

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

October 2009



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## Attend the Bishop's Mission Conversations in October

*Offered as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative*



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To help us focus together on our calling as the body of Christ in the world, and as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative, Bishop Miller invites you for conversation about the Church's mission and the mission of our congregations.

At 2:00 p.m., Sunday, **October 18, 2009**, the bishop will host a conversation at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195.

And, on Saturday, **October 24, 2009**, he will be at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60637, beginning at 9:00 a.m. No registration is required, and all are welcome.

## HOLE IN THE ROOF Registration Reopened

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Registration for the workshop "A Hole in the Roof" is being reopened in response to numerous requests. Up to 100 additional participants can register for the **October 10, 2009**, workshop, to be held from 8:30-noon at the

Celebration! Community Life Center of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 919 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540.

At the workshop, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, director of the division of Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission of the ELCA, will encourage us to think about how we can remove obstacles and clear the way for people to come into our congregations and meet Jesus there. Congregations are encouraged to send a team, including the pastor(s) and two to four laypeople. You can register at the synod's Web site, [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org). After you register, you will be sent some questions to get you started thinking about the theme prior to the workshop. If you have questions, please contact Dina Tannous at the synod office at **773-248-0021** or [dtannous@mtselca.org](mailto:dtannous@mtselca.org).

## Coming: Koinonia Leadership Introduction on December 5

*Offered as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative*

Watch the Metro e-Word and next month's newsletter for information about Koinonia Leadership Training, an in-depth program developed by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis that could transform your ministry and your congregation. To introduce congregations to Koinonia Leadership and to help as many as possible become involved, the synod is sponsoring a Koinonia Leadership Introductory Workshop, for a pastor and one lay leader per congregation, on Saturday, **December 5, 2009**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a location to be announced.



### LEARN ABOUT COACHING VIA WEBINAR

A key part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative is the offering to “focus congregations” of a coach to help them keep moving along their chosen renewal path. In order to have enough well-trained coaches to provide this support to congregations, we are partnering with Jonathan Reitz, ELCA Coaching Coordinator, to offer coaching training in the synod.

If you think you might have gifts for encouraging and supporting individuals and leadership teams in the strenuous work of congregational renewal, please check out coaching by participating in Coach Orientation via “webinar” on October 15 at 9:00 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Jonathan will present and will also allow time for questions and comments. The webinar will last about an hour.

You are welcome to apply for coaching training without having done this, but it will be a good way to get more of a sense of what this particular approach to coaching entails. Details on registering for the webinar will be coming shortly. There is no limit on participation.

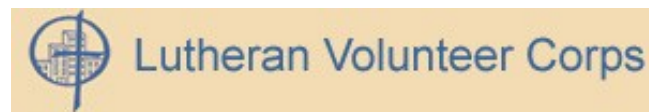
To get a copy of a timetable for coaching training and follow-up, the application for training, and the PowerPoint that Jonathan uses for live orientation sessions, please e-mail Carol Breimeier at [cbreimeier@mcselca.org](mailto:cbreimeier@mcselca.org).

You can send in your application at any time. The deadline to have applications to the synod office is **November 20, 2009**. Decisions on applications will be made by no later than **December 15, 2009**. Anyone who is accepted for the **January 22-23, 2009**, training will have two mentoring conversations with Jonathan prior to the training.

### READ MORE AT...

You can read more about the Turnaround Synod Initiative and find a link to a sample of the TAG congregational assessment index at [mcselca.org/TSI/index.html](http://mcselca.org/TSI/index.html).

## LVC in Chicago Kicks Off 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Fundraiser



Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) started in 1979, and is now an affiliated social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Starting in August 2009, LVC is celebrating 30 Years of Service. This year, in Chicago, LVC has 13 volunteers living simply and sustainably in community together.

Chicago's LVC volunteers are currently working at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Howard Area Community Center, Faith in Place, Chicago Community Loan Fund, The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc., Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America, and Free Spirit Media.

LVC in Chicago will have a fundraiser, called **Just Desserts**, to kick off Celebrating 30 Years of Service. Chicago's Local Support Committee, LVC Volunteers, and staff would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. **Just Desserts** will be **October 6, 2009**, at 7:30 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, located at 1650 W Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60640. There is a suggested \$20 donation at the door. We invite all to join us and meet our current LVC Volunteers, bid on silent auction items, and enjoy our many desserts.

We look forward to seeing you at **Just Desserts**. Also consider donating on LVC's Web site, [LutheranVolunteerCorps.org/getinvolved.htm](http://LutheranVolunteerCorps.org/getinvolved.htm).

If you have any questions, please call Lauren Sanders at **773-832-9426**, or e-mail [ChiMil@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org](mailto:ChiMil@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org).

## Wheat Ridge Ministries Violence Grant Proposals Due October 15, 2009



Wheat Ridge Ministries is launching a new grant initiative, in cooperation with the Northern Illinois District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Lutherans Against Violence Grant Program will assist congregations interested in starting projects or programs to address violence in their communities and to assist congregations already engaged in projects of this nature.

Grants will be available to member congregations of the Northern Illinois District and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod for either individual congregations or collaborative efforts involving two or more churches. Grant proposals will also be accepted from Northern Illinois District or Metropolitan Chicago Synod congregations partnering with local agencies.

Congregations interested in applying for a Lutherans Against Violence Grant can visit [www.wheatridge.org/lav](http://www.wheatridge.org/lav) to review the requirements and download a grant application.

The deadline for submitting a grant proposal is **October 15, 2009**. For more information about the Lutherans Against Violence Grant Program, contact Wheat Ridge Ministries at **800-762-6748** or by email at [grants@wheatridge.org](mailto:grants@wheatridge.org).

## Preparing for H1N1 Faith Communities and H1N1 Preparedness



Please join Advocate Health Care for a seminar about H1N1 and the impact it may have on faith communities. Learn about unique interventions, communication tools, and solutions that will assist faith communities as they live out their mission and role in the larger community.

Attend the seminar on:

### October 14, 2009

Lutheran General Hospital  
Johnson Auditorium  
2:00-3:30 p.m.

-or-

### October 15, 2009

Christ Hospital and Medical Center  
Conferencing/Imaging Center  
93rd and Kostner  
Room 0629, A & B  
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Presented by the Rev. John Wilson, Trauma and Critical Care Chaplain, Advocate Lutheran General, Spiritual Care Response Team, American Red Cross, and Advocate Health Care Infection Control Specialists.

For more information, call **630-990-5650** or e-mail [darlene.zec@advocatehealth.com](mailto:darlene.zec@advocatehealth.com).

## Metropolitan Chicago Synodical Women's Organization 'Call to Convention 2009'

Saturday, October 17, 2009,

8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

Theme: "Bold Women Stepping Out in Faith"

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Julie Delezeene

Coordinator, Congregational & Community Relations - "The Night Ministry of Chicago"

Visit <http://www.mcselca.org/swo/index.html> for registration, and scholarship information.

## Invitation to Faith 5 Leadership Seminar on Saturday, October 10

Date: Saturday, **October 10, 2009**  
 Host Pastor: Pastor John Dumke – St. Andrew Lutheran Church West Chicago  
 jdumke@sbcglobal.net  
**630-231-3787**  
 Location: First United Methodist Church  
 Address: 643 E. Washington Street, West Chicago, IL 60185



Pr. Dumke would like to invite you to join him in a little strategic family ministry thinking. After a dozen years in the parish, 15 years on the road, and a heart incident last year that literally stopped his heart, the Rev. Rich Melheim of Faith Inkubators is coming to

town to help us revision family ministry as families doing ministry... every night in every home. He will be leading one of his 75 seminars this spring at our church. This will include a four-hour vision session for key leaders from 1-5 in the afternoon, and a fun family comedy/commitment night for us from 7-8:30 pm.

### Schedule

**1 - 5 pm FAITH 5 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**  
 (Register at [www.faithink.com/training](http://www.faithink.com/training))

In this seminar, Rich will be challenging pastors, staffs, key volunteers, and education leaders to:

1. Test the “FAITH 5” (Faith Acts In The Home) for six weeks in their own homes
2. Rethink Christian education as family-involved *processes* rather than church-run *programs*

3. Rethink church staffers as equippers of ministries rather than professional ministry programmers
4. Rethink knocking your heads against the wall to recruit reluctant teachers for a system that takes parents away from their children and attempts to do the faith incubation once a week without them
5. Rethink implementing systems that call parents to the *responsibility, value, and joy* of being their own child’s faith mentors... every night in every home... from cradle to graduation.

### 7-8:30 p.m. “Working on the Dream” Family Comedy Night (free for all)

This part of the event will be half standup comedy, half practical parenting advice, three-fourths sneaky parent recruitment, and 100% just plain fun. It will also be the closest thing to a parenting altar call you will ever experience. In the end, the majority of parents in the room will commit to investing five minutes each night listening to, learning from, and enjoying their kids. More details are available online at [www.faithink.com/training](http://www.faithink.com/training).

### Taizé Prayer Service Offered October 10, 2009

A Taizé Prayer service will be held Friday, **October 9, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2328 Central Rd.,



Glenview, IL 60025, at the corner of Central and Shermer. The community is invited to pray for peace, unity, and reconciliation in the spirit of the Taizé Community. For more information, call **847-724-6060** or e-mail [barbarakudirka@holymtrinityglenview.org](mailto:barbarakudirka@holymtrinityglenview.org).

## Play a Part in Extending an Olive Branch toward Peace in the Middle East



When you hear about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Middle East, do you feel a sense of helpless concern and inadequate understanding?

What if you could play a part in extending an olive branch toward peace in the Middle East?

You can literally do just that. There is a plan to replant hope.

The Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Barrington, in collaboration with the Environmental Education Center of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), plans to offer a peaceful, green response to the violence in the Middle East by assisting in an on-going project of “Planting New Olive Trees... Planting New Hope.” The ELCJHL works at bridging cultures and making personal connections for peace and reconciliation with both Israeli and Palestinian peoples. Members of Atonement will be personally planting some of these olive trees in November while making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

This simple act of planting new olive trees in areas around Jerusalem and Bethlehem will help to reforest lost olive groves and provide years of tangible support to local farmers.

Olive trees standing today in the Garden of Gethsemane are estimated to be over 2000 years old, possibly present at the time of Jesus Christ. The olive tree is a particularly important tree as it represents a vibrant symbol of a rich cultural and environmental heritage. The trees grow one to two feet per year in poor soil, with

little water. They give so much, and require so little. There is not another plant in nature that works so hard, lives so long, is so revered, so resilient, so central to the culture, and so universally recognized as a symbol of peace.

Join in literally extending an olive branch of hope and peace in the Middle East. For \$20, you can plant and nourish an olive tree... and replant hope. This is a peaceful investment that will grow for generations to come. Orders must be in before **October 15, 2009**. To purchase a tree, visit [www.churchofatonement.org](http://www.churchofatonement.org) to download an order form, or send checks to: Olive Tree Project, Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 East Main Street, Barrington, IL 60010.

## Visit the Annual Fair Trade Holiday Market at Our Saviour’s, Arlington Heights



The annual Fair Trade Holiday Market will be held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004, on

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no admission fee. Fair Trade goods are marketed so that the artist, crafter, or grower is paid a fair wage. Woven and beaded articles from Guatemala marketed through Mayaworks, assorted giftware from around the world brought by Ten Thousand Villages, and Fair Trade Equal Exchange coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and Divine chocolate will be available.

Bake sale proceeds will be donated to the Augusta Victoria Hospital. Alternative gifts available will be shares of animals through Heifer International, Mayaworks scholarships, and bed nets for malaria prevention. Shop for handcrafted items and help change people’s lives.

If you have questions about the market, please call Sheryl Kelso at **847-364-4834**.

## Exploring and Examining Identity Development: Understanding the Process of Internalization

*An intensive one-day workshop that will provide a framework for understanding racist internalization*



Internalization of racist oppression/superiority fundamentally shapes the identities of People of Color and Whites in a race-based society. This training provides an opportunity to explore this topic in greater depth, and to apply learning to our everyday realities. Together we will

explore:

- How does internalization happen?
- How do our respective behaviors reflect the ways we have all been socialized?
- When we act out of our internalized identities, what happens to our antiracism organizing?

### Saturday, October 10, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
United Lutheran Church  
409 Greenfield Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302

The workshop is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect, caring, and safety, and is not based on confrontation, guilt, and judgment. It is open to anyone who has an interest in furthering their exploration of racism and its impacts on our church and society. Participants **must have attended** a 2.5 day Analysis workshop.

Cost: (includes lunch and workshop materials)  
Metropolitan Chicago Synod members – no cost  
Non-ELCA - \$50 per person

Participants must register in advance. To register go to [http://www.mtselca.org/antiracism\\_workshop Oct10.html](http://www.mtselca.org/antiracism_workshop_Oct10.html). For more information, e-mail [info@anotherpebble.org](mailto:info@anotherpebble.org).

## Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism

*An intensive 2.5 day workshop which will help you to understand and analyze racism in our church and society*

Together we will explore:

- The definition of systemic racism.
- The three manifestations of racism- individual, institutional, and cultural, along with their effects on both communities of color and white communities.
- The issue of racism and the task of dismantling racism from spiritual, ethical, political, and social perspectives, with the goal of equipping people to combat racism within their institutions and in the larger society.

### October 22-24, 2009

The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 West Ogden Avenue  
LaGrange Park, IL 60526



The workshop is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect, caring and safety, and is not based on confrontation, guilt, and judgment. It is open to anyone who has an interest in developing a deeper understanding of racism and its impacts on our church and society, but participants **must have attended** an Introduction to Antiracism workshop.

Cost: (includes 3 meals, course notebook and workshop materials)  
Metropolitan Chicago Synod — \$50  
Non-ELCA — \$150

This is a 2.5 day workshop, and participants must commit to attending all sessions  
Day 1 - (6:00 - 9:00 PM)  
Day 2 - (8:30 AM - 6:00 PM)  
Day 3 - (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM)

Participants must register in advance. To register go to [http://www.mtselca.org/antiracism\\_workshop Oct22.html](http://www.mtselca.org/antiracism_workshop_Oct22.html). For more information, e-mail [info@anotherpebble.org](mailto:info@anotherpebble.org).

## PAI Will Meet October 19, 2009



The Parish Administration Initiative (PAI) - a group of Metropolitan Chicago Synod congregation staff who gather every other month for discussion on topics relating

to the improvement of administration - will meet again on Monday, **October 19, 2009**, 9:30-11:00 a.m., in room #350, at the Lutheran School of Theology (LSTC - 1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL 60615). Jan Boden of LSTC will be our host, and will lead a session on graphics, Web sites, and other techniques to help us market our message to the public. Participants will also have an opportunity to hear more about the ministry of LSTC and are invited to stay for the 11:00-11:30 a.m. weekly chapel. Dr. Ed Krentz will be preaching. To find out more about PAI or this event, contact convener Jim Valentine at **847-255-8700 ext. 231**, or [jvalentine@oursaviours.org](mailto:jvalentine@oursaviours.org).

The December PAI meeting will take place at Living Lord in Bartlett, on Wednesday, **December 2, 2009**, 9:30 am. Sue Rankin will be hosting.

## Church in Downers Grove Hosts ‘Concert of Caring’ Featuring Elisabeth von Trapp



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, located at 4501 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515, will host a “Concert of Caring” performed by Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, on Wednesday, **October 21, 2009**, at 7 p.m. Singing professionally since

childhood, Ms. von Trapp has performed all over

the world, enthraling audiences in a variety of venues from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.’s Kennedy Center. Critics have called her voice ...”hauntingly clear,” “joyfully expressive,” and “simply beautiful.”

The concert, which is one of five around the state, will benefit Lutheran Social Services of Illinois programs in the community, including its counseling centers in the western suburbs. The concert will conclude with a reception offering light refreshments and an opportunity to meet Ms. von Trapp. Tickets cost \$15 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call **630-968-6231** or e-mail [info@gloriadeichurch.org](mailto:info@gloriadeichurch.org).

## Treasure In Clay Jars: The Renewable Organization™ for Faith-Based Groups



What if you really do have extraordinary power in that “clay jar” of a congregation of yours? This workshop will introduce you to the principles and practices of a Renewable Organization for the sake

of helping your church or other faith-based organization be who you are and see what you have for the sake of doing what matters. Event includes lunch and a copy of the workbook “The Renewable Organization for Faith-Based Groups.” Space is limited, so sign up soon.

