



**Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Dear Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to serve as your bishop. For the last 4.5 years I've served as the Director of Evangelical Mission/Assistant to Bishop Rick Hoyme and before that for 28 years, I was a parish pastor in Windom, Slayton, St. Cloud and Pelican Rapids, MN. I am excited and hopeful about the future! The Holy Spirit is moving and working among us in new and exciting ways challenging us to go deeper in our faith and moving us outside our comfort zone. Paying attention to where the Spirit is calling us and learning to GO and DO in Jesus' name is an important part of my work as Bishop. I encourage the people of our synod to not only GO to Church but to BE the church in the world.

A little bit about me: My husband Randy and I both graduated from Luther Seminary in 1986. He is the pastor of Christ Lutheran in Menomonie. We have three adult children. Andrew (30) is married to Kristina. They live in Appleton and are expecting our first grandchild July 18. Matthew (27) is engaged to Emily Ewen. They are getting married August 18. Anna (24) graduated from St. Kates and works in Occupational Therapy. I love to garden and help things grow. I enjoy cooking and entertaining family and friends. When I have time, I like to bike, canoe or kayak.

I look forward to getting to know you and your congregations. You are all invited to attend the official installation of the bishop worship service on August 25, 2018 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Highlands, Hudson, WI. I hope to see you there.



*Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson*

Bishop-elect Laurie Skow-Anderson