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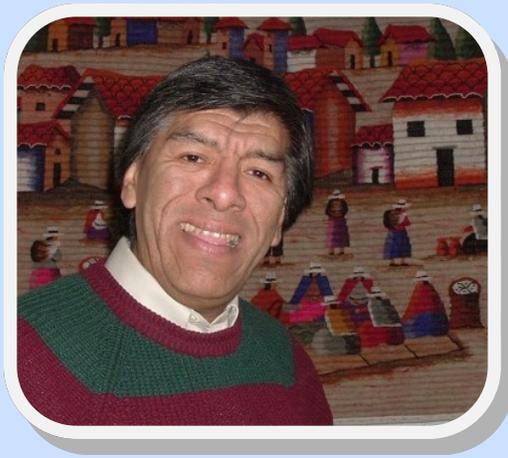
Let Your Light Shine!

LEAD 2018

March 10
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
First Lutheran Church
612 North Randall Avenue
Janesville, WI 53545



Presented By
Lay Leaders, Pastors, & Deacons
of the
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



We Welcome As Our Keynote Speaker, Rev. Ruben Duran, ELCA Director for New Congregations

IDENTITY, MISSION AND EVANGELICAL RESISTANCE: Baptismal Implications for Christian Witness and Congregational Vitality in Today's Changing World

The Rev. Ruben Duran serves as Director for New Congregations in the Domestic Mission unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He is responsible for promoting the development of Synodical mission strategies, local initiatives and emerging models for the multiplication of new communities of faith in the USA and the Caribbean. He currently oversees 404 new mission congregations reaching people in multiple contexts throughout the country.

Who Should Attend?

Leadership Education and Development "LEAD" is a day of worship, inspiring presentations, informative, engaging workshops and displays designed for congregational lay leaders and pastors.

Workshops will offer "best practices" and practical ideas for moving your ministry forward in positive ways.

This year's event will be of particular interest to:

- Congregational Council Members, especially Presidents & Secretaries
- Pastors
- Youth and Family and Young Adult Committees and Leaders
- Worship Leaders
- Sunday School Committees
- People with concerns about social ministry

The Day Includes

- Worship
- Workshops - Something for everyone
- Generous Open Networking Time
- Refreshments and Lunch
- Displays from Lutheran-Affiliated Organizations
- Childcare

Fee: \$25 per person on or before 2/22/2018
\$30 per person after 2/22/2018

Schedule

8:30	Registration
9:00	Worship
9:45	Break and Displays
10:15	Keynote & Q&A
12:00	Lunch and/or Workshop Session 1
1:10	Lunch and/or Workshop Session 2
2:20	Workshop Session 3
3:20	Departure

You will register on-line for LEAD: <https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2018>

On-line Registration Deadline is: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Please send payments to the synod office to be received no later than March 1, 2018

Worship Offering Designated for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Fund for Leaders

Please remember to bring an offering. The offering taken at worship will be used to support the SCSW Synod Endowment Fund, with particular emphasis on Fund for Leaders. We believe leadership matters. We know that to be a church that matters and makes a difference in the world, we need faithful, wise and courageous leaders. The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Fund for Leaders is our opportunity to encourage and support gifted, faithful people to become Pastors and Deacons by helping to ease their financial burden. These are the next generation of leaders for God's church.

Questions? Contact Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Communications and Event Manager at the synod office at 608-270-0201 or via email: vickih@scsw-elca.org

Workshops To Help Us Live Out Our Baptismal Calling!

This complete list of workshops and descriptions will help you to plan your day. What interests you?

Specific times in which workshops are offered can be found on the registration site.

Workshops that have two workshop numbers listed to the left of the title will be offered twice.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

1, 2 - Calling all Council Presidents: How-To's and Resources for Impactful and Effective Leadership - Sue Gaard, Council President, Luther Memorial, (Madison)

This interactive, practical session explores best practices for council presidents—planning and leading effective meetings from start to finish; applying basic Robert's Rules; facilitating a working council; and eliciting trust in the congregation. Leave with a renewed sense of purpose and inspiration for a soulful journey as a servant leader.

3, 4 - Is Your Constitution as Old as the ELCA? - Mary DeYoung, SCSW Synod Secretary

Churches are busy places and the last thing most people think about is updating their constitution. Whether you are in the process of updating your constitution or just beginning to think about it, this session will provide you with practical tips to help you through the process.

