

Series A

- ⇒ Introduction to the New Testament
- ⇒ Christian History
- ⇒ Practical Ministry: Biblical Images
- ⇒ Lutheran Creeds and Confessions
- ⇒ Practical Ministry: Visitation
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Series B

- ⇒ Introduction to the Old Testament
- ⇒ Christian Doctrine
- ⇒ Faith in the North American Context
- ⇒ Practical Ministry to Communicate the Gospel
- ⇒ Christian Worship
- ⇒ Themes & Issues in Christian Ethics



These classes are held using Zoom technology. Students and instructors are connected via distance learning using your computer and internet connection. You never have to leave your home!

Tuition: \$60.00 per course

Books: Actual costs vary from course to course, but average cost is \$25-\$30 per class.

Fees: A non-refundable Registration Fee of \$25 is requested of first-time students. Students who complete all 12 courses of the program and choose to participate in a graduation ceremony will be asked to pay a \$25 fee to cover graduation expenses, including the presentation of a commemorative diakonia[®] cross.

Financial Aid: Financial aid for tuition (not books) is available: congregations are encouraged to help with the cost of the program. It is our goal to turn no one away due to financial need.

To find forms & information

Go to the Synod website at: www.scsw-elca.org, click on Ministries & Partners then Diakonia. Or email: scswdiakonia@gmail.com or call Barb Zimmerman at 608-535-0264 and leave a message.

To register for classes:

Fill out the on-line registration form at least two weeks before the first class. Go to: <https://scsw-elca.org/diakonia/newstudent/>

Questions? Call or text Diakonia Registrar, Linda Wulff at 920-210-2675.

To volunteer to teach:

Fill out the volunteer registration form online: <https://scsw-elca.org/diakonia/instructorform/>

Questions? Call Diakonia Coordinator, Barb Zimmerman at 608-535-0264 and leave a message.



*Equipping the Saints for Diakonia;
Building up the body of Christ.*

~Ephesians 4:12~

*A distance learning program for anyone
desiring to dive deeper into their faith.*



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Is diakonia® right for you?

Ask yourself:

- ⇒ Are you looking for a deeper faith life?
- ⇒ Have you been wondering what God has in mind for you?
- ⇒ Do you want to be better equipped for Christian service?

If you answered, “Yes” to any of these questions, diakonia® may be just what you’re looking for!

About diakonia®

The primary theme and focus of the diakonia® experience is found in this word of Scripture:

“Let the one who would be great among you be your servant (Diakonos).”

The diakonia® program is a process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the ELCA or anyone wishing in good faith to study these teachings. This process occurs in three basic ways:

- ⇒ By thorough grounding in the classic seminary disciplines of practical, systematic, historical and Biblical theology;
- ⇒ By identifying particular skills and aptitudes in ministry and encouraging their use in the local parish;
- ⇒ By providing spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and supportive community of fellow students, mentors, and instructors.

These are the tools diakonia® uses to help equip God’s people for service in parish and neighborhood ministries.

How might you be changed?

The purpose of diakonia®:

To provide participants with the opportunity to:

- ⇒ discover their God-given gifts;
- ⇒ strengthen their faith and their abilities, and
- ⇒ give them a deeper purpose within their own congregations, synods, and the church-wide body of Christ.

Through the diakonia® experience, each student’s relationship to God and understanding of theology is allowed to blossom and bear fruit as a light of Christ in society.

Diakonia = spirit empowered



Classes are engaging and interactive.

Testimonials:

“A powerful experience that I would recommend to anyone!” ~Student

“The students added to my thinking about God. Their questions and reflections are still on my mind.” ~Instructor

“My faith grows daily as I study and think.” ~Student

“It’s amazing how the Holy Spirit works! You are the answer to our prayers.” ~Leaders in a congregation where Diakonia students stepped up during a pastoral vacancy.

How is diakonia® structured?

The diakonia® program consists of 12 different, five week courses. Classes are held via distance learning technology from the convenience of your home with an instructor and other students using your computer and internet connection. Classes meet once a week for three hours.

Students may participate in 1 to 6 courses a year. Upon successful completion of all 12 courses, students are invited to participate in a graduation ceremony.

Courses are taught by pastors and/or lay professionals particularly skilled in that area of instruction or ministry.

Classes combine theological knowledge with practical skills. Assignments and readings aim to be relevant while also developing a solid background on the topic.

All students are encouraged to work at their own level of theological knowledge, academic training, and experience in ministry.

Assignments reflect the understanding that students are already busy in their families, jobs, and parish, typically 3-5 hours of study per week.

All potential students are asked to enroll in the program and pay a one-time registration fee. This will ensure that you are on a list for all diakonia® communications, such as course announcements, schedule changes, etc. However, enrollment does not in any way imply a commitment to complete any or all 12 courses.

Payments can be made via tithe.ly or by sending a check to:

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