

LEAD 2016

Stories from the Heart

A day of Leadership, Education and Development
for Lay and Rostered Leaders
of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA

March 12, 2016

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Hosted by:
First Lutheran Church
612 North Randall Avenue
Janesville, Wisconsin



Presented by Rostered, Lay and Ministry Partner Leaders of the:

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Leadership Education and Development "LEAD" is a day of worship, inspiring presentations and informative, engaging workshops designed for congregational lay leaders and pastors. Workshops will offer practical ideas and insights for moving your ministry forward in positive ways.

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

- Congregational Council Members
- People with a heart for social justice ministries
- Youth and Family and Young Adult Leaders
- Evangelism Team Leaders
- Stewardship Leaders
- Worship and Music Leaders
- Secretaries and Communicators

And anyone who would like to grow their faith or help their congregation be more effective in its ministry is encouraged to attend. You will leave the event inspired and equipped with practical ideas to take back to your settings.

PANEL CONVERSATION - Our panel will lead a discussion of the impact of racism in our society and the church's role in the ongoing struggle for civil rights. Panelists include:



Bishop Mary Froiland

Rev. Mary Froiland was elected Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin on September 28, 2013. She served on the Working Group for Ministry to and with Same Gender Families for the ELCA and is currently the chair of the Roster Committee for the ELCA, and the Region 5 Bishops' representative to the Church Council. She also serves on the Board of Directors at Wartburg Seminary. She most recently served as pastor of Luther Valley Lutheran Church, Beloit, Wisconsin, where she served since 2000. Bishop Froiland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Philosophy from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN in 1979, and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1985.



Rev. Stephen Marsh

Rev. Stephen Marsh serves as Co-Pastor of Lake Edge Lutheran Church (Madison) and is engaged as a community organizer, activist, writer, and speaker. Stephen is originally from the Chicago area and graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science. He went on to graduate from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, with a Masters of Divinity. He also attended Makumira Theological College in Arusha, Tanzania. He has served parishes in Queens, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Brooklyn, New York. He served as an Assistant to the Bishop and later as the Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA, located in Detroit. Rev. Marsh was a lead writer for *Rooted in the Gospel: An African-American Spiritual Experience* and is a published writer for *The Lutheran* magazine. It won't take you long to understand that he has a passion for social justice and a story to tell that comes from the heart for all God's children.



Rev. Joseph Ellwanger

Rev. Joseph Ellwanger marched alongside Martin Luther King Junior, leading 72 members of the Concerned White Citizens of Alabama in a march to the Dallas County courthouse in Selma to demonstrate solidarity with the voting rights demonstrations. Ellwanger is a retired ELCA pastor. He served nine years as pastor of an African American congregation in Birmingham Alabama. Then served at Cross Lutheran in Milwaukee, in the central-city African American community, leading the congregation from 95 percent white in 1967 to 75 percent black by 2001. His deep hope is that his words will feed your faith and stroke the fire of courage for that holy struggle of grasping and articulating and living the Gospel—a struggle that never ends while we are on this earth. He is the author of "Strength for the Struggle: Insights from the Civil Rights Movement."

Stories from the Heart Includes:

- Worship
- Workshops - Something for everyone
- Generous Open Networking Time
- Refreshments and Lunch
- Displays from Lutheran-Affiliated Organizations
- Author! Author! table and books to purchase
- Childcare

Schedule for the day

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| 8:30 | Registration |
| 9:00 | Worship |
| 10:15 | Break |
| 10:45 | Panel Conversation/Keynote |
| 12:00 -1:00 | Lunch and/or Workshop Session 1 |
| 1:10 - 2:10 | Lunch and/or Workshop Session 2 |
| 2:20 - 3:20 | Workshop Session 3 |

Note: Each workshop is offered only once. The time in which each workshop is offered is available on the event registration site. See "Tools to Help You Plan Your Day."

Fee:
 \$25 per person on or before 3/1/2016 \$30 per person after 3/1/2016

WORSHIP OFFERING: This year we will support Refugee Resettlement

Please remember to bring an offering or make an offering on line when you register. The offering will be used to support our Refugee Resettlement Ministry. The Refugee Resettlement program of our South-Central Synod ELCA has been a ministry of welcome for over 500 refugees to the Madison area during the last six years. We work in partnership with L.S.S. and with L.I.R.S. to help refugees begin their new life here. Refugees have come primarily from Bhutan, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Many congregations and individuals of our synod have contributed furniture and boxes of household goods that we gather to furnish apartments for the new arrivals. Money gifts are especially helpful because we are required to provide new mattresses. To see more details of this hospitality ministry visit the synod website: http://www.scsw-elca.org/refugee_task_force.aspx

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Please send payments to the synod office to be received no later than March 10, 2016. Paying in advance helps to speed up the check-in process for everyone at the event. Pay on line or by check. Paying by check: Make payable to SCSW and mail to: ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719

You will register on line. Go to:
<http://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2016>

Stories from the Heart Workshop Descriptions

1 - Continue the Conversation – Racial Equality Dialogue

Often our keynote speakers leave our audience wanting for more. For those who would like to continue the conversation with our panelists, this workshop will afford that opportunity. Come to dig deeper and have your questions answered and ponderings explored. **Bishop Mary Froiland, Rev. Stephen Marsh, Rev. Joseph Ellwanger**

