

East Central Synod of Wisconsin - Vice President's Report

The second year as vice president of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin has been one filled with energy & excitement.

In August of 2018, the council met with synod staff for a council orientation retreat. New members were welcomed and introduced to the continuing members and we prayed, worshipped and shared ideas that would help us grow and serve as a council. As the year progressed it was clear that the time we spent together helped us have honest conversations and productive meetings throughout the year. It is so energizing to work with such a strong team of capable and faithful leaders.

In October of 2018, the ARISE campaign began meeting with individuals to raise funds for the synod's Five Year Strategic Plan. It was exciting to see a 100% pledge response from our council, synod staff and pastor advisory team to ARISE. I am grateful to Tom & Nancy Scheurman, chairs of the ARISE campaign, for the energy they are bringing to this campaign. The initial financial contributions to Arise enabled the synod to hire Ben Stepanek as the synod's communications manager. I am excited to see more of the Five Year Strategic Plan come to fruition with the support of the ARISE campaign.

In March of 2019, the synod again sponsored the EPIC event. It was an exciting day filled with the energy of synod leaders and congregations learning and sharing together. Thank you to everyone who attended.

It is exciting to know that we will continue to grow and rise to greater heights with God's assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Fehrman

We were made to build the church.
God made each one of with unique talents, personalities and skill sets.
And when we ask Jesus into our lives, we're given at least one spiritual gift.
We get the most joy and make the biggest difference when
we use our God-given talents, gifts and abilities to build the church.