The tour will begin with a workshop in Chicago – held on the campus of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615, on Thursday, **October 8, 2009**. More information and registration is available online at <http://www.arenwalenterprise.com/2009-fall-tour.html>.

## Participate in the Prayer Service for Peace in the Middle East



On Thursday, **October 15, 2009**, at 7:30 p.m., a Prayer Service for Peace in the Middle East will be held at Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 East Main

Street in Barrington. This service is held on the 15th of each month as part of an ecumenical effort in the U.S. and the world to pray daily until a just and lasting peace comes to all citizens of the Middle East. It includes reading from the Bible, music, prayers, and sharing of timely information. To learn more, call **847-381-0243**, or visit <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls.aspx>.

Following the service, a presentation will be given by Schaumburg resident Jim Shrigley. Jim will share his considerably varied experiences among Christians, Jews, and Muslims during a visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories this past August. Those experiences ranged from meeting with Christian advocates for peace, to visiting a Jewish settler, to talking with the mayor of a Muslim village facing destruction of its homes – to name only a few. His presentation will offer an excellent opportunity to learn more about current challenges faced, views held, and hopes maintained by all parties in the ongoing conflict.

This month's suggested link to explore is <http://www.ltneighbor.com/>. From <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/Our-Companions.aspx> come these portions of a description of one of its companion organizations. "Love Thy Neighbor" (LTN) is an ecumenical organization dedicated to promoting and facilitating grassroots nonviolence initiatives in

support of peace and justice in Palestine/Israel, and to educating about the nonviolence efforts of the region. Based on the continued success of its nonviolence summer training programs in 2007 and 2008, LTN has expanded its Palestinian outreach to maintain a consistent presence in Palestine and to promote Palestinian leadership. See a video clip of "The Living Nonviolence Peace Camp held at the Lutheran School of Hope in Ramallah in July 2007" at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8363315519387011867&hl=en#>.

## Employment Listing

**United in Faith Lutheran Church** in Chicago is seeking a Director of Music for one traditional and one contemporary service. The candidate should be proficient in playing the organ and the piano and directing choirs and a contemporary band. Needs to be available to plan and lead worship approximately 20 hours per week. Detailed job description can be found at [www.unitedinfaith.org](http://www.unitedinfaith.org).

Please submit resume to United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60634. For information, call **773-283-2326**, or e-mail: [uifadmin@unitedinfaith.org](mailto:uifadmin@unitedinfaith.org).

## Small Grants Available



Thanks to generous gifts from saints throughout the ages, Resurrection Lutheran Church in Chicago is blessed to provide grants to ministries in the community and throughout the larger Church. Resurrection invites you to apply for a grant. Grants typically average \$2,000 and have gone to support a wide variety of organizations and projects. For more information about the annual application process and a sample of recent grantees, visit [www.rlclakeview.org](http://www.rlclakeview.org), or call the church office at **773-525-0605**. Applications are due **November 30, 2009**.

### Metropolitan Chicago Synod Directory Changes

Name	Change	Effective
Morrow, Lynne M.	Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Park Ridge, Ill.	8/8/2009
Jones, Megan J.	Campus Pastor, South Loop Campus Ministry, Chicago, Ill.	6/24/2009
Dueholm, Benjamin J.	Part-time Associate Pastor, Wicker Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.	9/19/2009

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

Welcome to the **Rev. Lynne M. Morrow** who was ordained on August 8, 2009, by Bishop Wayne N. Miller , and installed the next day by the Rev. Carol Breimeier, Associate to the Bishop. Pr. Morrow earned her bachelor’s degree in American studies from Florida State University in Tallahassee in 1985, and her MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2009. She is married to Lawrence Fogel and has two daughters, Julia and Samantha

Welcome to the **Rev. Megan J. Jones** who is serving as Campus Pastor for the South Loop Campus Ministry in Chicago. Pr. Jones transferred to our synod from the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. She earned her bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of South Florida in Tampa, and her MDiv from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, with a semester spent studying at Makumira University College in Arusha, Tanzania. She was installed on June 24, 2009

Welcome to the **Rev. Benjamin J. Dueholm** who was ordained and installed on September 19, 2009, at Wicker Park Lutheran Church in Chicago by Bishop Wayne N. Miller. Pr. Dueholm received his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago in 2002 and his MDiv also from the University of Chicago in 2007. He is married to the Rev. Kerry Dueholm and they have a son, Soren.

