

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

January 2012



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## Official Notice

The Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of the  
METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD

of the  
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will be held on

Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2, 2012,  
at the Tinley Park Convention Center  
18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477

Steve Srock - Synod Secretary

## Participate in Opening the Lenten Scriptures for Professional Leaders



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 opportunity 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.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org).

## Next Mission Interpreter Orientation Set for Saturday, January 21, at the Synod Office



Currently, there are over 40 Mission Interpreters in our synod congregations. They are showing and telling about how God is using our hands and dollars to do God's work in our communities, our country, and our world.


When we volunteer to feed the hungry, serve those who suffer, provide education, advocate for justice, and open new congregations in communities that need a place to worship and gather, we are doing God's work – and we are sharing God's boundless love with the world. Mission Interpreters tell stories about people whose lives are changed by what we do and what we give.

Congregations are invited to send one or two volunteers to the **January 21, 2012**, orientation that will be held at the synod office, 1420 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, from 9 a.m. until noon. There is no charge and registration is available online at [www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship](http://www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship).

For more information, contact the synod Mission Interpreter Coordinator, Ken Olson at [MIC@mtselca.org](mailto:MIC@mtselca.org), or Steve Homberg in the synod office at [shomberg@mtselca.org](mailto:shomberg@mtselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.



## New Year’s Resolution #1: Attend the ‘Getting Unstuck’ Workshop



Looking for some new ideas on getting new ideas? Feeling stuck, but way too busy to think through a new strategic plan? Looking for an opportunity to expose your congregational leaders to methods of encouraging open, honest conversation that moves things forward?

On Saturday, **January 28, 2012**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Pastor Kathy Nolte will lead a workshop called “Getting Unstuck” that will introduce communication practices to help your committees and teams discuss even contentious subjects in ways that move things forward. This workshop will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 611 Randolph St., Oak Park, IL 60302.

While you might get the most from this workshop by bringing a group from your congregation, individuals are welcome to attend as well. We are asking that everyone who’s planning to participate register no later than **January 23**. This will allow us to get in touch in the event of bad weather. E-mail Vance Blackfox ([vblackfox@mcselca.org](mailto:vblackfox@mcselca.org)) to let us know you’re planning to attend. (You can also phone him at **773-248-0021, ext. 14.**)

## And, coming up in March: Transformational Leadership

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 and 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, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago 60631. Registration is required by **February 21**, to allow us to contact expected participants in case of weather-related or other changes. E-mail Vance Blackfox to register. (You can also phone him at **773-248-0021, ext. 14.**)

## Attend Bach for the Sem on Jan. 8



The annual benefit concert for the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) by Lutheran professional musicians – Bach for the Sem – features Bach’s Christmas

Oratorio, part three, the premiere of a Concerto for Contrabass by Douglas Johnson, carols and hymns, and the closing chorus of the rarely performed Christmas Oratorio by Heinrich von Herzogenberg for double chorus, children’s choir, and orchestra.

Directed by Mark Bangert, this year’s concert will be held on Sunday, **January 8, 2012**, 4 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division St., River Forest, IL 60305. Tickets will be available December 2011 and at the door. Call **773-256-0712** or e-mail [rdeppe@lstc.edu](mailto:rdeppe@lstc.edu).

## Rostered Leader Reports to the Bishop Available Online



Rostered Leader Reports to the Bishop are available online at [www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/forms/index.php](http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/forms/index.php).

Please e-mail the completed forms to

Mary Richardson at the synod office at [mrichardson@mcselca.org](mailto:mrichardson@mcselca.org).

Thank you.

## Prince of Peace Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup>



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 W. 75th St., Woodridge, IL 60517, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January of 2012. All are invited to join the celebration.

On Sunday, **January 22, 2012**, at 10 a.m., there will be a special worship service with previous pastors as well as Bishop Wayne N. Miller. The service will be followed by a reception with refreshments and an opportunity to view photos from the first 50 years.

Contact the church for more information at **630-969-1268** or [churchmouse1058@yahoo.com](mailto:churchmouse1058@yahoo.com), or <http://popwoodridge.org>.

## 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 **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?"

The conference moderator will be Benjamin Stewart, a professor of liturgy at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. There will also be responses from three young adult leaders with connections to Gen X | Y as well as informal reflections by several dozen young adults from neighboring congregations. 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.

## Take Part in 2012 Prayer Breakfast on January 14



On Saturday, **January 14, 2012**, the Chicago Chapter of the African American Lutheran Association (AALA) will host its annual prayer breakfast commemorating the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The breakfast, with the theme "Stepping Towards the Goal," will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 9147 S. Jeffery Blvd., Chicago, IL 60617. The guest speaker for the day will be the Rev. Stephen G. Marsh, former bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA and former columnist for *The Lutheran*. The cost for the event is \$10/adult (\$7 for AALA members) and \$5/child (12 and under) and can be paid at the door.

## Participate in January Youth Ministry Network Meeting



Youth workers from around the synod will gather for the January meeting of the

Youth Ministry Network (YMN) on Thursday, **January 12, 2012**, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. This group meets monthly for youth ministry resource-sharing, coordinating synod-wide events for middle and high school youth, and fellowship. Items on this month's agenda include: planning for the February Lutherdale Retreat for middle school and high school youth, updates on the April showing of the *Trouble the Waters* film, and fundraiser in preparation for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering. For more information about these events or the YMNetwork, please contact Jeannine Oakes at [joakes@stlukespr.org](mailto:joakes@stlukespr.org).

**Employment Listings**

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

**Director of Family and Youth Ministry - Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Director of Family and Youth Ministry: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 East First St., Hinsdale, Illinois 60521.

Successful applicant will conduct and promote all educational and youth programs and provide spiritual development opportunities through fellowship, worship, mission, and bible studies in Lutheran theological tradition. Develop long-term relationships with our youth and families. Responsibilities include: plan and implement, with volunteers, Sunday programs (preschool – 6th grade) and adult education, confirmation program (7th & 8th), high school youth program, and vacation bible school (one week).

Qualified applicants must have a BA degree in theology, youth ministries, or Christian education. Three to five years of experience in youth or family ministry is desired. The director must have a warm heart, contagious vision, commitment to programming, and be a team player. Full-time, salary range \$30,000 – 40,000.

Send resume and references via e-mail to [sditewig@redeemerhinsdale.com](mailto:sditewig@redeemerhinsdale.com) or fax to **630-323-5604**.

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**Lutheran Campus Ministry of Metropolitan Chicago - Office Administrator/Bookkeeper**

Office administrator/bookkeeper for Lutheran Campus Ministry of Metropolitan Chicago (LCM/MC) and University Lutheran Church at Northwestern (ULC). Twenty-five (25) hours per week (with scheduling flexibility).

Office duties require knowledge of Microsoft Office Products: Word, Access and Excel and

include maintaining the financial books and databases for LCM/MC and ULC.

Salary is \$15,925. Start date is immediate  
Job description available upon request.

Contact [james\\_dossa@yahoo.com](mailto:james_dossa@yahoo.com) or [lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu).  
University Lutheran Church  
2204 Orrington Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201

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**Parish Nurse - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Downers Grove, Ill.**

**Advocate Health Care** is seeking candidates for a Parish Nurse position in the suburban location of Downers Grove, Ill.

As part of Advocate’s Mission and Spiritual Care, the office of Advocate Parish Nurse Ministry participates in making real the vision of wholistic healing—good health to all—by partnering with congregations of all denominations and religious affiliations in an effort to embrace the integration of faith and health.

This position is designed to provide whole person health promotion and disease prevention services with an emphasis on spiritual care. These services are provided to a congregation as part of the continuum of care of Advocate Health Care.

The major accountabilities and job activities of the parish nurse role are integrator of faith and health, health educator, personal health counselor, referral agent, developer of support groups, educator of volunteers, and health advocate. The position will be based at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Downers Grove, Ill. This is a 20-hour per week position in the Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital service area.

More at [www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment/](http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment/).

## 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

## 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 [http://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 or to Carol Breimeier ([cbreimeier@mcselca.org](mailto:cbreimeier@mcselca.org) or **773-0248-0021, ext. 13**).

## LCD Projector Available

Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Rd, Northfield, IL 60093, would like to donate a functioning Sanyo LCD projector model PLC-XF12N to a congregation or ministry that could use it. Please contact the church office at **847-446-8335** for details.

## Youth Leaders Training and Gathering Event on March 10

The synod Youth Team will be hosting its Youth Leaders Training and Gathering Event on **March 10, 2012**, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The event, for all adult youth leaders, will include a continental breakfast. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

## Platform Lift for Sale

Christ Lutheran Church, 41 S. Rohlwing Rd., Palatine, IL 60074, has a handicapped platform lift in their sanctuary that they wish to remove and hope to find a home for it in a congregation or other application where it can be more fully utilized.

The manufacturer is National Wheel-O-Vator, and the unit has a lift capacity of 750#. The dimensions-overall are 53 1/2" wide by 55 1/2" long by 63" high

This is a commercial quality unit vs. a "home" unit with doors and sides that are steel framed with glass panel inserts. The unit has had very limited use and is in "like new" condition with no scratches, dents, etc. The color is a neutral tan shade however most of the exterior is shatterproof glass. Call **847-408-3000** for more information and to discuss pricing.



## Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

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

- January**
- 02** Synod Office Closed in Observance of the New Year
  - 10** Youth Team Meeting – Synod Office, 1PM
  - 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
  - 17** Southwest Conference Meeting, Bishop Wayne N. Miller will be presenting, First Lutheran Church, 2519 Grove St., Blue Island, IL 60406, 7PM
  - 18** Deans Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
  - 20-21** Synod Council Retreat, Q Center, 1405 N. Fifth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174, 9AM
  - 21** Mission Interpreter Orientation and Training, Synod Office, 9AM
  - 23** Deadline for April Supplement to *The Lutheran*
  - 24** Leadership in Ministry Group – Synod Office, 10AM
  - 28** Outreach Team Meeting – Synod Office, 8AM  
Getting Unstuck (TSI Workshop), Good Shepherd, 611 Randolph St., Oak Park, IL 60302, 9AM
  - 31** Leadership in Ministry Group – Synod Office, 2PM

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



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The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America publishes *MetroWord* monthly. The deadline for submitting information is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month for the next month’s issue. Articles will be edited for space and clarity.

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

MetroWord e-mail: [jdrake@mtselca.org](mailto:jdrake@mtselca.org).  
*MetroWord* is also available online as a PDF at [www.mtselca.org/news/metro\\_word](http://www.mtselca.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 develop 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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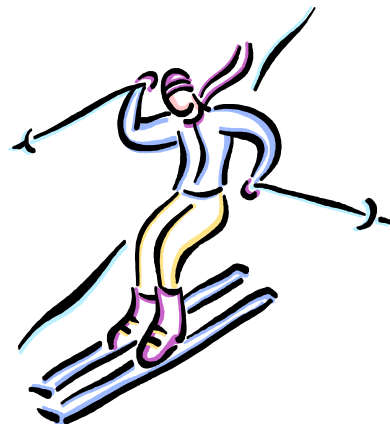
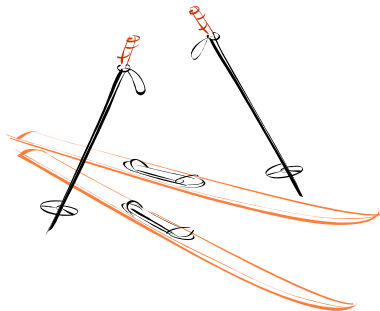
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IMPORTANT: In the group name please put NIS first and then the name of the group

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MEAL DEAL ..... \$8.00





**Application deadline approaching for 2012 *Serving Christ in the World* program at LSTC**

Vacation Bible School helper. Sunday school teacher. Youth group member. Acolyte. Crucifer. Lector. Communion assistant. Church choir member. Call committee youth representative. Bible study leader.

Do you know a high school sophomore or junior who has served in these roles or perhaps other leadership roles in your congregation? Is there a young leader in your church or community who is asking tough questions about his or her faith and the world around them? If so, please encourage him or her to apply for Youth in Mission's *Serving Christ in the World* program, which guides participants in exploring ways to live out their faith in the world.

**Youth in Mission's next *Serving Christ in the World* program will take place June 16-30, 2012.**

Participants will spend one week at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and will also travel to Mexico for a six-day multicultural immersion experience led by the CREAR ecumenical organization and the Cuernavaca Center for Intercultural Dialogue on Development. Youth will discover their leadership skills and explore their gifts for service and ministry during workshops, class sessions, worship, small group discussions, and site visits.

Applications are currently being accepted on a rolling basis. All application materials must be received no later than February 24, 2012. Please encourage youth you know to apply!

For more information about this faith-building, life-changing experience visit [www.lstc.edu/yim](http://www.lstc.edu/yim), email [youthinmission@lstc.edu](mailto:youthinmission@lstc.edu), or call (773) 256-0725.

# Grace in the Asking

Thursday, February 16, 2012  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Advent Lutheran Church  
7118 Old Sauk Road  
Madison, WI 53717

A practical interactive day to equip you to be confident in asking for the resources needed for God's work in the world.

Are you using all your resources to fund ministry? Have you helped your congregation members get their final affairs in order? Have you nurtured the spiritual discipline of generosity in all ages of your congregation? If you answered, "No" to any of these questions, this event is for you!

## Our Speakers:



### **The Rev. Larry Westfield, Regional Gift Planner, ELCA Foundation**

Larry is a gift planning counselor for Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin, a partnership of 18 ministries of the ELCA that serve Wisconsin. Larry assists individuals, congregations and institutions in the areas of endowments, foundations, wills and charitable gift planning.

### **Martha Taylor, Vice President UW Foundation**

Taylor has been a key player for over thirty years in the growth of one of the most successful institutionally related foundations in the U.S. She is one of the national leaders of the modern women's philanthropy movement. In 1991, she co-founded the Women's Philanthropy Institute, now part of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.



### **The Rev. Sara Yotter, Assistant to the Bishop, South-Central Synod of WI, ELCA**

As Assistant to the Bishop of the South-Central Synod of WI, and Synod Stewardship Specialist, Sara believes that stewardship and generosity connect people to Jesus. Her passion in ministry is that the Church may be real and relevant in the world today. Particular passion, as of late, is her work with the Macedonia Project, nurturing those 30-ish and under to be spiritual disciples.

### **The Rev. Paul Brinkman, Exec.VP & Chief Advancement Officer, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Michigan**

Brinkman serves as executive vice president and chief advancement officer with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. He also serves as the President of the LSS Foundation, Inc. He brings together the disciplines of resource development, marketing, communications, church and community relations, government relations and advocacy. An ordained pastor of the ELCA, Brinkman has 10 years of experience as a parish pastor and 20 years of experience in development and advancement.



Fee: \$25 includes lunch and a financial gift to support Synod Campus Ministry at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater. (50% of all dollars collected for registration will support God's work in our academic settings.) Financial Assistance is available through the Macedonia Project Grant. Online registration will be available January 10. For more information, contact the Rev. Sara Yotter, Synod Stewardship Specialist at 608-270-0201 or saray@scsw-elca.org.

# From Gutenberg to Google™:

## Proclaiming the Gospel In the 21st Century

Saturday, February 18, 2012

9:00 - 11:15 am

Bethel Lutheran Church

312 Wisconsin Avenue

Madison



Originally from Lexington, KY, Beth is a lifelong Lutheran. She attended the University of Kentucky and completed her undergraduate degree in Marketing & English at Maryville University in St. Louis. She is also a graduate of the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School. In May 2008, she received the Doctor of Divinity honorary degree from the Wartburg Theological Seminary. Beth is an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis.

After spending 22 years working for Time Warner, McGraw-Hill and Times Mirror, in August 2002, Beth was called to her current role as President & CEO of Augsburg Fortress. In this role, she has led the staff in the creation of such notable ministry resources as *Lutheran Study Bible*; *Spark Sunday School* and accompanying children's Bibles; *The Lutheran Handbook*; *Here We Stand* confirmation curriculum; *sundaysandseasons.com*, a web-based worship planning tool; the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* family of resources, *Fed and Forgiven* communion preparation resources, and many other print and digital ministry resources for use by Lutherans and other Christians.

**Beth Lewis**, President and CEO of Augsburg Fortress, the ministry of publishing of the ELCA, and Sparkhouse, an ecumenical publishing unit. Their goal is to spark a fire in mainline and progressive evangelical congregations by imagining and creating dynamic faith formation and worship resources. Lewis will explore how the use of media to proclaim the Gospel is the same and has changed from the time of Martin Luther to the beginning of the 21st century.



**You'll learn something about our reforming traditions of the past and how they are alive and well today.**



**You'll also get a glimpse of how technology can be used for faith formation, worship, and outreach!**



**You'll come away with fresh ideas for using e-mail, e-newsletters, your congregation's website and other new technologies to proclaim the Gospel!**

This presentation includes enhanced information gathered on a recent trip to Mainz, Germany, home of Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the moveable type printing press, as well as updates from the ever changing world of technology.

Free parking will be available in the church parking lot.

Cost: \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a congregation (up to ten people) - includes registration and refreshments.

To Register: Online registrations will be open on January 10th on the synod website: [www.scsw-elca.org](http://www.scsw-elca.org)



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