

Synod Logo Artist Statements



Wyoming

Artist and Synod Minister, Yvonne Wilken created three unique Wyoming artworks based on the state's flower, the **Indian paintbrush**, also called the **Wyoming paintbrush** or **common painted cup**. One of these versions are featured on the above logo. It was the first state filled with artwork and was designed and shared at the Synod Staff's October 2025 Gathering with the Wyoming Conference.

Utah

"My medium is acrylic paint on canvas. My inspiration comes from the way I feel when I'm in the mountains. Peace, nature and God's spirit. The beauty of all creation fills my heart with serenity."

~Shelie Ingram, Ascension Lutheran Church, Ogden, Utah.

Colorado

"Much of what I was inspired by with this was the Colorado state flag, as well as Colorado's defining features: mountains. The colors all refer to the colors of the Colorado flag, and the landscape reflects those of the Rocky Mountains. I decided to do watercolor as the original medium mostly since it is the medium I feel most comfortable with. I also felt as though having a logo with watercolor as the base would create a "handmade" quality to the logo.

I am currently a junior undergraduate student studying at Colorado State University in Fort-Collins Colorado. I am working towards my degree in Electronic Art as well as a certificate in Art History and Design Thinking. My skills and practice mostly revolve around painting, drawing, and digital art. For me, art is everywhere in my faith journey. I

think there's something so valuable and human in the act of creating. I see God in the little things in life, all the simple joys and beauties. Art gives me the opportunity to express those simple things.”

~Lynne Dohle, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Pueblo Colorado

New Mexico, NM/El Paso, TX:

North New Mexico Conference Dean, Pastor Catherine Lemons invited Vicki Dannhaus, member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM to consider artwork for New Mexico and through the course of conversations, Pastor Catherine shared she doesn't think of their New Mexico Conference without their neighboring congregations in El Paso, Texas. You will notice this sentiment reflected in the logo's artwork.

“I enjoy painting because it takes all my worries away. I can only focus on what is my next step. My favorite medium is acrylics. I taught decorative painting to adults and children for more than ten years. The synod sticker is acrylic. I modified a design I made into a banner many years ago when Trinity was called Lutheran Church of the Cross.”

~Vicki Dannhaus, Trinity Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM