2009	Pr. Ann Sorum, on leave from call, from Southwestern Washington Synod
Jan. 1, 2010	Pr. Thomas Schlotterback from Montana Synod
Jan. 3, 2010	Pr. Paul A. Peterson from Western North Dakota Synod
Feb. 16, 2010	Pr. Sonja Brucklacher from Eastern North Dakota Synod

Transfers to other Synods

May 19, 2009	Pr. Robert Amundson , retired, to Southwestern Minnesota Synod
June 1, 2009	Pr. John Okan to Northwest Washington Synod
June 1, 2009	Pr. Joan Wittrock to South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Aug. 1, 2009	Pr. Marsha Hendrickson to Rocky Mountain Synod
Sept. 1, 2009	Pr. Paul Miller to Southwestern Texas Synod
Sept. 1, 2009	Pr. Leland Armbright to Grand Canyon Synod
Sept. 24, 2009	Pr. Kenneth Vollmers to Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Oct. 1, 2009	Pr. Matthew Williams to Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Jan. 1, 2010	Pr. Matthew Martin to New England Synod
Mar. 22, 2010	Pr. Gregory Anderson to Eastern North Dakota Synod

Church Leaving ELCA Roster

Mar. 21, 2010	30520 Bethlehem/West Elbow Lake Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake
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Anniversaries Attended by Synod Staff

June 7, 2009	75 th Anniversary, Foxhome Lutheran Church, Foxhome
June 14, 2009	125 th Anniversary, Vernes Lutheran Church, McIntosh
June 28, 2009	125 th Anniversary, Lund Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes
July 19, 2009	125 th Anniversary, Kingo Lutheran Church, Fosston
July 26, 2009	100 th Anniversary, Bethany Lutheran Church, Gully
Aug. 2, 2009	100 th Anniversary, First Lutheran Church, Akeley
Aug. 9, 2009	100 th Anniversary, Sion Lutheran Church, Lancaster
Feb. 7, 2010	50 th Anniversary, Calvary Lutheran Church, Perham

Dedications Attended by Synod Staff

June 14, 2009	Zion Lutheran Church of Eddy, Bagley, new building
Sept. 13, 2009	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Felton, building addition
Sept. 13, 2009	Comstock Lutheran Church, Comstock, stained glass window
Sept. 27, 2009	First Lutheran Church, Audubon, re-dedication of sanctuary

First Call Candidates Assigned to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod

Kate Berg	Colin Grangaard	Jennifer Grangaard
Dean Grier	Margaret Jacobus	Brendan Johnston
Margaret Kelly	Mary Marotte	Christie Meier (AiM)
Richard Reiten	Alexis Twito	Chimezie Ukaonu

Candidates for Rostered Ministries from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod

Sarah Anderson	Amber Bergeron	Allen Brooks
Hope Deutscher	Sarah Evenson	Richard Hall
Clifton Hanson	Susan Haukaas	Holly Johnson
Joseph Johnson	David Kottke	Elliott Malm
Melinda McCluskey	Sheila Michaels	Joseph Midthun
Scott Morey	Laurie Neill	Beau Nelson
Anthony Olson	Trudy Pommerening	Jacquelin Rostad
Scott Ruud	Joseph Skogmo	Michael Sletto
Rachel Voxland	Daniel Watland	Ben Worley