

# E-NEWS

NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD



Join Bishop Stacie in a Synodwide Lenten Project entitled **Unfinished: Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet.**

Framed in our yearlong theme of Be the Body, congregation members will think about who they are as individuals and as the church in the body of Christ.

Don't forget each week a new video devotion is posted to our website. These are posted the Thursday prior of their week. There will be additional videos posted for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Has your congregation been using this series? We would love to hear how your community is engaging with these resources! Please email Pastor Mack at [mpatrick@nisynod.org](mailto:mpatrick@nisynod.org) with your comments and photos.

# 2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held June 16-17, 2023 at Augustana College in Rock Island.

Assembly will begin mid-morning on Friday, June 16th, and end by noon on Saturday, June 17th.

We are gathering around the theme "Be the Body."

Through our plenaries, breakouts, and ministry fair, we will continue the work we began at CRE as we rediscover who we are called to be as the Body of Christ.

**Registration is now open! Voting members and visitors can [register here](https://nisynod.org/assembly).**

For more information, including a schedule, visit our website at [nisynod.org/assembly](https://nisynod.org/assembly).

Please submit any resolutions to Rev. Pat Esker at [pesker@nisynod.org](mailto:pesker@nisynod.org). Resolutions are due by March 31st.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD  
SYNOD ASSEMBLY  
JUNE 16-17, 2023

**Resolution Form**  
will be June 13th at  
6pm on zoom.

**Budget forum**  
will be June 13th at  
7:15pm on zoom.





# CREATION EARTH CHURCH

Potluck & Gathering

Saturday  
April 29, 2023

With fire and song, prayer and community.  
Honor our Earth home.

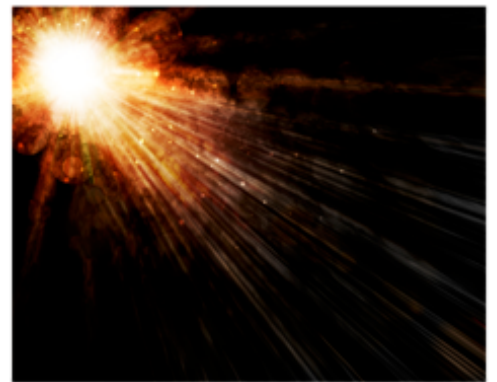
"Earth provides everyone's need but not  
everyone's greed." Mahatma Gandhi

7578 W. Pines Road  
Mount Morris, IL 61054

Meal at noon. Please bring a dish to share.

Gathering at 1 pm.

RSVP:  
Carol and Paul Soderholm  
815-973-8011



## KATIE'S CUP CONVERSATIONS

March 21, 2023

Tuesday at Noon

Speaker: Bishop Stacie Fidler  
Northern Illinois Synod



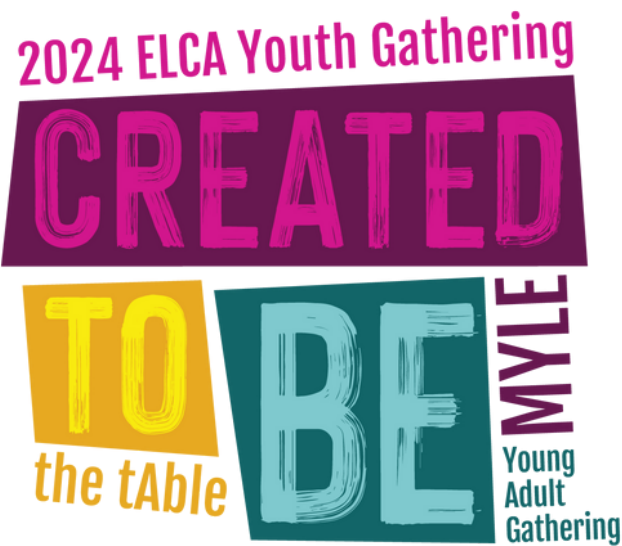
Thank you to all who attended CRE  
on March 4th out at Sauk Valley  
Community College. Resources  
from the day can be found under  
Congregational Resources on our  
website. More resources will be  
posted as they are available.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD  
CRE MARCH 4, 2023

# Join the Northern Illinois Synod at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Did you catch the announcement at the 2023 ELCA Youth Extravaganza? The first 200 registrants to the tAble and the first 1,000 registrants to the MYLE will have their fee waived!



[Click here to read more about this exciting announcement!](#)

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and the tAble (July 13-16, 2024)  
ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering (July 16-20, 2024)

## PRAYERS FROM THE SYNOD

### Prayers of healing

- Pastor Rob Kinnear, upcoming surgery

### Prayers of comfort

- Pastor Katie Gallagher on the death of her father, Robert Kerschke on March 9th.

*Do you have a prayer request? Please send them to Pastor Mack at [NIScommunications@nisynod.org](mailto:NIScommunications@nisynod.org)*

Want to submit an event or resource?

Have a prayer request?

Submissions can be sent to Pastor Mack  
[NIScommunications@nisynod.org](mailto:NIScommunications@nisynod.org).

Submissions are due a week prior to publication.

**Next submission date is March 22, 2023.**



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