

What To Do

Pray

Christ accompanies us on our journey through prayer. God is always there for us. Regular prayer engages us with God's presence and God's reconciling mission. Pray about your role in God's Mission in the world, and more specifically in South Dakota.

Learn

Learn about the ministries, the people impacted by these ministries and consider what your role might be in standing in solidarity with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Listen and share stories of others as a way of building relationships.

Act!

We can share our resources: money, time, and expertise. We can become an ally, working to equip ourselves and our neighbors. God invites us all to the table and then sends us to share and serve each other.

Matthew 22:36-40

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."



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**BECOME A
NEIGHBOR IN
SOLIDARITY**

Neighbors in SOLIDARITY

ACCOMPANYING THE EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Solidarity is a commitment with others and a way of seeing, being, and acting. **Solidarity** means seeing and experiencing one's own well-being as connected to the well-being of others and the communities to which they belong. **Solidarity** often involves people aligning themselves with others who do not have the same experiences. **The principle of solidarity** compels respect for the lived experience of *all our brothers and sisters*. **Solidarity** encourages us to share in our neighbor's suffering and to participate in their liberation.

The South Dakota Synod responds to God's call to share the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ with all people, from all nations and walks of life. "Neighbors in Solidarity" gives you the opportunity to support these amazing ministries:

Church on the Street, Sioux Falls, is a church without walls, whose mission it is to walk alongside those struggling with poverty and homelessness through ministry in daily life.

First African Lutheran Ministry, Sioux Falls, is a vital, growing ministry with and among African people. The spiritual leaders and worshipers come from many parts of West Africa.

Woyatan, Rapid City, is a diverse congregation in Rapid City focusing on ministry by and with Lakota people. This faith community invites and welcomes everyone.

Table of Grace, Harrisburg, is in the heart of a young and growing community, seeking to connect with those who have been away from or never a part of Christian community.

Spirit of Faith, Woonsocket, recently formed as a union congregation that combined two faith communities, Bethany Lutheran and United Methodist, under one umbrella.

God's Kingdom, Newell, is a weekly after-school program at First Lutheran attended by children who are hungry to learn about God. The children are nurtured in faith formation.

Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls, is a congregation with members from Mexico and Central America. Through God, they are breaking down barriers to support the Latino community.

WestSide Lutheran, Sioux Falls, continues to Gather, Grow, and GO! The promise of God in Jesus Christ draws people into community, giving them strength and hope for daily life, and compelling them to serve their neighbors.

Pine Ridge Retreat Center, Pine Ridge, provides multi-layered ministry designed to foster mutual trust, respect, and understanding, while addressing the deep poverty that exists.

Lutheran Campus Ministries, in Vermillion, Aberdeen, Brookings, Rapid City, and Spearfish, offer support to young adults living away from home. Through worship, study, fellowship, and service, students taste the fullness of God's grace.

To learn more about becoming a Neighbor in Solidarity, send an inquiry to synod@sdsynod.org or contact the Synod's Director for Evangelical Mission, at 605-274-4026.