

## **Fresh Expressions Invitation by The Rev. Amy Kienzle, Director of Evangelical Mission**

Pizza Church is sharing the gospel of Jesus at Pizza Quick in Tifton, GA. Led by Synodically Authorized Ministers, this expression of church comes together in an unconventional space to do what the faithful have done for over 2000 years – hear the Word and share in Eucharist. It was a next faithful step for a small congregation that found itself without a space but knew that would not stop them from being the church for the sake of their neighbors. You can read about the story in the [Fall 2025 issue of Living Lutheran](#).

At Dinner Churches the stories of Jesus are told around tables and are connected to the stories of resurrection shared by those gathered on any particular night. Much like the first disciples learned to see Jesus in the breaking of the bread and in recounting what they have known to be true about their hope in Christ, Fresh Expressions makes a way for those who have not heard the good news about Jesus through the traditional church to experience it through the love of disciples living the way of Jesus in their everyday lives. In tattoo parlors, taco restaurants, dog parks, yoga studios and even inside inherited church spaces, the people of God are living out their calling to share the good news of salvation through Jesus by first loving their neighbors into communities of belonging.

Our Synod is exploring the Fresh Expressions movement as a way to live into the emerging future of the church. We have thousands of faithful Lutheran followers of Jesus out there in Northern CA and Northern NV who are ambassadors for Christ. *You* are the ones best positioned to reach people out there in your neighborhood, at your gym, in your workplaces and where you enjoy recreation and fun.

We hope you will join us in the Fresh Expressions movement by participating in the training we are hosting October 17-18th in Sacramento. You can also get inspired and learn more about Fresh Expressions at <https://freshexpressions.com/>.