



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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July 9, 2014

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! In these days after Pentecost we are discovering anew from the Gospels how to follow Jesus. There is no greater adventure in life than following Christ, and no more humbling experience than serving his people, the church.

I am writing to invite you and your congregation's leadership to attend a very important gathering coming to your area. "Summer Stewardship Days 2014" is your opportunity to hear about some helpful new resources for use in your stewardship ministry and to discover the ways we are making a difference for God's Mission across South Dakota and our whole world. This will also be an opportunity to gather with other leaders from your area and share the joys and challenges of ministry in today's world. I will be present at these gatherings and would welcome your feedback regarding any hopes or concerns you have for our church.

These are important events at which we share vital information for how we work together as a synod, so I truly hope you will make a good effort to be present.

Here are the times and dates of the gatherings across South Dakota:

- Tuesday, August 19
Brookings, Ascension Lutheran
- Tuesday, August 26
Scotland, Zion Lutheran
- Thursday, August 28
Rapid City, Woyatan Lutheran
- Tuesday, September 2
Aberdeen, Bethlehem Lutheran
- Thursday, September 18
Sioux Falls, WestSide Lutheran

If you have questions about these events, do not hesitate to contact my Associate, Pastor Bill Tesch at btesch@sdsynod.org or call him at 605-274-4026.

Thank you and God's peace,

Rev. David B. Zellmer, Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA