

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

February 2012



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## Synod Assembly Registration Available Beginning Feb. 15



Online registration for this year's synod assembly, **June 1-2, 2012**, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477, will be available at [www.mcselca.org/](http://www.mcselca.org/) assembly on **February 15, 2012**. Please note, there will be a separate registration form for display hosts.

The site change for this year's assembly (the first time the remodeled Tinley Park Convention Center has been available for use) means that we will have:

- free parking in a lot with more than enough spaces for our event,
- all events on one level, and
- displays prominently featured.

This year's assembly theme is "For God all things are possible..." taken from Mark 10:27. More information about the assembly will be shared as it becomes available.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Sandie at the synod office at **773-248-0021**, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, to register by phone.

## ELCA Presiding Bishop to Preach at Lenten Scriptures Event



ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson will be preaching at the Opening the Lenten Scriptures event on Tuesday, **February 7, 2012**. From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 815 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540, Professor Ralph Klein, Christ Seminary-Seminex Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, will offer interpretations of the Old Testament texts for Lent and then suggest ways of reading the Gospels for the day through those Old Testament lenses. Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for participants to contribute their own homiletical and exegetical insights. The event, open to all rostered leaders, costs \$25 (includes lunch). Online registration and the agenda are available at [www.mcselca.org](http://www.mcselca.org).

## Complete Congregation Statement of Intent for 2012

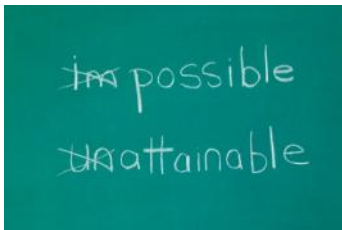


Please complete your congregation's Mission Support Statement of Intent for 2012 online by going to [www.mcselca.org](http://www.mcselca.org) and selecting the feature article on the home page. If you have any questions about the form, please contact Steve Homberg at the synod office at [shomberg@mcselca.org](mailto:shomberg@mcselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.

Thank you for completing the form by **February 1, 2012**.



## Transformation Leadership Workshop in March

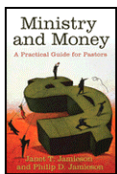


Want to see real, measurable changes in your congregation? Consultant, pastor, and stewardship specialist Ed Kruse will present ways to access the God-given

power of transformational leadership in congregations. Learn how to deal with challenging issues and especially how to connect with and empower the much-needed group of “under-involved, uninvolved, and new members.” Gather a group from your congregation to attend together for maximum impact.

This workshop will be held Saturday, **March 3, 2012**, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago 60631. Registration is required by **February 22** to allow us to contact expected participants in case of weather-related or other changes. Contact Vance Blackfox at [vblackfox@mcselca.org](mailto:vblackfox@mcselca.org) or call **773-248-0021**.

## Plan to Attend This Year’s Spring Stewardship Conference



This year’s spring stewardship conference, “Ministry and Money,” will take place on Saturday, **April 28, 2012**, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E.55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL

60615. The presenters will be Philip D. Jamieson, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, and Janet T. Jamieson, Associate Professor of Accounting and Business at the University of Dubuque and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

with more than fifteen years of practical experience.

The cost is \$30 per person (includes lunch), \$25 per person (if registration and payment is received prior to April 16, 2012), and \$25 (LSTC students).

The conference will explore practical issues regarding the relationship between faith and money. Those who attend will gain a greater knowledge of the nature of money, how it is best used, and how responsible stewardship of money can be carried out in the local congregation. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

## Fund for Mission Grant Applications Invited



The Fund for Mission is a synod endowment that provides grants to congregations for new and innovative evangelical outreach efforts.

Last year, grants totaling slightly more than \$102,000 were distributed to 15 congregations. Grants ranged from \$2,100 to \$16,500. Congregations that have previously received funding may apply for one follow-up grant for the same project. For a list of grants given in 2011, check out the August *MetroWord* ([www.mcselca.org/forms/August\\_2011.pdf](http://www.mcselca.org/forms/August_2011.pdf)).

Applications and guidelines are available at [www.mcselca.org/congregation/mission\\_resources/fund\\_for\\_mission](http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/mission_resources/fund_for_mission). If you would like to have a hard copy mailed to you, please contact Vance Blackfox at [vblackfox@mcselca.org](mailto:vblackfox@mcselca.org) or **773-248-0021, ext. 14**.

A hard copy of the application with the pastor’s signature must be mailed to the synod office, postmarked no later than **March 9, 2012**. You may also hand-deliver your application to the synod office by **March 9**. Please note that a copy of the congregation’s parochial report is a required part of the application, so be sure to print a copy of your parochial report before you submit it. Please direct any questions regarding the Fund for Mission grant process to Vance Blackfox ([vblackfox@mcselca.org](mailto:vblackfox@mcselca.org) or **773-248-0021, ext. 14**).

## Coming in Lent 2012 – Congregation Leadership Training Opportunities



Over the six Saturdays of Lent (02/25, 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 03/31) from 9:00 a.m. until noon, the synod office will sponsor six congregation

leadership training opportunities. The February opportunity will be held at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068. The five March sessions will all be held at the Lutheran Center, 1st Floor, Augsburg Room, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631. We anticipate congregations sending two to three leaders to each session.

The six opportunities being offered and examples of who might attend are:

1. Basic Legal (council president and council secretary)
2. Church Council Leadership (council president and vice president)
3. Property Management / Risk Management (property team chair and a council member)
4. Accounting/Payroll/Reporting/Auditing (treasurer, bookkeeper, and finance team member)
5. Stewardship & Mission (stewardship and mission team members)
6. Volunteer Management / Resources for Congregations (volunteer coordinator and council member).

For more information, or to register for these free events, visit [www.mcselca.org](http://www.mcselca.org). The date/title of each event is a link to the registration form for that session.

If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact Steve Homberg at [shomberg@mcselca.org](mailto:shomberg@mcselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.

## Worship Conference: *Gen X | Y and Mainline Protestant Worship*



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago’s Wrigleyville neighborhood (1218 W.

Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613), will host a one-day worship conference on Saturday, **February 11, 2012**. *Sects and the City: Gen X | Y and Mainline Protestant Worship* will explore this question: “While many mainline Protestant congregations are aging, what are young adults finding meaningful in the worship services of urban congregations with a high percentage of Generation X and Y?” Costs: single \$20, seminarian \$10, \$30 at the door, \$50 for three or more from one congregation. The conference website at [www.sectsandthecity.org](http://www.sectsandthecity.org) includes more information and online registration.

## Attend February Youth Ministry Network Meeting



Youth workers from around the synod will gather for the February meeting of the Chicago Youth Ministry Network on Thursday, **February 2, 2012**, at St. Paul Lutheran Church (515 S. Wheaton Ave., 60187), from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. This group of full-time, part-time, paid, volunteer, ordained, lay, experienced, and new youth directors comes from all over Chicagoland, meeting once each month for youth ministry resource-sharing, coordinating synod-wide events for middle and high school youth, and fellowship. Items on this month’s agenda include: final planning for the synod-wide February Lutherdale Retreat for middle school and high school youth, updates on the April fundraiser and showing of the *Trouble the Waters* film, and information about the March training event for youth workers taking place at LSTC.

For more information about these events or the YMNetwork, please contact Lauren Busey at [lauren@trinityevanston.org](mailto:lauren@trinityevanston.org).

## Discover and Use Spiritual Gifts



What spiritual gifts have you received from the Holy Spirit? Discover them now in a course, “Unwrap Your Gifts and Use Them.” The course includes a confidential inventory of your gifts and a soon-to-be-published book by the same name.

The course will be led by the author, Dr. Ed Kruse, on six Mondays, **February 27 to April 2, 2012**, with identical classes at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.

Please contact Judi at the church office **773-631 9131** or [jeastwood@edisonparkchurch.com](mailto:jeastwood@edisonparkchurch.com) to register. Tuition is \$10. This course is for you if you want to discern how to serve God with new energy and invigorate your congregation.

## Joshua Grant Program Proposals Due March 30



Wheat Ridge Ministries, in partnership with the Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans Chicagoland Regional Financial Office, is accepting proposals for the Joshua Grant Program, which will award matching grants of up to \$10,000 over two years to inspire congregations toward courageous service in their community. Funds will be granted to health and human care projects that are new and innovative. Grants will be available to Lutheran congregations in the Thrivent Chicagoland Region, and congregations are expected to contribute a 50% match to the project through budgeted funds, special gifts or fundraisers.

Wheat Ridge Ministries and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also provide resources to aid the grantees in additional planning, implementing, and evaluating their programs. These resources include webinars, workshops, and expert consultations. Grantees are expected to participate in a portion of these events as a component of the grant.

Lutheran congregations within the Thrivent Chicagoland Region interested in applying for a Joshua Grant can visit

[www.wheatridge.org/joshuagrants](http://www.wheatridge.org/joshuagrants) to review the requirements and download a grant application. The deadline for submitting a grant proposal is **March 30, 2012**. Grants will be awarded by June 1, 2012.

Wheat Ridge will host a webinar on March 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. (CST) to answer questions about the application, specifically the Outcome Measurement Plan. Register for the webinar at [www.wheatridge.org/joshuagrants](http://www.wheatridge.org/joshuagrants).

Funding for the Joshua Grant Program is raised at the annual Seeds of Hope Award dinner, which will be held on March 3, 2012.

For more information about the Joshua Grant Program, contact Wheat Ridge Ministries at **800-762-6748** or by email at [grants@wheatridge.org](mailto:grants@wheatridge.org).

## Youth Leaders Training and Gathering Event on March 10

The synod Youth Team will be hosting its Youth Leaders Training and Gathering Event on Saturday, **March 10, 2012**, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615). The event, for all adult youth leaders, will include a continental breakfast. Please contact Penny Harney at [pharney@oursaviours.org](mailto:pharney@oursaviours.org) if planning to attend.

## Scherer Lecture Looks at Influence of Christian Missionaries on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sudan



European and North American missionaries working along the length of the Nile Valley, from the Mediterranean city of Alexandria to Sudan's southern border in the 20<sup>th</sup> century gained few converts.

Yet they exerted far-reaching and diverse influences on Nile Valley societies by opening the first modern schools, promoting the engagement of women in religious and public life, stimulating new forms of Muslim oppositional activism, and, in southern Sudan, sowing seeds for future mass conversions.

In the Scherer Lecture on Tuesday, **February 21, 2012**, at 4:00 p.m., in the Common Room (350) at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL 60615), Dr. Heather J. Sharkey will trace these influences as they persist today, in the aftermath of Egypt's Arab Spring and the break-up of Sudan following the South's secession. She will consider how Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox Copts have articulated and asserted their Christian identities and will assess prospects for Christian-Muslim relations at a time when religious sectarianism carries a political charge in Egypt, Sudan, and South Sudan.

The lecture is free. A reception immediately follows the lecture.

### About Dr. Sharkey

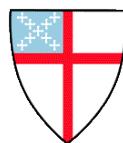
Dr. Heather J. Sharkey is an associate professor in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Pennsylvania. She is the author of *Living with Colonialism: Nationalism and Culture in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan* (University of California Press, 2003) and *American Evangelicals in Egypt: Missionary*

*Encounters in an Age of Empire* (Princeton University Press, 2008). With Mehmet Ali Doğan, she edited *American Missionaries and the Middle East: Foundational Encounters* (University of Utah Press, 2011). She is writing a history of the social relations among Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the modern Middle East. Dr. Sharkey holds degrees from Yale, Durham (UK), and Princeton. She has taught at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, MIT, and Trinity College (Connecticut).

### The Scherer Lecture

The annual Scherer Lecture addresses aspects of the church's worldwide mission, missiology, or the life of the world Christian community. It is made possible through the Eleanor and Arnold Scherer Endowment Fund.

## Consider Lay Parish Chaplain's Training Program



"The Lay Parish Chaplain's Training Program: Called to Common Mission: a Joint Effort of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Church" will take place at the Bishop Anderson House at Rush University Medical Center on Wednesdays from **February 8 - May 9, 2012**, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Rev. David Kyлло, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Deerfield, will participate in the training program.

For more information contact Pastor Kyлло at **847-945-2009** or email at [dkyllo@ziondeerfield.org](mailto:dkyllo@ziondeerfield.org) or by e-mailing the Bishop Anderson House at [bpandersonhouse@aol.com](mailto:bpandersonhouse@aol.com) or calling **312-563-4825**.

The agreement *Called to Common Mission* between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and The Episcopal Church (1999) offers an opportunity to join in developing mutual pastoral care to the sick and those who care for them.

## Employment Listings

(More complete listings are available online at [www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment](http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment))

### Prince of Peace, Schaumburg, Director for Pre-School and Kindergarten

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195, is seeking a full-time director for its Pre-School and Kindergarten to start July 1, 2012. The Prince of Peace Pre-School and Kindergarten has served congregation and community for over 40 years with an experienced, creative, and dedicated teaching staff and is accredited by the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association.

Candidates must have professional qualities and core values of the highest order. Primary credentials include: bachelor degree in early childhood education or equivalent, minimum of two years of experience teaching early childhood, active member of a Christian church, with supervisory experience preferred.

Applications must be received by **February 29**. Applications may be requested by contacting Sonia DeLuca at **847-885-7010** or **church@princeofpeace.net**.

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### Director for CrossWays Preschool, an early childhood educational program of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Libertyville

**Position Information** – Director for CrossWays Preschool, an early childhood educational program of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Libertyville, Illinois.  
**Salary** – Compensation commensurate with experience.

**Position Hours** – Approximately 24 hours/week during academic year / Approximately 15 hours/week during non-academic year /Additional hours and compensation available for candidate willing to teach within the program.

**Job Summary** – The Director will be responsible for program administration, daily operations, future planning, communication and marketing for the Preschool. The Director will work in tandem with the directors of our program for Two-Year olds and our Childcare Center, pastoral staff, teaching staff, parents and students to create a vibrant and active learning environment that is play-based, developmentally appropriate and committed to kindergarten readiness and academic preparedness. The Director will support the philosophy of CrossWays PreSchool as a Christian ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and will seek to

incorporate these Christian values into the educational atmosphere. The-candidate will possess administrative, organizational and time management skills; will work with others in a larger team context; will demonstrate excellent electronic, verbal and written communication skills; and will understand work and position as a ministry to students, their parents and the community.

### Key Requirements –

- Illinois DCFS Director Qualification required
- Previous experience with Illinois DCFS licensed Early Childhood Program required
- Bachelor’s degree preferred

### Contact –

**preschooldirectorsearch@holycrosschurch.org**  
Please provide resume, references, and salary requirements.

### Apply by – February 29, 2012

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### Grace Lutheran, Evanston - Director of Music

Grace Lutheran Church (1430 South Blvd., Evanston, IL 60202) is hiring a Director of Music. This small, vibrant congregation has a 15-hour/week position to offer, and seeks a candidate with a commitment to music as an integral part of a rich worship experience. Specific responsibilities for Grace’s Director of Music include collaborating with the Worship & Music Committee on worship planning, selecting music for worship services, playing for one weekly service and additional seasonal services, and directing the adult choir as well as occasional vocal and instrumental ensembles and soloists.

Candidates should have experience in collaborative worship planning, familiarity with liturgical traditions, as well as skills in organ and piano performance, choral conducting, and ensemble leadership. They should have the ability to recruit and coordinate musicians for worship from within the congregation, and experience in using worship technology (computers and digital media, e.g.) and maintaining copyright records and licenses. Initiative, organization, and excellent communication skills are a must. Please submit a resume/CV and a letter detailing your skills and experience to **resumes@graceevanston.org** by **February 17, 2012**. For more information about our congregation, please visit **www.graceevanston.org**. Please direct any questions to Bonnie Gunzenhauser, search committee chair, at the **resumes@graceevanston.org** address.

### Metropolitan Chicago Synod Directory Changes

Name	Change	Effective
Timm, Roger E.	Retired	12/1/2011
Dueholm, Benjamin J.	On Leave From Call	8/15/2011
Flessen, Soren S. L.	On Leave From Call	9/12/2011
Willer, Carole A.	On Leave From Call	6/24/2011
Kalb, Lydia E. R.	Retired	12/1/2011
Hass, Dawn R.	Retired	1/1/2012
Plummer, Charles B.	Pastor, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Glen Ellen, Ill.	11/1/2011
Showers, H. Frank Jr.	Pastor, United by Faith Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, Ill.	1/1/2012
Boleyn, Julie E.	Pastor, Unity Lutheran Church of Berwyn, Berwyn, Ill.	1/14/2012

#### Rostered Leaders New to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA

Welcome to the Rev. Charles B. Plummer, who is serving as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Pastor Plummer graduated with a BA in history from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and with an MDiv from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He is married to Sarah Geischecker. He transferred from the Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA.

Welcome to the Rev. Julie Boleyn, who is serving as pastor of Unity Lutheran Church of Berwyn in Berwyn, Ill. Pastor Boleyn graduated with a BA from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., and received an MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2011. She has previously worked in fundraising, software development, has most recently served as the Financial Education Coordinator for the Stewards of Abundance Project at LSTC, and is a member of the board of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. She and her partner, Jeanine Reardon, live in Berwyn and have a daughter.

### Plan to Attend Children of Abraham 2012



All are invited to register now for **Children of Abraham 2012: Exploring Bible and Qur'an Texts, to be held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Mar. 6-Mar. 27, 2012, at**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood St, Evanston, IL 60201.** The course will begin with an overview of the main points from the Fall 2011 Children of Abraham series, making it possible for new people to join the group. Participants will learn about Qur'anic interpretation methods, while comparing texts on such topics as Moses and the Exodus, sin and forgiveness, and heaven and hell. The course will require about one hour of preparation time each week.

The series will be led by Dr. Carol Schersten LaHurd, interfaith lecturer and adjunct professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Islamic

scholar Dr. Ghulam-Haider Aasi will join the group for one session. Cost: \$20 person includes *The Qur'an* (Oxford World's Classics, 2008; M.A.S. Abdel Haleem translator); \$10 for those who have a Qur'an they can use.

Please register (with phone number and e-mail address) by **February 17** to [office@stpaulsevanston.org](mailto:office@stpaulsevanston.org) or **847-475-3403**, and indicate whether we should order *The Qur'an* translation for you. (Late registrations will be accepted.)

### Rostered Leader Reports to the Bishop Available Online



Rostered Leader Reports to the Bishop are available online at [www.mtselca.org/congregation/admin/forms/index.php](http://www.mtselca.org/congregation/admin/forms/index.php). Please e-mail the completed forms to Mary Richardson at the synod office at [mrichardson@mtselca.org](mailto:mrichardson@mtselca.org). Thank you.



## Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

(For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit [www.mcselca.org](http://www.mcselca.org))

- February 07** Opening the Lenten Scriptures, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 815 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540, 9AM
- 09** Central Conference Meeting, United in Faith, 6525 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60634, 10AM
- 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
- 16** North Conference Meeting, St. Andrew’s, 10 S. Lake Street, Mundelein, IL 60060, 9AM  
Antiracism Team Meeting – Synod Office, 2PM
- 21** Leadership in Ministry Group – Synod Office, 10AM  
Youth Ministry Team – Synod Office, 1PM
- 25** Congregational Leadership Training Event (Congregation Council Leadership), St. Luke, 205 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, 9AM

### Rostered Leader Vacancies - Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process

KEY: (A) Self-study (B) Candidate search or interviewing  
(C) Call Extended (D) Call Accepted (PT) Part-time (\*) Associate Position

<b>Central</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	St. James, Chicago – B
Bethel West, Chicago – B	Pilgrim, Chicago – B	Windsor Park, Chicago – on hold
Martin Luther, Chicago – B	St. Luke’s, Park Ridge – B	Zion, (Stony Island), Chicago – on hold
St. James, Chicago – on hold	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>Southwest</b>
<b>Near West</b>	Bethel, Palatine – A	Bethany, Lemont – A
Ascension, Riverside – A	Christus Victor, Elk Grove Vlg.(*) (PT) – B	<b>West</b>
Grace, Elmwood Park – A	Luth. Church of the Cross, Arlington Hts. – B	Geneva, Geneva – D
Resurrection, Franklin Park – on hold	St. Mark’s, Mt. Prospect (*) (PT) – C	Good Shepherd, Naperville (*) – D
<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>	Our Saviour’s, Naperville – D
Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan – B		



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Contact the synod office at  
 1420 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-3004.  
 Ph: 773-248-0021 Fax: 773-248-8455 Web page: [www.mcselca.org](http://www.mcselca.org)

MetroWord e-mail: [jdrake@mcselca.org](mailto:jdrake@mcselca.org).  
*MetroWord* is also available online as a PDF at [www.mcselca.org/news/metro\\_word](http://www.mcselca.org/news/metro_word).



## Training

Knowledge, competencies, and professional development are essential for the teaching of vocational or practical skills. Training provides the best way to acquire these skills.

- On-the-job training takes place while the employee is working.
- Off-the-job training takes place away from the workplace.

## Metropolitan Chicago Synod Congregational Leadership Training Opportunities

The synod office is offering, at no cost, six different congregational leadership training opportunities during Lent 2012. One opportunity is available on each of the six Saturdays of Lent from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The February session will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068. The five March sessions will all be held at the Lutheran Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Augsburg Room, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631.

The six training opportunities are: Church Council Leadership; Property & Risk Management; Stewardship & Mission; Basic Legal; Accounting, Payroll, & Audits; and Volunteers & Resources. Each congregation is encouraged to send up to three leaders (lay and clergy) to each of these events. Some leaders may duplicate and attend more than one Saturday, but it is anticipated that congregations will send different leaders to each training opportunity. Dates, suggested attendees – in parentheses, and presenters for these events are:

Feb 25 *Congregational Council Leadership* (president, vice president, pastor)

Presenters – Rev. Wayne Miller, Bishop; Ms. Nan Dahlke, Synod Vice President

Mar 3 *Property & Risk Management* (property team members, pastor, council member)

Presenters – Patricia Dever, ELCA Building Consultant; Mr. Lawrence Reynolds, Division Manager – Church Mutual Insurance Company; Mr. James Valentine, AIM – Administrator, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights

Mar 10 *Stewardship & Mission* (stewardship & mission team members, pastor, council member)

Presenters – Rev. Hector Garfias, Associate to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM); Mr. Steven Homberg, Synod Stewardship Specialist and Business Manager

Mar 17 *Basic Legal* (congregation secretary, president, pastor, council member)

Presenters – Rev. Steven Srock, Synod Secretary; Mr. Scott Fintzen, Attorney; Mr. David Ullrich, Attorney – ELCA Associate General Counsel

Mar 24 *Accounting, Payroll, & Audit* (treasurer, bookkeeper, finance team member)

Presenters – Ms. Deborah Smith, Regional Manager – Mission Investment Fund; Mr. Steven Homberg, Synod Stewardship Specialist and Business Manager

Mar 31 *Volunteers & Resources* (volunteer coordinator, director of care & connection, council member)

Presenters – Ms. Magda Scanlan, Manager, Volunteer Services – Advocate Lutheran General Hospital; Ms. Kelly Collins, Director of Care and Connection – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles

Register online at [www.mcselca.org](http://www.mcselca.org). For questions – contact Steve Homberg, [shomberg@mcselca.org](mailto:shomberg@mcselca.org) or 773-248-0021.



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## **Lutheran Men in Mission**

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Program

### **Location**

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

200 N. Catherine Avenue LaGrange, IL 60525

**“We Gather for a MENistry Kickoff Event!”**

**The Vision of LMM is that every man have a growing relationship *with Jesus Christ* through an effective Men's ministry in every congregation.**

**The LMM Commitment is to assist every congregation in establishing an effective, life changing Men's Ministry.**

For more information or to register, contact the Rev. Lawrence J. Clark at 773-723-2246 or [pcstmarklutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:pcstmarklutheran@yahoo.com).

## Applications for diakonia™ Classes Are Being Accepted



Applications for **diakonia™** classes to begin in September 2012 are now being accepted. Have you considered participating in this two-year spiritual formation process? Haven't decided yet? Read the testimony of Rev. Jennifer Fisher. This might help you decide to send in your application.

As a child, I'd had some exposure to church through extended family members and through friends, but my immediate family was un-churched. As an adult, I wanted the connection to a church family that had been missing in my childhood, and was eventually led to join an ELCA church. Over time, I became more involved in my church's mission and ministry. Yet, I always felt a little disadvantaged: I didn't know very much about what it meant to call myself a Lutheran because I hadn't grown up in the Lutheran tradition. As my faith life grew, and my commitment to the church community deepened, I found I was hungry to know and learn and understand more. That is where **diakonia™** came in.

**diakonia** helped me to go deeper into scripture and into Lutheran teachings. My classes, teachers, textbooks and fellow students gave me clarity into what it really means to say, "I am a Lutheran," and helped me to truly understand what it means to commit oneself to following Christ. Being instructed by Pastors – and learning with students – from other congregations helped me to understand that I was connected not just to my own parish, but to the larger church as well. I developed deep friendships with my fellow classmates during our two years of study: friendships which have lasted to this day - friendships which have continued to enrich my faith life and which have continued to encourage me in my own ministry. I would encourage anyone with a servant's heart, anyone who wants to grow deeper in his or her faith, and anyone who wants to learn more about the Lutheran tradition to consider **diakonia**. It was a wonderful, thought provoking, challenging, GROWING experience for me.

The Rev. Jennifer S. Fisher  
2004 Diakonia Graduate  
2010 Graduate - Lutheran School of Theology (M. Div)  
Ordained February 27, 2011

Visit <http://www.mtselca.org/diakonia/index.html> to review the course overview and to get an application. Classes meet once a week during the regular school year. The tuition for one year is \$360, and can be paid all at once, or \$60 at the beginning of each class. The locations for the classes in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod are:

Grace Lutheran Church  
7300 W. Division Street  
River Forest, IL 60305-1552  
708-366-6900

St. Philip Lutheran Church  
1609 Pfingsten Rd  
Glenview, IL  
847-998-1946

For more information, contact Carolyn Doughty at 773-583-0320. **diakonia** has a Speakers Bureau. If you would like to have someone come to speak at an adult forum, or briefly in a temple talk, contact Joan Church at [joandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:joandchurch@gmail.com).

# The Emotional Function of Beliefs: 2011-2012 Case Study Series

Co-Sponsored by BeliefsChart.org LLC & The Center for Family Consultation

## Overview

Counselors, therapists, and clergy can wonder how someone can't seem to reflect critically about their beliefs, or what might be going on when someone suddenly adopts a strikingly different religious stance, political position, or philosophical worldview. Dr. Murray Bowen understood the family – not the individual – as the basic unit of human functioning. This series is built around the notion that *beliefs – though emerging in an individual brain – can be a product of the family unit*. The series will present seven case studies illustrating the emotional function of beliefs through the use of the Beliefs Chart. The Beliefs Chart is a tool to organize facts and enhance objectivity about changes in beliefs and relationships. Bob Williamson of the faculty of the Center for Family Consultation will present each case and lead discussion.

## Continuing Education Credits

10.5 CEU's are available for Illinois social workers, counselors, and marriage and family therapists who attend all seven sessions, or 1.5 CEU's for each session attended.

## When

The series will be presented October - April on the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Location

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
350 East Madison Street  
Lombard, Illinois  
630-620-0072

(At the northwest corner of  
Grace and Madison Streets)

## Cost

\$220 for the entire series or \$35 per session.

## Presenter

Bob Williamson is on the faculty of the Center for Family Consultation (CFC). Bob is a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (M.Div., 1976).

## Schedule of Cases & Topics

October 6, 2011 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer & the Family as an Emotional Unit  
November 3, 2011 – Walter Inglis Anderson & Nuclear Family Emotional Process  
December 1, 2011 – Client A & Emotional Triangles  
January 5, 2012 – Henry David Thoreau & Unresolved Attachment to Family  
February 2, 2012 – Henry James & Emotional Cutoff  
March 1, 2012 – C. F. W. Walther & Leadership Within an Anxious Group  
April 5, 2012 – Robert Lowell, Jean Stafford & Beliefs as the Product of the Family Unit

## Information & Registration

For more information on this series, contact Bob Williamson at [Bob@BeliefsChart.org](mailto:Bob@BeliefsChart.org) or 630-910-1856.

For information on BeliefsChart.org LLC, go to: [www.BeliefsChart.org](http://www.BeliefsChart.org)

For information on the Center for Family Consultation, go to: [www.thecenterforfamilyconsultation.com](http://www.thecenterforfamilyconsultation.com)

To register, complete the form below and mail with your check (\$220 for the series or \$35 per session) payable to **BeliefsChart.org LLC**, 2217 Wharf Drive #306, Woodridge, IL 60517.

Please register me for the 2011-2012 Case Study Series to begin on October 6, 2011.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# 2012 FUNDING FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN HOUSES OF WORSHIP



The Retirement Research Foundation announces 2012 funding for its Accessible Faith Grant Program to enable Chicago area houses of worship to make their facilities more accessible.

With such improvements, older adults and people with disabilities may be able to participate more fully in the programs, services, and activities of the facilities. Houses of worship in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry County of Illinois are eligible to apply for a grant.

Grants may be awarded for up to 50% of a project's total cost, for a maximum of \$30,000.

Houses of worship may use an Accessible Faith Grant for:

- ▶ design and construction of accessibility improvements such as elevators, platform lifts, permanent ramps, or restroom renovations
- ▶ purchase and installation of program-related equipment such as assistive listening systems

Applications will be accepted from March 1 to June 1, 2012. Grants will be announced in the fall of 2012.

The full description of the program, application form, tips for completing the application, and additional flyers are available on the Foundation's website, [www.rrf.org](http://www.rrf.org), or by contacting The Retirement Research Foundation, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 430, Chicago, IL 60631, phone 773-714-8080.

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*The Retirement Research Foundation is devoted solely to serving the needs of older Americans and enhancing their quality of life.*



*A retreat for men...  
where heart, mind and spirit  
can be challenged  
by Christ's call*

**March 9 - 11  
2012**

Camp Edwards  
East Troy, Wisconsin

**As iron sharpens iron,  
so one man sharpens  
another.**

Sponsored by...



