

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



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CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD MAP WITH CONFERENCE AND CONGREGATIONAL LOCATIONS

NORTHERN CONFERENCE
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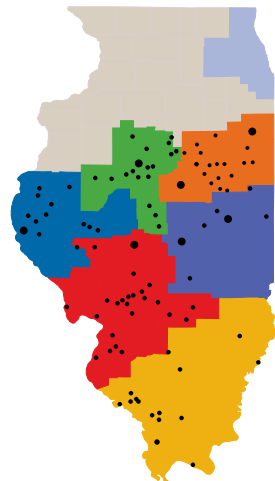
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Rev. Brett Gosteli, Dean

EAST CENTRAL CONFERENCE
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WEST CENTRAL CONFERENCE
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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
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WE ARE THE CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).

AS PART OF CHRIST'S CHURCH IN CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, WE ARE:



CHRIST-CENTERED

The life, death, and resurrection of Christ stands at the center of our identity and mission. As the Holy Scriptures bear witness to Christ, so we seek to bear witness to Christ crucified and risen in all that we say and do. (See 1 Corinthians 1:18)



RELATIONALLY-ENRICHED

We are Christ's church together. We seek to support and encourage one another in the work of ministry, building partnerships around the one mission we share in Christ. (See Ephesians 4:15-16)



ACTIVATED TO SERVE

As Christ first serves us, so we are sent into the world to serve others. We seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus doing God's work in the world, serving with our neighbors near and far. (See John 13:14)



GRACE-ROOTED

We are saved by grace through faith. Rooted in the Lutheran confessions, we seek to share the gift of God's love with all people. (See Ephesians 2:8)



SPIRIT-LED

In baptism, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. As communities of disciples grounded in prayer, we seek to be led and guided by the Spirit for the sake of Christ's mission in the world. (See John 14:26)



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"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12).

OUR MISSION > WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO.

**NURTURING COMMUNITIES OF DISCIPLES,
EQUIPPED FOR CHRIST'S MISSION.**

OUR PURPOSE > WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.

**THE CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD EXISTS TO
SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND EQUIP
COMMUNITIES OF DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST'S MISSION.**

OUR VISION > WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO BECOME.

**VIBRANT COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, WITH HEALTHY LEADERS, LIVING A
TRANSFORMATIONAL WITNESS TO THE LOVE, JOY, AND HOPE OF THE GOSPEL,
INVITING OTHERS TO KNOW AND FOLLOW JESUS.**

TOP FIVE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GOALS

1

CULTIVATING HEALTHY LEADERSHIP, BOTH ROSTERED AND LAY

- Creating a culture that supports healthy leaders
- Providing lay leadership resource development and training
- Actively recruiting new ministry leaders

2

BUILDING AND ADVANCING RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS

- Growing engagement of conferences
- Growing fellowship opportunities
- Growing shared mission opportunities

3

RENEWED ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS THROUGH CROSS-GENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

- Reactivating our Synod Youth Leadership Team
- Intentional listening with youth and young adults across the synod
- Strengthening existing youth ministries across the synod

4

STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION

- Growing use and engagement of technology
- Creating more direct channels of communication
- Creating a culture of missional storytelling

5

CELEBRATING OUR SHARED SERVICE AND MISSION

- Celebrating new and existing mission and service happening across the synod
- Incorporating a missional story and/or action in every synod gathering
- Grounding all of our shared service and mission in our new mission statement

