

# 2023 Nominees

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## **Synod Council**

### **Treasurer**

*Four (4) year term to expire 2027*

*Choose one (1) to be elected*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Steve Mitze

## **Synod Council**

### **Youth Representative**

*Two (2) year term only to expire in 2025*

*Choose one (1) to be elected*

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Marilyn Dichsen

## **Discipline Committee**

*This Committee election is held on odd years*

*Six (6) year term to expire in 2029*

*Choose one (1) to be elected*

Clergy Male:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Bradford Frye

## **Discipline Committee**

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*Choose one (1) to be elected*

Lay Female:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Mary Lou Janssen

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Clergy Female:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Rita Augsburg

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*Choose one (1) to be elected*

Lay Male:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Dave Griffith

# Biographical Data

Individuals were requested to list the most significant and recent experiences they have had in such areas as Church/Congregation Life and/or Community Service and/or formative life experiences.

## 2023 Synod Assembly

### Synod Treasurer

Four (4) year term; One (1) to be elected

**Mitze, Mr. Steve:** Member of Christ Lutheran Church, Monticello, East Central Conference; Currently Vice-President and Cashier at First State Bank, Monticello; served as East Central Conference lay representative on Synod Council 2021-2023; appointed as Acting Synod Treasurer in January 2023; served as past Council President at Christ Lutheran Church from 2019-2022; a member of Christ Lutheran Church "Cares" Team which helps facilitate communication between members and Pastor; regular volunteer at Willow Tree Mission non-profit organization in Monticello; past President and Current Treasurer of Monticello Main Street, Inc., a non-profit organization.

### Synod Council, Youth Representative

Two (2) year term only; One (1) to be elected

**Dichsen, Ms. Marilyn:** Member of Faith Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, West Central Conference; Value my homeschool experience as it's fueled my creativity, confidence, and communication with all ages; participated in the Crossways Confirmation Camp and synod Carlinville retreats, and I look forward to Leadership Lab this summer and National Youth Gathering in 2024; Serve as the youth representative on Faith Lutheran Church, Jacksonville congregation's council; also am part of the congregation's music ministry by singing, playing, bells, and piano; I've been formed by my family, as my parents, four younger brothers and I enjoy traveling and learning.

### Discipline Committee

*Six (6) term to expire in 2026;*

*One (1) **Clergy Female** to be elected*

#### **CLERGY, FEMALE**

**Augsburger, Pastor Rita:** Pastor at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Decatur, East Central Conference, from 2017 to present; former pastor at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo Lake, MN from 2012 to 2016; currently a Puppeteer for BABES (Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies) a prevention program of Dove, Inc., Decatur; served temporarily on the Board of New Day Advocacy Center, Ashland, WI in early year 2000; mother of four and grandmother of three.

### Discipline Committee

*Six (6) term to expire in 2026;*

*One (1) **Clergy Male** to be elected*

#### **CLERGY, MALE**

**Frye, Pastor Bradford:** Pastor at Two Point Parish, St. James Lutheran Church, Vandalia, and Zion Lutheran Church, Loogootee, West Central Conference; serving Parish by giving Pastoral leadership and care for one small and one medium sized congregation; leading Congregation through Faithful Innovation Process; serve on the Board of directors of the Vandalia Food Pantry; serve on the Board of Directors of Tools—Tools for School Project is a community service project where through grants and private donations school supplies are bought and given to students in August; St. James is the host church where supplies are stored and distributed.

## **Discipline Committee**

*Six (6) term to expire in 2026;*

*One (1) **Lay Female** to be elected*

**Janssen, Ms. Mary Lou:** Member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Glasford, Northern Conference; Farmer; available for Synodically Authorized Ministry; significant experiences I've had include sharing the good news of Christ's love for everyone while serving two congregations every Sunday as a person available for Synodically Authorized Ministry; being the Prayer Chain liaison for St. Peters; serving as WELCA vice-president for St. Peters; sharing personal testimony of a greater understanding of the Prodigal Son with my life experience with an adult estranged daughter; and being as life long farmer, trust God always. Our God of the mountain is the same God as the valley. We are to be good stewards of the ground we have been entrusted with.

## **Discipline Committee**

*Six (6) term to expire in 2026;*

*One (1) **Lay Male** to be elected*

**Griffith, Mr. Dave:** Member of Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria, Northern Conference; retired in 2022 after 32 years in engineering at Caterpillar; available for Synodically Authorized Ministry since December 2021; part-time worship leader at Advent Lutheran Church, Morton during their call process (March 2022—February 2023); choir member at Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria since 2002; Vacation Bible School recreational leader at Salem Lutheran in 2022; member of Morton Civic Chorus since 2020.