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# Three Expressions One Church

## Fall Discipleship Gatherings

Each fall, everyone in the Northern Illinois Synod is encouraged to attend one of the Discipleship Gatherings which are held in each of our eight geographical conferences.

The 2015 Gatherings will focus on church leadership and the election of a new synod bishop, which will happen for us in 2016 with the retirement of Bishop Wollersheim.

Registration will begin at 6:15 pm. A light supper will be served from 6:30-7 pm. Devotions will begin at 7 pm, followed by the program. The evening will end by 8:45 pm. Topics will include congregational leadership, the constitutional responsibilities as well as the joys and challenges of a bishop, and the election process for a bishop.

Dates and locations are on the back.

Find out more at [nisynod.org/gatherings](http://nisynod.org/gatherings)



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## Bishop Election

Date	City	Congregation
Thursday Sept. 10	<b>DeKalb</b> <i>Northeast Conference</i>	<b>First Lutheran</b> 324 N 3rd St <a href="http://firstdekalb.org">firstdekalb.org</a>
Thursday Sept. 17	<b>Rockford</b> <i>North Conference</i>	<b>Shepherd of the Valley</b> 2715 S Mulford Rd <a href="http://shep61.org">shep61.org</a>
Thursday Oct. 8	<b>Rock Island</b> <i>West Conference</i>	<b>St. John's Lutheran</b> 4501 7th Ave <a href="http://stjohnsri.org">stjohnsri.org</a>
Thursday Oct. 22	<b>Lockport</b> <i>East Conference</i>	<b>Shepherd of the Hill</b> 925 E 9th St <a href="http://shepherdofthehill.com">shepherdofthehill.com</a>
Thursday Oct. 29	<b>Dixon</b> <i>Central Conference</i>	<b>Immanuel Lutheran</b> 1013 Franklin Grove Rd <a href="http://immanueldixon.org">immanueldixon.org</a>
Thursday Nov. 5	<b>Galva</b> <i>Southwest Conference</i>	<b>Messiah Lutheran</b> 317 SW 3rd St <a href="http://messiahlutherangalva.org">messiahlutherangalva.org</a>
Thursday Nov. 12	<b>Somonauk</b> <i>South Conference</i>	<b>St. John's Lutheran</b> 235 S Green St <a href="http://elcastjohns.com">elcastjohns.com</a>
Thursday Nov. 19	<b>Lena</b> <i>Northwest Conference</i>	<b>Good Shepherd Lutheran</b> 118 E Mason St <a href="http://goodshepherdlena.org">goodshepherdlena.org</a>

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