



## Greetings from your Interim Pastor!

My name is Pastor Nicholas Rohde. My wife and I, with our two boys, live in Moorhead, MN. Since 2016, I have served in congregations all across the Eastern North Dakota. As I grew up in Rochester, MN, I am excited to live and serve in the Northwest Minnesota Synod among all of you. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months as we learn to do ministry together and live out our love from Jesus for the world around us. Please introduce yourselves to me as we get to know each other.


Blessings,  
Pr Nicholas



**VOICES OF VALLEY**  
*Variety Show*

**JUNE 23, 2026 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM**  
Calvary Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1405 S. 9th St., Grand Forks, ND 58201

Join the Valley Senior Living Foundation for an afternoon of musical entertainment featuring performances by residents from Valley Senior Living care communities. Guided by Valley Senior Living's music therapists, residents will share their talents through a variety of individual and group performances, celebrating creativity, connection, and the joy of music. Mocktails and appetizers will be served.

TICKETS \$20 | [HTTPS://SECURE.GIV.COM/FOR/VOICESOFVALLEYVARIETYSHOW/EVENT/MUSIC](https://secure.giv.com/for/voicesofvalleyvarietyshow/event/music) 

### Fisher Bygland Parish

We are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a member of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. We are a two-point parish, serving the members of Fisher and Bygland

### Bygland Lutheran Church

40976 235<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Fisher, MN 56723  
218893-4243

### Mission

*"We are God's work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hands extended to serve in Jesus' name."*

### Fisher Lutheran Church

209 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S.  
Fisher, MN 56723  
218-891-4632

### Mission

*As children of God, we invite all people to journey with us as we worship, grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name.*

### Location

### Email

[office@fisherbygland.org](mailto:office@fisherbygland.org)  
[pastor@fisherbygland.org](mailto:pastor@fisherbygland.org)

### Worship Services

9:00 AM

Alternating between Fisher and Bygland each week through summer.

Please view the calendar for worship times & locations!

***Services streamed online via Facebook***

# Women of the ELCA

## OUR MISSION

*Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*

## OUR PURPOSE

*“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”*

### FISHER LUTHERAN WELCA SUMMER 2026 BIBLE STUDY “I am Worthy”

#### A. A three-part Bible study by the Rev. Sara Olson Smith

##### Session One

*“I am created in God’s image. No matter what anyone else says.”*

June 17, 2026 @ 9:00 AM



*This summer, Women of the ELCA participants will gather in Des Moines, Iowa, under the theme “I am worthy.” When Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee spoke in 2017, she invited WELCA participants to reclaim space for women and girls to lead and love in bold ways. This three-part Bible study will help us to define who we are, what we can be, and what we do in the world, in light of our God-given giftedness, identities and relationships.*

We’ll begin with the story of God’s creation and the “very goodness” that is spoken over every human being. The study will then turn to various scripture texts that have been used to undermine, silence and degrade women for centuries. Unpacking the ways these verses have been read against women shines a light on the realities of sexism and the ways that, for too long, the Bible has been used to prop up the oppression of women. But we will also hear how those same scriptures can be read as invitations to new freedom, community and vocation for people, regardless of gender, for all people were made in God’s image.

### FISHER LUTHERAN QUILTING


*Volunteer to Quilt for Kids and Families in Need*  
Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don’t know how to help. If you’ve wondered how to volunteer to quilt for charity, look no further. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God’s loving presence in a world rife with suffering.

Join us June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Fisher Lutheran also provides quilts to various local organizations in need.*

**Women of the ELCA**  
Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women’s Organization  
38th Annual Convention  
September 18 & 19, 2026  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Crookston, Minnesota

**Theme: Button Up Your Faith**  
Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do.

**Keynote Speaker**  
  
Gaye Lindfors  
Inspirational Christian Speaker and Author  
Native of Climax, MN  
gayelindfors.com

**Business Meeting**  
Bible study by pastor  
Rabbi Hurd  
Closing worship by Bishop  
Bill Tresh

**Breakout Sessions**  
Dana Johnson & Silas  
Victim/Witness Coordinator- Facility Dog Handler  
Camp Knutson  
Carolina Diaz  
Care & Share Homeless Shelter

Check [www.nmsynod.org](http://www.nmsynod.org) for more information and updates.

**Button Up Your Faith Wall Hanging Project**  
Participate by bringing a button to attach to our quilted wall hanging.



## **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MISSION**

As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

You will hear us say this again: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed."

We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the "least of these."

They will be found, and they will be fed.

With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger.

Fisher Lutheran Church would like to thank those that supported this endeavor through their Noisy Offering donations. The funds contributed by Fisher Lutheran will provide 1,034 meals – enough to provide meals for 3 children to eat for a year!

Members from Fisher Lutheran also took part in the 2026 Greater Grand Forks FMSC Mobile Packing Session on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generous donation of your time to support this worthy endeavor.

### **2026 Greater Grand Forks FMSC Mobile Packing Session FLC Volunteers**

Reed & Sheryl Tinkham

Harlan & Vicky Korynta

Brian & Lori Morken

Ryan & Megan Korynta & Family





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