

We are Church **TOGETHER**

Workshops – Room Update

*Offered Both Workshop Sessions (3:15 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.)

Saturday Workshop Session #1: 3:15-4:15 p.m. ONLY

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Saturday Workshop Session #2: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ONLY

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Workshop Descriptions

Affordable Housing, Health, Hunger, and Advocacy

Leaders: Tammy Walhof, Director of Lutheran Advocacy-MN

Location: Beck Hall 113

Description: Are housing, homelessness, health and hunger related? How? How can we be advocates in these areas? In fact, what does it even mean to be an advocate, and who are examples of Biblical Advocates? Join this interactive workshop to learn answers to each of these questions, and more!

Camping in a New World

Leaders: Dave Eliason from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Marv Nysetvold from Shetek Lutheran Ministries,

Paul Hanson from Luther Crest Bible Camp, Jim Schmidt from Camp Onomia

Location: Beck Hall 219

Description: The camp/congregation partnership has always been strong. It's been a mutually beneficial partnership which has helped sustain each organization and its ministry for many years. As demographics, attendance and commitment have changed for congregations, they have also changed for camps. This workshop will look at the historic ways this partnership has worked and also ask the question: "In this changing world, how can this partnership continue to mutually benefit each organization in its mission to the Gospel?".

Constitutions and Polity

Leader: Rev. Chris Boerger, ELCA Office of the Secretary

Location: Beck Hall 201

Description: 27 years ago the ELCA was formed with a polity unique among denominations in the United States. One could argue that we did not understand it fully then. Some might argue we do not understand it today. How do our constitutions structure this church? Is it an effective way to be the church in the 21st Century? Come join the discussion about how we are structured and be part of a discussion about how we might change to meet the future.

Faithful Stewards, Lasting Impact

Leader: Amy Bigot, Regional Gift Planner for the SW Minnesota Synod.

Location: Beck Hall 121

Description: Faithful Stewards: In this presentation, Amy talks about being good stewards of the gifts that the Lord has given each of us, as everything we have comes from Him. These gifts from God are a blessing to us in our lifetimes, but what about after we are gone? Have you considered how the gifts you've received throughout your life may be a blessing to others?

Lasting Impact: This overview presentation will get you thinking about the gifts you've received, and how your family, your heirs, AND ministry can all benefit from these gifts. In her role as Gift Planner, Amy works with you to help maximize the distribution of your estate to your heirs, using tools that will save on income and inheritance taxes, AND help you support the ministries that have been important to you throughout your lifetime. Through your legacy plans you can make a lasting and meaningful impact in this world.

Something to ponder - What's the greatest possibility you can imagine God could do with your life story—now and beyond this life—that would bring joy and blessing to others?"

Amy's work is a service provided to you at no charge by the ELCA Foundation. All that we have is a gift from God and we have an opportunity to use a service for planning that will help us be good stewards of all that we have received and maximize those gifts for **family** and **ministry**. Hope to see you there!

Fight Polarization and Build Community with a Respectful Conversation

Leader: Jerad Morey, Minnesota Council of Churches

Location: Beck Hall 101

Description: Is your congregation or mission field experiencing divisive conflict? Thousands of Minnesotans have built empathy for each other and taken the heat out of polarizing issues using Minnesota Council of Churches' Respectful Conversations. Learn about how the conversations began and the theory behind them. Try a small taste of a Respectful Conversation on "race" relations, and hear the evaluation results that might make this relational missional tool the right choice for you.

Gifts, Challenges, and Growing Edges of Church Related Education

Leaders: Rev. Grady St. Dennis from Gustavus Adolphus College and Rev. Dr. Paul Rohde from Augustana College

Location: Beck Hall 215

Description: ELCA colleges embrace the ever changing intersection of faith and study. We serve people becoming adult and live on the threshold of the next generation's questions and challenges. In this workshop, Grady St. Dennis, college chaplain and director for church relations at Gustavus Adolphus College and Paul Rohde, campus pastor at Augustana College, will briefly describe the work and gifts of their respective schools and welcome your perspective and discussion. Bring comments and questions.

"God's Work. Our Hands" ELCA World Hunger

Leader: Ann Hanson, ELCA World Hunger Coordinator for the SW MN Synod

Location: Beck Hall 115

Description: "One billion of our neighbors — that's one in seven people in our world today — live in poverty. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Working through Lutheran connections in the United States and around the world, we start by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Then we partner with them to make their dreams and hopes a reality. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, food pantries to soup kitchens, we work together to support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty."

A walk through ELCA World Hunger programs, resources and some ideas on how to use them in congregations to bring about local, domestic and global sustainable relief that is more than just providing food for a day to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Justice in Jeopardy

Leader: Suzanne Shatila and Jerod Peterson, Minnesota FoodShare and Urban Immersion Service Retreats

Location: Beck Hall 311

Description: Justice in Jeopardy is a way to learn relevant facts concerning hunger and poverty in a fast-paced and engaging exercise. The goal of Justice in Jeopardy is to instill a sense of indignation on behalf of those struggling in our community. There will be a focus on hunger and poverty in MN and what people of faith can do to serve "the least of these." We will also provide resources for attendees to take back to their own congregations.

Justice, Dignity and Peace. Is it possible?

Leaders: Rev. David Wangaard and Becca Tumm, Lutheran World Relief

Location: Beck Hall 211

Description: Lutheran World Relief, established in 1945, is an independent, pan-Lutheran organization that envisions a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity and peace. LWR staff members, Rev. David Wangaard and Ms. Becca Tumm, will show how three areas of Lutheran World Relief's work - Climate, Agriculture and Emergency Response-provides long-term solutions to ending poverty in developing countries. Come to find out how you are making a real difference in the lives of individuals and millions of small-scale farmers and their families through the ministry of Lutheran World Relief.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Leaders: Chaplain Jeff Greathouse from Southwest Minnesota State University, Rev. Linda Lagergren from St.

Cloud State University, Rev. Michael Vinson from University of Minnesota Morris

Location: Beck Hall 221

Description: There are currently three recognized Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. In this workshop, you will learn about the three ministries. Come and learn what is occurring at each site, meet the leaders and ask the questions that you have always wondered about but have never asked.

Pastor-2-Pastor

Leader: Rev. Katherine Rood, Rev. Scott Jakel, Rev. Marlaine Doidge, Rev. Grady St. Dennis

Location: Beck Hall 213

Description: Are you seeking fresh ideas, a revitalized passion for ministry and Spiritual renewal for your pastor and congregation? Pastor-2-Pastor offers diverse education opportunities, speakers with expertise regarding relevant ministry topics, and cutting edge theological thinking and praxis for building up the Kingdom of God. Participants will learn how congregations and pastors can benefit from the Pastor-2-Pastor Program.

Resilient Leaders Shaping Healthy Congregations

Leader: Terri Endres, regional representative for Portico Benefit Services

Location: Beck Hall 217

Description: Imagine this:

- Ending a long day energized instead of exhausted
- Being a non-anxious presence in the midst of a challenging conversation
- Feeling grateful for the abundant life and blessings God has given you

These are just a few of the marks of a leader who's healthy and resilient. But it takes leaders and congregations working together to foster such qualities. Join Terri Endres, regional representative for Portico Benefit Services, for ideas and discussion about some practical ways we can encourage health of body, mind, money, and spirit – for the sake of our leaders, our churches, and the people they serve.

Story of Place and Displacement

Leaders: Rev. Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner and SW MN Synod Practice Discipleship Team

Location: Beck Hall 317

Description: How does where you live make a difference for how you live and tell God's story? Learn how Jesus's attention to his context(s) and listener(s) shapes how he tells his story and receives theirs, and consider how attention to context and place presents both challenges and opportunities in sharing God's story with others.

The Source and Product of Our Faith: The Lutheran World Federation:

Leader: Bishop Jim Mauney, Virginia Synod, ELCA

Location: Beck Hall 321

Description: So how could you quickly spell your spiritual roots? LWF

Where could you see real results of our faith? LWF

Where is the Church growing?

LWF Where are we in the world?

LWF Where are we making a difference in the world? LWF

Who has a global assembly in 2017? Yeah, the LWF!

Get the idea? Come and hear.

The Surprising Power of Memory in the Life of the Congregation

Leader: Paul Daniels, ELCA Region 3 Archivist

Location: Beck Hall 303

Description: Among God's many gifts to the people of God is the amazing blessing of memory. In the congregation this gift is more powerfully experienced as shared memory within Christian community. This workshop will provide concrete examples of how memory can work for good in the life of the congregation.

Like so many things, memory and story are not neutral - they can be used to tear down or hold us back just as easily as they can be used to encourage, build up and move us forward in ministry. Through participants' own reflections, we will look at this range of congregational memory and its practical uses among God's people. We will conclude with a conversation about how the Region 3 Archives can assist congregations with a number of practical records care and heritage-related services.

Top 10 - Planning for Future Ministry

Leader: LuAnn Ferguson, Regional Manager, Mission Investment Fund

Location: Beck Hall 119

Description: This workshop will view ministry through a wide-angle lens and offer action items to consider as you prepare your congregation for its future. Key areas include ministry planning, cost saving measures, creative building use, and stewardship.

Women of the ELCA: Not Your Mother's Ladies Aid

Leaders: SW MN Synod Women of the ELCA President Kristy Henriksen and Sara Larson

Location: Beck Hall 313

Description: History of the women's organization of the Lutheran Church.

What we do today.

Plans for the future.

How we can help congregations and clergy.

What changes have there been because of the companionship relationship between the SW MN Synod and the ELCSA-SED?

Leaders: Members of the Companion Synod Committee

Location: Beck Hall 301

Description: Come to visit with Bishop P.B. Buthelezi of the Southeastern Diocese of ELCSA about our companion relationships. We now have committees in all our conferences that work with their partner circuit in South Africa and we want to share the excitement and joy of the visits and activities going on.

Worship & Music Leadership Certification & Fall Classes

Leader: Jay Beech, The Center for Worship & Music Studies

Location: Beck Hall 117

Description: Interested in a deeper understanding of worship? Want to enhance your musical and leadership skills? Looking for continuing education opportunities for yourself or your congregation's music ministers? The Center for Worship & Music Studies is ready to help!

Jay Beech, The Center's director, will describe and answer questions about this new partner ministry of the SWMN Synod. He will detail the classes that will be offered this fall and describe The Center's Certificate in Worship & Music Leadership program. You don't need to be a musician to attend this workshop.

Youth Homelessness in Southwest Minnesota

Leader: Tammy Moses, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

Location: Beck Hall 111

Description: Tammy Moses, Director of LSS' Rochester and Mankato Youth Programs, will share about the issue of youth homelessness in Southwest Minnesota and programs that LSS provides to address this issue.