

WORKSHOPS

Saturday at 3:00pm and Sunday at 10:30am

Living Our Baptism through Fresh Expressions

Location: Prairie

Presented by: Pastor Jessica Miller

What are different ways we can live out our baptism? Hear stories of "fresh expressions" of church and ideas gleaned from God's ministry at The Neighborhood Church. You will be encouraged to identify at least ONE way you can creatively and contagiously live out your baptism!

Indian Boarding Schools: ELCA Truth Seeking and Truth-Telling Initiative

Location: Frontier

Presented by: Melissa Kornkven

Join this workshop to learn more about the ELCA's Truth-Seeking and Truth-Telling Initiative on Indian Boarding Schools. The ELCA 2025 Churchwide Assembly passed a memorial to equip congregations, synods, and affiliate ministries to observe the September 30 National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools. This workshop is a great starting place for individuals and congregations to learn about Lutherans and boarding schools, equip congregations to observe the Day of Remembrance in their various contexts, and maintain the focus on the goal of the initiative: healing. You are invited to join us.

Great Things are Happening at Great Plains Food Bank

Location: Conference

Presented by: Ann Prifrel, CEO and Michelle Watne, Gift Processing Coordinator

This workshop will be educational on the history of Great Plains Food Bank and what we have in store for the future. Many churches in our synod were instrumental in starting food pantries for their communities. Our congregations saw the need and stepped up. See how Great Plains has grown through 41 years of service to ND and Clay County, MN.

Finance Forum*

Location: Mezzanine III

Presented by: Ron Twedt, Synod Treasurer

Join our synod treasurer to take a closer look at the financial report that will be shared during Plenary 4. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and take a closer look at the treasurer's report. There will also be time to walk through the proposed Mission Plan (budget) for FYE 1-31-28.



What is ELCA Sumud: for Justice in Palestine & Israel

Location: Mezzanine I

Presented by: Maddi Froiland, Program Director

Sumud is an initiative of the ELCA which focuses on advocacy, awareness-raising, and accompaniment for justice in Palestine and Israel. Sumud is an Arabic word, meaning steadfastness. The name Sumud came from our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), who lift up the sumud, or steadfastness that defines faith under occupation. Come hear how the ELCA engages this important justice issue.

The Art of Radical Neighboring

Location: Mezzanine II

Presented by: Deacon Erin Power, Director for Evangelical Mission

Jesus calls us to love and serve our neighbors, but what does that mean in concrete, specific terms in the year 2026? Join this workshop to explore how your congregation or ministry can identify, build, or strengthen partnership and relationships. Explore neighboring both locally and globally, rooted in your particular gifts and resources and leave with ideas and next steps in the art of radical neighboring!

Imagine More: Authentic Faith, Young Adults, and the Future of the Church*

Location: Directors

Presented by: Campus Ministries of the EaND Synod

Young people today are not searching for a perfect church; they are searching for authenticity, belonging, purpose, and communities of support. Join leadership and students from Crossroads at NDSU and Christus Rex at UND and explore what students and young adults are seeking from faith communities, and how congregations can meaningfully partner with campus ministries to support young people during pivotal years of transition and identity formation. The workshop will also include a preview of upcoming opportunities for youth and young adults across the synod and churchwide ministry, including the EAND Fall Youth Retreat and the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. Receive practical information, ideas for promotion and fundraising, and strategies for helping young people feel encouraged and supported in saying "yes" to transformational faith experiences.

* This workshop will not be offered on Sunday.

ROOM LOCATIONS:

Prairie and Frontier are to the right of the check-in area

Directors and Conference are off the main hallway

Mezzanine I, II and III are located upstairs,

staircase and elevator near the hotel front desk