**Cost and Registration Details**

Cost: \$195 per person includes lodging, meals and retreat.

Payment: \$100 with registration and \$95 balance by February 21, 2012 or in full with registration

Make checks payable to:

SCSW-ELCA LMM Task Force

A limited number of \$95 scholarships are available, call Mark, if the need exists.

Mail registration form and check(s) to:

Mark Naumowicz  
1911 Lawndale Drive  
Algonquin, IL 60102

Any questions or requests for scholarships - contact Mark at (847) 532-1718 or email mark.naumowicz@gmail.com

*What is the retreat schedule?*

The Retreat will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.  
Please arrive between 5:30-6:00 p.m. on Friday.

The Retreat will end about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.  
Please plan to eat before you arrive on Friday.

**PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND FULL RETREAT  
- NO EXCEPTIONS**

*What's included in the cost?*

The registration cost for the retreat includes lodging and meeting facilities, printed materials, and meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch, and snack / beverage breaks.

*What should I bring?*

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, bible, notepad, pen, hiking shoes/boots, camp type clothing and any personal items you need. You are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Please **do not** bring a computer, PDA, portable video game or internet-capable phone.

**Registration Form (please print)**

Name		Home church/City	
Mailing Address			
City/State/Zip		Your Age: _____ Any special physical, dietary or mobility concerns? If yes, please describe below: _____	
Home phone		Yes No	
Mobile			
E-mail		How did you hear about this retreat?	

**Camp Edwards  
N8901 Army Lake Rd  
East Troy, WI 53120**



**From Illinois via Highway 12**

Take Highway 12 North to I-43 North  
Follow I-43 North to Highway 20 West  
Turn left and go to stoplight  
Turn right on ES (at stoplight)  
Go about 1.2 miles to Army Lake Road (just past Sawyers)  
Turn Left and go about 1/2 mile to camp drive on left

**From Illinois via I-94**

Take I-94 North towards Milwaukee  
Exit Highway 20 West (toward Waterford)  
Follow Hwy 20 through Waterford (about 10 miles) to Hwy ES  
Turn right on ES (at stoplight)  
Go about 1.2 miles on ES to Army Lake Road (just past Sawyers)  
Turn Left and go about 1/2 mile to camp drive on left

**From Beloit**

Take I-43 North to Highway 20 West (East Troy Exit)  
Turn left and go to stoplight  
Turn right on ES (at stoplight)  
Go about 1.2 miles to Army Lake Road (just past Sawyers)  
Turn Left and go about 1/2 mile to camp drive on left

**From Madison**

Take I-94 East to Hwy 83 South  
(Hartland/Wales Exit)  
Follow Hwy 83 to Mukwonago  
At second Stoplight follow ES to the right  
Follow ES to Army Lake Road  
(first right past Elegant Farmer)  
Go about 1/2 mile to camp drive on right

**From Milwaukee**

Take I-43 South to Highway 20 West (East Troy Exit)  
Turn right on Hwy 20 and go to stoplight  
Turn right on ES (at stoplight)  
Go about 1.2 miles to Army Lake Road (just past Sawyers)  
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"One Year to Live" is a retreat followed up by small groups, that encourages men to seriously look at their lives, make significant decisions about their spiritual journey, and work with other men to hold one another accountable for those decisions. One Year to Live is an opportunity for men to explore the difference their Christian faith can make in their lives as they relate to families, people at work and others in the Christian community.



**The retreat and follow-up materials for "One Year to Live" have been developed especially for men by LMM and Lyman Coleman, the founder of Serendipity Press.**

**What participants are saying...**

"I spent twenty years climbing the ladder of success only to find out at the OYTL retreat that I had the ladder leaning against the wrong building."

"The One Year to Live Retreat is a unique opportunity to experience spiritual and personal growth as part of a special fellowship of brothers."

"What I thought were my biggest liabilities are my greatest assets. They're assets because I can share them with others to give them hope."

"It's called the "One Year to Live Retreat"(OYTL). I just came back from one -- a 44- hour encounter with other Christian men. A true adventure -- it wasn't boring or irrelevant -- and it certainly wasn't hypocritical, as we put ourselves on the line for what we believe. You should try it. I will put myself on the line for you and guarantee that you will come out of that weekend a better man and your wife will know it. I totally, fully, and completely recommend this weekend if you are serious about renewing your life. At my little church we now have a core group of five other men who went through the retreat with me. Things will change in our community because of us."