



NW/SW MN Clergy Spouse Retreat Care for Creation (and ourselves) October 25-27, 2024

Join us for some time together learning about caring for our Earth's resources, but also caring for ourselves and each other in a caring environment. Our speaker will be Pastor Krehl Stringer from Fergus Falls, who serves on the NW Synod Care for Creation Committee. We will have many meaningful opportunities for worshiping and having devotions together throughout the weekend, led by Pastor Laurie Natwick. We have two woodworking sessions planned which will be led by Erik Preston. We will be repurposing wood into items that we can enjoy at home and by doing so, will be saving the wood and the environment from the burn pile! We hope that you will join us in community with each other, caring for creation and ourselves at the beautiful Luther Crest Bible Camp!

WHY to attend the NW/SW MN Clergy Spouse Retreat:

This event has been going for over 20 years! It is a self-planned retreat for people who are or have been married to pastors from the NW and SW MN Synods of the ELCA. You will not find a more welcoming and supportive group of people to spend a weekend with! Come to relax, eat, and worship together, plus maybe learn something new! Here are some highlights:

- The beautiful location of Luther Crest Bible Camp
- A fun and informative schedule with wonderful activities and time to relax!
- Great conversations with wonderful people with good food and snacks!
- Meaningful worship services
- Laughter and MORE laughter!

~Testimonials~

As a male and a pastor's spouse, I was apprehensive to go to this retreat. When I arrived, I discovered that there were other males there and it did not matter that the majority of my fellow clergy spouses were female. I realized that all of us shared a common need to be in fellowship with other people who shared similar frustrations, a sense of isolation and the need to get away and rejuvenate our heart, soul, mind and body. I keep coming back because I have found community here, and I believe you will too. -Ferman Woodberry

I've been going to the clergy spouse retreat since 2008. I go back every year because it is the perfect retreat for me. It's the right price, the right place, and the right people. The accommodations are comfortable, the location is peaceful, the people are welcoming and easy to connect with, and there is plenty of space for me in whatever chapter of life I find myself. -Emily Peterson

This is my favorite weekend of the year! Being with these lifelong friends is just what I need to care for myself both physically and emotionally! -Mary Moen

Retreat Costs: Private room \$190 ~ Shared room \$135 ~ Not staying overnight \$60

Register by October 11th at: <https://form.jotform.com/232528166747161>