

NEIGHBORS IN SOLIDARITY



Dear Pastor/Congregation/Worship Leaders,

Please consider using the month of June to focus on our shared ministries in South Dakota, “Neighbors in Solidarity” [NiS]. This will be an excellent opportunity to inspire people with how God is working through these ministries that belong to all of us. It will be a compelling way to invite deeper participation in mission and greater awareness of our shared work here in the South Dakota Synod.

For the Month of June, you are invited and encouraged to embrace the theme in worship:
“Who is My Neighbor? A Month of Sundays for Neighbors in Solidarity.”

Goals for these NiS Sundays:

- Increase awareness of NiS ministries
- Increase individual memberships in Neighbors in Solidarity [a goal of 10% of each congregation]
- Encourage deeper participation in God’s mission through these ministries
- Raise \$10,000 or more to support NiS ministries.

Ideas for each of the NiS Sundays:

- Use the weekly themes
- Show a video or two
- Pray using provided petitions
- Invite a NiS leader to give a temple talk or testimony
- Encourage people to sign up for Neighbors in Solidarity
- Take a special offering for NiS ministries

We are providing the following resources to enhance your planning and your congregation’s worship experience:

- Weekly theme ideas, sermon starters and a prayer petition based on the RCL texts.
- Six 2 to 3-minute videos for use in worship or elsewhere including:
 - An introduction to Neighbors in Solidarity by Pastor Bill Tesch
 - A Story from Church on the Street in Sioux Falls
 - A Story from Woyatan in Rapid City
 - A Story from the Pine Ridge Retreat Center
 - A Story from Spirit of Faith in Woonsocket
 - A Story from Lutheran Campus Ministry at USD
 - A Symphony of Voices [various voices and languages from our NiS ministers reading the Acts 2 text for Pentecost]
- Downloadable NiS bulletin inserts
- Downloadable NiS brochures
- Downloadable NiS response cards

Visit sdsynod.org/neighbors to learn more and to access resources.

We hope you will join us in support of our shared ministries.
It is a gift to be in partnership in ministry with you.