



Lutherans Restoring Creation  
Central States Synod, ELCA



*"[Our hearts] will sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn." – Canticle of the Turning-ELW#723*

## 2026 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest APRIL 18, 2026

### Three gatherings in the Central States Synod:

Bethel LC, Univ. City, MO • Peace LC, Manhattan, KS • First LC, Mission Hills, KS

*Or participate individually via livestream from First Lutheran Church, Duluth, MN*

**8:30 Doors Open / Coffee and Refreshments**

**9:00 WELCOME: AWE, ASH AND ACTION –**

**Sparking Hope in our Synod (Zoom with CSS)**

Host Pastors

Bishop Donna Simon, Central States Synod

Dr. Clint McCann, Eden Seminary



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**9:30 LIVE FROM DULUTH: IGNITING COURAGEOUS COMMUNITY**

**(Zoom with MN)**

Opening Worship

Rev. Kristen Glass-Perez, Pastor and Author

Delaney Claggett, Concordia College Environmental and Sustainability student

Brooke Elness, High School EcoFaith Leader

Eóin Small, Director, Rise & Repair

Lucy Tooker-Kirkevold, Young Adult Organizer

Minister JaNaé Bates, Co-Ex. Director, ISAI AH MN

Rev. Paul Oman, Painter

Joe David, Storyteller



Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing  
Lutheran Sch of Theology  
at Chicago;  
COP30 ELCA Rep.

**11:45 LOCAL ACTION - discussion in gathering sites**

**12:45 LUNCH**

**1:15 LIVE FROM DULUTH: KINDLING COLLECTIVE ACTION (Zoom with MN)**

Mid-Day Worship & Call to Organize

**2:00 CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ACTION: IN RESPONSE TO WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**ECUMENICAL DECADE OF CLIMATE ACTION (Zoom with CSS)**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing

**3:00 LIVE FROM DULUTH: PLANTING FIRESEEDS OF COLLABORATION (Zoom with MN)**

Building Community and Capacity for Creation Care

**4:00 SENDING WORSHIP (Zoom with MN)**

**For more information, contact:**

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**REGISTRATION includes a \$10 donation to cover lunch and expenses at each gathering site. Zoom links for sessions will be sent with registration confirmation.**



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