

“For Such a Time as This”

Southeast Michigan Synod and Northwest Lower Michigan Synod

Autumn Leadership Event

October 19-21, 2025

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686

Presenter: Jackie Baumhover - Director for Strategy, ELCA

Barna and Fuller were recently commissioned to provide strategic recommendations to the ELCA. During our time together this fall, we will hear from the director for strategy at the ELCA, Jackie Baumhover, as we explore this document, and its implications for ministry, during our time together. Please take some time and review this document prior to attending, [Strategic Recommendations Report](#).

Lodging: To make reservations, please call the hotel directly or use the links provided.

- **Hampton Inn Traverse City:** 1000 U.S. 31 North, Traverse City, MI 49686. 231-946-8900. Room rate \$129/night. Lower Michigan Synods ELCA Rate Code or [Hampton Link](#)
- **Avid:** 1942 US-31, Traverse City, MI. 1 877-666-3243. Room rate \$139/night. Lower Michigan Synod Rate Code or [Avid Link](#)

Event Registration: \$100/person*

Return the bottom half of this form (one per attendee) to the Synod office with payment or pay by credit card at the following link: [A.L.E. Online Payment](#)

Final registration date is **October 6, 2025**

Make checks payable to:

Southeast Michigan Synod

4800 Woodward Ave.

Detroit, MI 48201

“2025 Autumn Leadership Event” on the memo line.

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Name _____

Congregation/Ministry (include city) _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

**Includes Program Costs, Monday lunch,
and coffee/snacks Monday & Tuesday mornings. This fee does not include lodging.
If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Jen Kiefer, j.kiefer@semisynod.com*

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Sunday, October 19

4:00-6:00pm	Registration
6:00pm	Welcome and Introductions – Bishops Kreiss and Schneider-Thomas
6:30pm	Evening Prayer
7:00pm	Fellowship

Monday, October 20

9:30am	Morning Worship
10:00am	Session #1
Noon	Lunch (provided)
1:30pm	Session #2
3:00pm	Devotional Time
3:30pm	Free Time

Dinner is on your own

Tuesday, October 21

9:00am	Morning Prayer
9:30am	Session #3 – Panel
10:30am	Time with your Bishop
11:30am	Closing Eucharist
12:30pm	Dismissal