## Wheat Ridge Ministries and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to Host Living Well Day for Professional Church Workers



Wheat Ridge Ministries, in partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, is pleased to host a Living Well Day for Professional Church

Workers in Wheaton, Illinois, on Wednesday, **November 4, 2009**. The day will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Le Jardin at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

The featured presenters will be Dr. Mary Chase-Ziolek, Professor of Health Ministries, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and Rev. William Geis, Senior Pastor, St. John’s Lutheran Church, La Grange, Ill. Dr. Chase-Ziolek’s morning presentation is entitled, “Good is the Flesh”

while the Rev. Geis’ presentation is “Go the Distance: For Self, Family & Ministry.” During the afternoon, attendees will have their choice of activities. Dr. Chase-Ziolek will lead a presentation entitled, “Faith & Food: An Experience,” while an outdoor walk and stretch through the Cantigny Park grounds will also be offered. Those planning to take part in the walk and stretch are encouraged to bring or wear appropriate clothing for the November weather.

Attendees will also be welcome to stay after the Living Well Day and tour Cantigny Park, which includes the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum, and the Cantigny Gardens.

Registration is available online at [www.wheatridge.org/lwd](http://www.wheatridge.org/lwd). For more information, call Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at **630-598-2100**. Lunch will be provided; space is limited. The event is complimentary for all professional church workers.



## Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

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

- October**
- 8** Working Group on the Middle East Meeting – Lutheran Church of Martha And Mary, 606 W. Golf Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, 7:30PM
  - 10** A Hole in the Roof Workshop with Steve Bouman - Celebration! Community Life Center of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 919 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540 (two blocks south of the north campus), 8:30AM  
Exploring and Examining Identity Development: Understanding the Process of Internalization, United Lutheran Church, 409 Greenfield Street, Oak Park, IL 60302, 9AM
  - 13** Discipleship Team Meeting – Synod Office, 6:30PM
  - 14** Deans’ Meeting - Synod Office, 10AM
  - 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due  
Specialized Ministry Gathering - Synod Office, 6:30PM
  - 17** Stewardship Strategy Team Meeting - Synod Office, 9AM
  - 18** Bishop’s Mission Focus Gathering - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195, 2:30PM
  - 19** Parish Administrators Meeting – Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL 60615, 9:30AM  
First Call Colleague Group (Robin Brown) – Synod Office, 12:30PM
  - 20** Retired Rostered Leaders Celebration – The Lutheran Center, 8765 W. Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631, 11AM
  - 22** Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism Workshop (2.5 days) - The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL 60526, 6PM  
Interim Pastors’ Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
  - 24** Bishop’s Mission Focus Gathering - Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60637, 9AM
  - 27** Youth Team Meeting - Synod Office, 1PM

<b>Rostered Leader Vacancies - Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process</b>		
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>	Calvary (Spaulding), Chicago – on hold
Edgebrook, Chicago – on hold	Ascension, Northfield (D)	St. James, Chicago – on hold
Edison Park, Chicago (B)	Ebenezer, Chicago (A)	Zion, (Stony Island), Chicago (A)
Mission of Christ, Chicago (A)	Holy Trinity, Glenview (D)	<b>Southwest</b>
St. James, Chicago (A)	Luther Memorial, Chicago (D)	Trinity, Oak Lawn (B)
<b>Near West</b>	St. Paul, Evanston (B)	Zion, Tinley Park (B)
Lord of Life, Schaumburg (A)	Trinity, Evanston (B)	<b>West</b>
Prince of Peace, Addison (B)	<b>Northwest</b>	Church of the Master, Carol Stream (A)
<b>North</b>	Christ the Lord, Elgin (D)	Grace, Glen Ellyn (B)
Sagrada Corazon, Waukegan (A)	Prince of Peace (Schaumburg) (D)	Hosanna!, St. Charles (*) (B)
Shepherd of the Lakes, Grayslake (B)	Resurrection, Franklin Park (A)	Our Savior, Aurora (A)
Zion, Deerfield (B)	<b>South</b>	



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