5, 6 - Teaching Love & Courage Through Congregational Community - Arden Mahlberg, PhD, co-author of *The Integrity of the Body of Christ: Boundary Keeping as Shared Responsibility*

Love and courage are two key qualities of Christian life we hunger for and God's work depends upon. How are they experienced in your congregational community? We will look at best practices, traditional and new, for helping your congregation in its role as a school of love in your community.

7 - What to Do When Your Contemporary Worship Service Isn't Contemporary Anymore? - Cherie Norquay, Minister of Music and Worship Arts, Faith Lutheran Church, Janesville

What would your worship service look like if it was no longer driven by the pipe organ, the worship leader, or praise team? What if the content of the service was allowed to shine? We will explore ways to blur the lines that divide musical styles and preferences that promote authentic worship.

8 - Helping Congregations Lead Through the Addiction & Mental Health Crisis in Our Communities - Mary Rauwolf

From her experience as a mother of a challenged child, Mary Rauwolf leads a faith-based conversation on how churches can respond to the mental health/addiction crisis in our communities and congregations. No doubt, there are families in our congregations suffering in silence. Your congregation can play a pivotal role by providing encouragement, hope and a redemptive perspective into situations which appear to be unmanageable.

9, 10 - The Power of Testimony - Rev. Matthew Poock, St. John's Lutheran Church (Evansville)

We all have stories to tell of our experiences with God. Some faith traditions call this testimony. What has God done for you? Why are you a Christian? We'll explore these and other questions that prepare you to share with others for a powerful impact.

11,12 - Get Your Feet Wet With Diakonia! Diakonia Team

Get your feet wet at this Diakonia Sampler Session! Dip your toes into the diakonia experience, a lay education program offered by the synod. Get splashed by the "oh wow's," the "aha's," the questions, the discussions, and the discoveries about yourself, your faith, and your church. Devotions, snacks, and laughter included. Who knows, you might just take the plunge!

13 - Moving Beyond Mission Trips - Sarah Iverson, Director of Youth Ministry, Good Shepherd (Madison & Verona) and Masters in Servant Leadership from Viterbo University 2015

The mission trip has long been a staple in the church youth group diet but in our changing global context it may be time to reframe this experience so that it can move our youth beyond "a great and memorable trip" into a deeper call to servant leadership in their daily living.

MISSION

14 - Detectives of Divinity - Rev. Ruben Duran, Director for New Congregations, ELCA

Release your curiosity to discover how Christ goes before us to prepare the way, meets us when we are out and about, and changes us when we least expect it. Find spaces and places for receiving and sharing the Good News. Join us and identify 4 practical ways to be equipped as a "detective of divinity" as you are called and sent forth into your community.

15 - Making Good Mistakes-How Churches Can Become Agile and Innovative in Sharing the Gospel - Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Interim Director for Evangelical Mission

Dwight Zscheile's book, *The Agile Church*, asserts that the work of translating Christian faith and practice into our changing culture requires deep listening to God, to the tradition, and to the neighbors. It will also require patience, creativity and innovation. This workshop will focus on strategies for congregations to build their capacity for innovation and agility.

16 - Climate Change, A Threat To Us And Our Children - Bob Lindmeier, Meteorologist; Rev. Mae Jean Zelle & Rev. Nick Utphall, members of SCSW Care of Creation Team

Your Synod's Care of Creation team will discuss climate change from a scientific and faith-based perspective. We'll look at its impacts, especially locally. You'll learn how to start your own care for creation team, and we'll look at a national solution to climate change that passed as a resolution at Synod Assembly in 2017.

17 - Refugee Resettlement in an Era of Uncertainty and Hostility - SCSW Refugee Resettlement Team

With the current policy set by the government for refugee resettlement, all agencies are struggling with how to operate going forward. What does this do for staffing, finances, and walking with our refugee families as they get settled in a new land? What can we do as people of God to be neighbors and to welcome the stranger in our midst?

Workshops To Help Our Light Shine!

18, 19 - 5G: Growing God's Grace from Generation to Generation - Rev. Holly Slater and Jen Kooistra, Youth & Family

We are God's creations, called "to be." We are called to aim for a higher capacity to be generous. We will explore ways to be brought together for meaningful interaction in order to better respond joyfully to God's abundant generosity. This workshop is an extension of past workshops from the "Generosity Project."

20 - Young Adults (YAGM) in Global Mission and the Global Church - Nate Zimdars, Former YAGM

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Program is just one example of how the church is engaging with our brothers and sisters across the globe. This program calls young adults to be the hands and feet of Jesus in communities of need while serving through a spirit of accompaniment. Come learn more about YAGM and other ministries of the Global Church

21 - Prophecy, Reconciliation or Silence? - Rev. Cindy Crane, Director, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, Lisa Hassenstab, Advocacy & Public Policy, and Rev. Sue Schneider, Pastor Trinity (Madison)

What can we agree on as a church as we try to have a public voice beyond the walls of our congregations? Is exercising a public voice even of value? Is having complete agreement on justice issues important? Let's delve into these questions together with new resources from the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin as well as other resources. Discuss ways we can explore coming together to address pain and suffering in our world and gain tools for how advocacy can accompany your existing social ministries.

22 - After War: They're Not Coming Home to the VA. They're Coming Home - Constance A. Walker, MEd.; CAPT, USN (Ret.); Wisconsin Woman Veteran of the Year

Every day in this country, 20 Veterans take their own lives. How much do you know about our military and the physical and psychiatric injuries facing many war Veterans and their families? These injuries, undiagnosed and untreated, impact entire communities with outcomes that can range from unemployment, domestic violence, and incarceration, to addiction, homelessness, and suicide. What do we need to know? What can we do to help? How can we work together in the Synod, and with Madison VA's Community Veterans Engagement Board?

23 - Hearing on Draft of ELCA Women and Justice Social Statement - Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breifeld, Chair of the Task Force, Social Statement on Women & Justice

Attendees will join in this important opportunity for conversation and discernment regarding this document providing input to the final writing of the social statement. The Task Force is awaiting responses so we are enabled to produce the most inclusive Social Statement on Women and Justice to be considered at the 2019 Assembly. Please become familiar with the draft prior to the workshop so we are able to fully discuss the draft.

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24 - Walking With Our Partner Synod - Rev. Steve Kottke, Assistant to the Bishop, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Staff Liaison to Partner Synods

The Caribbean Synod, one of our two Partner Synods, was hit hard by hurricanes. Come see slides and hear what the situation is now, after months of recovery efforts. Our speakers will have visited Puerto Rico in early February for a first-hand look, as well as had conversation with their bishop and other church leaders about how our offerings make a difference.

25 - Ending Sexual Exploitation, Starting In Your Community - Amy Froiland-Parada, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Advocate for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking is a devastating problem globally, as well as in our own neighborhoods; many don't know much about it or how to help. Come and learn about sex trafficking in the United States and how it affects our communities, faith-based responses to sex trafficking, and ways you and your faith community can get involved in this important issue. *This subject may be triggering for some; please take care of yourself.

26 - Racial Equity--We're Learning and Moving - South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Racial Equity Ministry Team

The Racial Equity Ministry team has been active and moving during this past year. In this workshop we will look at the historical and cultural context in which we live and view the world. Our aim is to increase our awareness of our history so that we can, with an enlarged awareness, move forward in the Biblical imperative to "cease to do evil and learn to do right, pursue justice and champion the oppressed." (Isaiah 1:17).

27 - Confronting The Rules that Keep Us Unhealthy - Dr. Michael C. Rehak, Director, Institute for Congregational Identity

As Lutherans we depend on our RULES; of our liturgy, of traditions, and of "we've never done it that way before." Rules create consistency, address anxiety, and build security. However, there are also eight common rules that can keep the congregation unhealthy. In this workshop you will learn of the eight unhealthy rules, and how to break them and address the resulting ten behavioral characteristics. This will free the congregation from simply existing in a survival mode, moving it to embrace its gifts for mission and service, laying the ground work for faithful growth.

28 - Empowering Members to Become Disciples - Rev. Rolfe Amundsen, Irene Amundsen, John Smedema

How do we move from membership to discipleship? Jesus told us to go and make disciples, but most of the time we wonder and ponder, unsure how to make disciples. Discover how *Christian Ministry of Hope will help you multiply your ministry without adding staff.*

29 - Promoting Mental Health in the Congregation - Dr. Dan Feaster, Executive Director/Psychotherapist with Samaritan Counseling Center

One in four adults have a diagnosable mental illness. This may range from mild to severe issues. This workshop will provide participants with some quick assessment inventories to help identify issues of depression, anxiety, and alcohol and drug problems. What are normal struggles and when is it appropriate to refer someone for professional help.

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