

Everyday Spirituality



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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2019 Synod Assembly Service Projects & Workshops!

Friday, June 7

8:00 a.m.	Registration: <i>Field House</i>
9:00 – 3:00	Food Packing Event: <i>Civic Arena</i>
10:00 – 1:00	Service Projects: <i>Gymnasium</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Workshops Session #1: <i>Various Locations</i>
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Workshops Session #2: <i>Various Locations</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (<i>on-site, if reserved</i>)
12:45	Orientation: <i>Field House</i> (<i>For new voting members</i>)
1:30	Worship: <i>Performing Arts Center</i>
2:45	Sliding into Plenary: <i>Field House</i>
3:00	Plenary: <i>Field House</i>

SERVICE PROJECTS

Visitation Bags

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Visitation Ministry is a part of every community and we do it in a variety of ways. Come and help assemble small bags of goodies to distribute at a visit. This will let members know they are loved and prayed for. Assembled bags will be available to any voting member/congregation that will use them in their community.

This service project will be a collaboration! We ask that voting members and communities help provide items needed to assemble these bags. We have a good start of bulk items to pack but still need help collecting items. If your congregation wishes to help provide bulk items, please contact the synod office at 507-637-3904. This would also make a great Thrivent Action Team project!

Things to bring:

- Prayer cards
- Prayer beads
- Travel size lotion
- Candy (mints, sugar free)
- Any small new item that will bring someone joy
- Word Finds
- Kleenex
- Deck of cards



Rolling Bandages for Global Health Ministries

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Roll bandages with the Women of the ELCA at this year's Synod Assembly! The bandages that you help roll will be sent abroad by the Global Health Ministries and distributed to mission hospitals and clinics that are in need of this basic but critical medical supply. For more information about the Rolled Bandages service project and the work of Global Health Ministries, go to <https://www.ghm.org/hands-on-projects>.

Learn to build a Faith Chest with LMM

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lutheran Men in Mission presenters will discuss why and how they build Faith Chests. You will see a demonstration and participants will have the opportunity to help assemble one. The instruction handout is complete with what materials to buy, measurements, and how much it costs to make a chest. If your congregation already builds Faith Chests, come and collaborate with others on different ways to build or use these special crafted chests.

SERVICE PROJECTS

“Better Together” Redwood Falls Food Packing Event

This event is a service project held at the SW MN Synod Assembly open to the community and surrounding areas.

Location: *Civic Arena*

Times: 7:30-9am Set-up; 9-11am Food Packing Shift; 11am-1pm Food Packing Shift;
1-3pm Food Packing Shift; 3-5pm packing/clean-up.

A “Better Together” Food Packing event has two missional goals:

Goal #1- Provide opportunities for cross-cultural relationship building

Goal #2- Provide nutritious food for local communities

What will happen: Prior to each shift, people from various culture(s) present some educational aspect about their culture (5-10 minutes) and provide orientation for packaging. The participants will package meals of different types that include a nutritional scoop of vitamins. All are designed for American food shelf tastes. For more information, please see outreachprogram.org. Up to 150 persons pack for 2 hours. All food goes to local food shelves, backpack programs, and disabled/homeless veterans.

Sign up to participate: Link coming soon!

Make a Donation: All donations matched!

Goal = \$15,000 (matched \$30,000) for 120,000 meals!

All money for this event should be sent to:

SW MN Synod, ELCA

PO Box 499

Redwood Falls, MN 56283

In “memo” line please write: *“Better Together Redwood Falls”*

WORKSHOPS

Rural Hunger / Backpack Programs

Come and go: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

With the increasing awareness of rural hunger, many churches and communities are starting or growing their backpack programs. Come and collaborate with others! You will hear some examples of what communities are doing for food assistance programs. Bring an idea or description to share during this workshop. We hope by connecting with one another this will inspire people to spread and refine this nourishing ministry.

The two following workshops will be presented twice:

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Workshops Session #1

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Workshops Session #2

Living Our Faith In Daily Life

Presenter: Rev. Brenda Smith

Participants in this workshop will learn about a group of resources called, “The Five Gifts of Discipleship.” These resources can be used in a ministry setting to focus on how to grow in our ability to live out our faith in daily life. The resource “Story Matters” will also be discussed, and this resource connects study of scripture, discipleship, and mission.

Being the Church in the Digital Age

Presenter: Deanna Thompson

Before her diagnosis of stage IV cancer, Deanna Thompson was skeptical that digital technology could enhance our connections to one another. Then she got sick. Really sick. And through the worst of her illness Thompson became aware of the potential of digital technology to help us better support one another during the most awful times of our lives. In this forum we will explore some of the ways technology is changing us, and consider how the digital revolution presents us with new tools to better be the (virtual) body of Christ in a suffering world.