



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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Workshop Session Assignments:

Thursday Evening, Nov. 3rd @ Faith Lutheran, Spicer

Saturday, Nov. 5th @ First Lutheran, Marshall

Monday Evening, Nov. 7th @ American Lutheran, Worthington

Evening Keynote Session 6:00-6:30pm: What Happened to the yellow brick road?! By Bishop Dee Pederson

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Equipping Congregations RoadShow

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<p>Workshop Session 1 ---> Evenings: 6:40-7:25pm Saturday: 10:30-11:25am</p>	<p>More than a band-aid first aid Tammy Schacher</p>	<p>All Creation Sings: Hymns and songs Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson</p>	<p>The hidden life of your congregation Pr. Stephen Cook</p>	<p>The living, breathing, ever-changing document: The church constitution Pr. Janel Kuester</p>	<p>They used to give chickens, didn't they?: How asking for non-cash gifts can still feed your ministry Pr. Keith Pearson</p>	<p>We need an assist! Pr. Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt <i>This workshop is only available Nov. 3rd and Nov. 5th</i></p>
<p>Workshop Session 2 ---> Evenings: 7:35-8:20pm Saturday: 12:30-1:15pm</p>	<p>Dish with the Bish Bishop Dee Pederson</p>	<p>All Creation Sings: Liturgies and prayers Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson and Pr. Stephen Cook</p>	<p>The journey of vocation: Where will God's call lead you? Pr. Heather Culuris</p>	<p>Food, farming, and faith Rev. Kerri Myer and Pr. Christian Muellerleile</p>	<p>Faithful Innovation practices: A taste of the possibilities to come! Pr. Chris Richards</p>	<p>Building a culture of generosity Paul N. Marsh</p>

Saturday, Nov. 5th @ First Lutheran, Marshall

Saturday Keynote Session 9:45-10:15am: What Happened to the yellow brick road?! By Bishop Dee Pederson

<p>Workshop Session 3 ---> Saturday: 1:30-2:15pm</p>	<p>Dish with the Bish Bishop Dee Pederson</p>	<p>Food, farming, and faith Rev. Kerri Myer and Pr. Christian Muellerleile</p>	<p>The hidden life of your congregation Pr. Stephen Cook</p>	<p>We need an assist! Pr. Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt</p>	<p>They used to give chickens, didn't they?: How asking for non-cash gifts can still feed your ministry Pr. Keith Pearson</p>	<p>Building a culture of generosity Paul N. Marsh</p>
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Keynote Theme: What Happened to the Yellow Brick Road?!

Speaker: Bishop Dee Pederson

How might we travel together in ministry in this new time? There certainly is no Yellow Brick Road to follow! There's not even a map! But God has a mission for the church and we as leaders, congregations, and synod get to follow that mission today. So who are we travelling with? What are the provisions God gives for the journey? What are we carrying with us? And what are we leaving behind? Even though the path isn't always clear, God graciously provides the gifts we need for the journey. So, hop aboard the bus! We're on this journey. Together!

Workshop Descriptions:

Dish with the Bish

Bishop Dee Pederson

How is life for your congregation this fall? What's happening across the Southwestern Minnesota Synod? What's up with the ELCA these days? Join in this mutual conversation as we share our hopes for this Synod and even dare to imagine God's vision for us as we live into the future.

The journey of vocation: Where will God's call lead you?

Pastor Heather Culuris, SW MN Synod Minister for Engaging Leaders

Have you ever wondered what adventure God is calling you to in your life? Have you ever considered a call to rostered ministry as a pastor or deacon in the church? Come to this workshop to explore God's call to ministry of all sorts in the church. We will explore what the candidacy process is, learn a bit about the seminary process, and consider God's call to leadership and service in our lives.

Building a culture of generosity

Paul N. Marsh, CFRE, GSB Fundraising

In this workshop, you will learn how to build a culture of generosity in your congregation, shifting the culture from a scarcity mindset to a mindset of abundance. We will discuss the process for a successful stewardship appeal, as well as describe the partnership between the SW MN Synod and GSB Fundraising.

The hidden life of your congregation

Pastor Stephen Cook, Congregation Resource Team Coordinator

Have you ever felt confused by how your congregation is functioning? Have you ever seen conflict arise, or people suddenly disappearing, for no apparent reason? Does your congregation feel stuck? This is the workshop for you. We will look at how insights from family emotional systems theory can help you to see more clearly, and we will talk about practical things you and other leaders can do to help. What we will cover is helpful in any and all relations!

The living, breathing, ever-changing document: The church constitution

Pastor Janel Kuester, Christ Lutheran Church, Cottonwood

As congregations, we strive for peace, process and partnership with our members and leadership, but sometimes things go awry. The document that supports you, your leadership and your congregation is the church constitution. However, getting and keeping your constitution in order can be overwhelming. Learn how to keep this living, breathing, everchanging document up to date and hear about the resources the synod and the ELCA have in place to assist you with this important task.

We need an assist!

Rev. Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt, Synod Coaching Coordinator

Everyone needs to score some "wins" in the church right now, so how come it's so hard? The challenges we encounter are showing up in every congregation, and yet particular to your place and culture. Coaching can help. You can be coached (or become a coach with some training and your listening ears). Come learn about coaching, a tool to empower your congregational leaders, both clergy and lay. [SW MN Synod Coaching Flyer](#).

Food, farming, and faith

Rev. Kerri Myer, Farmer-Priest, and Pastor Christian Muellerleile, Farmer-Pastor at Good Courage Farm

Jesus spends his short ministry eating with people, feeding people, and talking about a kingdom other than Rome through stories about soil, vines, seeds, weeds, livestock, manure, and agricultural day laborers. When we turn our attention to the Gospel's agrarian context and metaphors, we find compelling invitations to find Christ's promise of life abundant in our fields, on our tables and across our community's foodshed.

They used to give chickens, didn't they?: How asking for non-cash gifts can still feed your ministry

Rev. Keith Pearson, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation

Back in the frontier days instead of cash, parishioners may have dropped something else into the offering plate: a few eggs, a chicken, or some garden vegetables. But today's practice of cash-only offerings could be dangerously outdated. Learn how other not-for-profit organizations are using asset-based gifts, estate bequests and other non-cash gifts to open up huge funding opportunities.

All Creation Sings: Hymns and songs

Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson, Big Grove Crow River Grace Parish, Belgrade, and Pastor Stephen Cook

All Creation Sings is a new worship resource from the ELCA and 1517 Media. In this workshop you will have a chance to explore new songs and reworkings of familiar ones as well. We will do lots of singing from this resource.

All Creation Sings: Liturgies and prayers

Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson, Big Grove Crow River Grace Parish, Belgrade

All Creation Sings is a new worship resource from the ELCA and 1517 Media. This workshop will focus on new settings for the Holy Communion liturgy and new prayer and worship resources.

More than a band-aid first aid

Tammy Schacher, Ambulance Director/EMT and the SW MN Synod Office Manager

Can a Band-Aid save a life? Probably not. But you can! What is an AED? Does your congregation have one? Does anyone know how to use it? In this workshop you will learn some early signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest. You will also learn the steps in using an AED and beginning CPR. This is a fun, inter-active class designed to assist you in recognizing a crisis situation and taking immediate action!

Faithful Innovation practices: A taste of the possibilities to come!

Pastor Chris Richards, Trinity Lutheran Church, Cyrus

Faithful Innovation is an initiative of the SWMN Synod that helps to ground faith communities and their leaders by using two questions to focus their ministry. The first question is "Where is God? or What is God up to?" The second question is "How do we join God in what God is doing?" These questions seem simple, but to imbed them into the life of the community takes a full year of intentional work. Flowing from this work is an energy and a focus that is transformative for the ministry! This workshop will equip you with a couple of the key practices that you can start using today. It is a foretaste of the full-training and the possibilities to come!

Equipping Congregations RoadShow

Coming to you **LIVE**,
in person!

**The equipping workshops
are hitting the road!**

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Registration Is Open! Go to www.swmnelca.org/event/ed-roadshow to register.

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Evening Schedule:

Social Time / Check in	5:30-5:45 p.m.
Opening Worship	5:45-6:00
Speaker, Bishop Dee Pederson	6:00-6:30
Workshop 1.....	6:40-7:25
Workshop 2.....	7:35-8:20
Closing Prayer.....	8:30-8:45

Saturday Schedule:

Coffee / Check in	9:00-9:30 a.m.
Opening Worship	9:30-9:45
Speaker, Bishop Dee Pederson	9:45-10:15
Workshop 1.....	10:30-11:25
Lunch	11:30-12:30 p.m.
Workshop 2.....	12:30-1:15
Workshop 3.....	1:30-2:15
Closing Prayer.....	2:30-3:00