



Minneapolis Area Synod

Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

MEDIA ADVISORY: August 30, 2024

Installation of Minneapolis Lutherans Fourth Bishop on September 21

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Where: Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis

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Pastor Jen Nagel will be installed as the fourth bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod ELCA at Central Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m. The Minneapolis Area Synod is the largest in terms of members of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); it is one of the smallest geographically – ranging from Cambridge to Braham to Henderson to Monticello to New Prague, all surrounding Minneapolis. The 137 congregations of the synod have 175,000 members. Bishop-elect Nagel succeeds Bishop Ann Svennungsen, who served for the last 12 years.

Information about Bishop-elect Nagel and the ELCA:

- Pastor Jen was elected by voting members from each of the synod's 137 congregations on the fifth ballot on May 4, 2024
- Pastor Jen was originally ordained by "extraordinary circumstances," as the ELCA did not ordain people in monogamous, same-sex relationships at the time.
- Pastor Jen's spouse, Jane McBride, is a pastor in the United Church of Christ, a denomination with which the ELCA is in ecumenical relationship
- Pastor Jen will be installed as bishop by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the ranking leader of the ELCA, which is headquartered in Chicago.
- The ELCA is the largest Lutheran denomination in the U.S., with about 3 million members.

Press availability:

- Day Of: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, September 21, at Central Lutheran Church (Bishop-elect Jen Nagel and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton)
- Beforehand: By special arrangement with [Bob Hulteen](#) (Only Bishop-elect Jen Nagel)