



Good Questions

2014 Church Staff Workers Association Retreat

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

301 N. Lincoln St. Redwood Falls

Register online - www.swmnelca.org - Events

\$25 per person if registered by

September 3 - \$30 after September 3

Pay online using the "Pay Online" link under the registration on the events page.

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SW MN Synod CSWA

PO Box 499

Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Retreat Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Registration
9:00	Welcome and Devotions
9:15	Part 1: Go(o)d Questions - Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen
10:15	Hymn Sing - Anniversary Recognition
10:40	Part 2: Go(o)d Questions - Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen
11:45	Things to Know
12:00 p.m.	Lunch with Affinity Groups
12:45	LSS Programs & Services in SW MN - Jodi Harpstead
2:00	Q & A with Anna & Jodi
3:00	On Our Way Rejoicing

Free chair massages will be available from 8:30 - 3:00!



Go(o)d Questions: Meaning of the Baptized Life

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

Depending on the gospel text, the Holy Spirit either led, or chased, the newly baptized Jesus into the wilderness. Truth be told, depending on the day, we too feel either led or chased by the Spirit--sometimes into what might by all rights be called a wilderness.

There is room for good questions about the baptized life: What shapes it? What does it look like in your life and in your congregation and in your synod and in your small and broad context? What sustains it? In short, what difference does it make to be a baptized disciple of Jesus? Please come ready to explore these questions, and with your own to add to the mix.

Lutheran Social Service Senior Nutrition Programs in SW MN and Homeless Youth Services

Speaker: Jodi Harpstead, CEO of LSS of MN

LSS Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels seeks to enable persons age 60 or older to live healthier, more active and independent lives. LSS of MN also offers many homeless youth services, including a street outreach program, transitional housing and group homes for youth, Wellness Center (free teen clinic), the REACH Drop-In Center, and LINK. Learn more about community dining, diner's clubs and local restaurants, home-delivered meals, youth services and how you can help in your community.



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Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen



Anna Madsen is a “freelance theologian” in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, she served a small South Dakota parish for three years before earning a Ph.D. in systematic theology in Regensburg, Germany. Immediately prior to her return to begin teaching at Augustana College, an accident killed her husband and severely injured her young son Karl. Daughter Else was eight months old at the time. This event shaped her theology and her life profoundly, not least of all by being a springboard to create OMG: Center for Theological Conversation. OMG provides a place for individuals and groups, laity and clergy, to come for questions, conversation, and study. Through OMG, she also speaks, blogs and writes.

Karl is now 12, and daughter Else is now 10. Anna has remarried to Reynold Nesiba, a professor of economics at Augustana College. The family is deeply involved in church, politics, and social justice, and loves to cook, eat, read, and travel.

For more information about OMG: Center for Theological Conversation visit omgcenter.com

Jodi Harpstead



Jodi Harpstead became the Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) September 2, 2011. On July 1, 2012, LSS assumed management of operations at Children's Home Society of Minnesota, making Harpstead also CEO of Children's Home and uniting their two adoption services. Prior to joining LSS, Jodi spent 23 years with Medtronic, Inc. Harpstead currently serves as Chair of the Board of Regents of Augsburg College in Minneapolis and has volunteered in leadership capacities for a variety of other organizations, including the Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota, and her own congregation, the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Shoreview.

She formerly served on the Board of Directors for Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota and the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Mutual Fund Board. Jodi and her husband, Stan, live in Arden Hills, MN and have two grown children.

For more information about LSS of MN visit www.lssmn.org