2 - Raising Funds to Achieve Vision

Mission Investment Fund (MIF) Capital Campaign Services is a ministry program and service helping ELCA congregations conduct an effective capital, debt or annual stewardship appeal. Our purpose is to strengthen the ministry work of ELCA congregations by helping them raise funds, renew faith, and reach vision goals. The program is designed to teach Biblical stewardship, clearly communicate the importance of your congregation's vision and project, and inspire generosity. **Paula Kift, Director, MIF Capital Campaign Services**

3 - Hunger, Water, and Climate Change

Let's take a look at how climate change impacts food security, water availability, and people in poverty. What concerns do we have about climate change in the world, the United States and Wisconsin and how are we responding? The synod and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin have formed a new Care for God's Creation Team connected to ELCA World Hunger. **Rev. Nick Uphall, Advent, Madison; Rev. Cindy Crane, Director of Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, both members of Care for God's Creation Team**

4 - Jail, Prison, & Reentry Ministry and Congregation-based Organizing: Opportunities for Congregational Witness and Outreach

Whether your congregation is urban, suburban, or rural, there are real possibilities for various types of jail, prison, and reentry ministry that offer opportunities for spiritual growth in the congregation and for outreach to individuals and families. In congregation-based organizing there are opportunities to help reform the corrections system, so that it is more restorative, and in line with the Gospel vision, and less punitive. It is in a nation like the United States, a nation with the highest rate of incarceration of any nation in the world, that Gospel communities are called to work for real justice and for change. **Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, Retired ELCA Pastor, Advocate and Author**

5 - Digital Discipleship: Taking Social Media to the Next Level

In this workshop we will look at the best practices when it comes to Social Media and the church, discover the best times and places to share your posts, and share tools to develop a Social Media Monthly Calendar to enhance your outreach. **SCSW Social Media Team**

6 - Feeding the Body and the Soul

This year the SCSW will be launching a new ministry to serve others in a creative way...a food truck ministry! At this workshop you will hear how this ministry came in to being, the vision for the ministry, and ways you could partner with it. **SCSW Planning Team Related to Food Truck**

7 - Diakonia Program

Have you been asked to lead a confirmation class, but you don't feel you're qualified? Pastors, are you looking for a place to send these people to help them discover the answers? Do you feel a calling to facilitate Bible study, but you hesitate because you don't think you have the background? Pastors, do you see someone with gifts to share in ministry, who need a little encouragement to build their confidence? Come and explore the diakonia program. This is NOT a step towards going to seminary but a way to boost your confidence. Pastors will be led to imagine how members better equipped from this program can help your congregation. **SCSW Diakonia Team**

8 - Singing Our Stories with the Psalms

The psalms are the sung stories of ancient Israel, yet so many of them speak directly to 21st-century life. What is it like to sing the prayers that Jesus prayed when we are longing for justice, bursting with joy or in deep transition? We'll sing together new songs around the psalms and reflect theologically on how they speak to identity and purpose.

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, Psalmist and curator of PsalmImmersion.com.

9 - Hugs from the Heart

Join a fun workshop celebrating simple gifts – made by you! We'll be talking about hands-on service projects for Global Health Ministries. At this workshop we'll assemble Newborn and Hospice Kits, roll bandages, and more. We'll follow a sea container journey from GHM's Minnesota warehouse to Lutheran partners overseas. And we'll get tips from others who have done these projects in their small groups and congregations. Come hear how you and your congregation can get involved and make a difference in the world with these "Hugs-in-a-Bag!" **GHM Board members D.Pigarelli and S. Carlson; GHM staff, Kim Dickey**

10 - Lutheran Campus Ministry

During your college days when you were on your own for the first time, where did you turn or how did you stay connected to the values you learned at home? For many college youth, that place is the local Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM). Come learn about the three local LCM sites in our synod and how you can support them as they support and care for our youth at UW-Madison, Platteville and Whitewater. **Rev. Michael Short, Pastor at First English Lutheran and LCM at UW Platteville & Rev. Emily Tveite, Campus Pastor at UW Madison**

11 - A New Way to Tell the Story!

There is no doubt that God continually calls us to new ways to share God's grace, but Pastor Kathy J. Jacobson found herself in completely new territory this past year. After attending a "Weekend with Your Novel," seminar in November, 2014, this pastor in rural parish ministry for twelve years found herself writing and publishing her first inspirational fiction book, "NOTED!" —a story from her heart. Come and hear about this incredible journey, how one can feed another's (or one's own) faith with fiction, and perhaps discover your own new way of telling the story of God's love. **Rev. Kathy Jacobson, Pastor of Peace, Bethlehem and Castle Rock Lutheran and Author**

12 - Who Are the People in your Neighborhood?

How do we listen to the story of our congregation's neighborhood? St. John's, Madison, along with the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, launched a Community Ministry Project last fall in order to pay attention to Madison's changing Cap East neighborhood. How could we get to know our neighborhood on its own terms, let go of our assumptions, and start to see who's actually there? We'll ponder how God's mission could intersect with our changing neighborhoods. **Rev. Beth Schultz-Byrnes, St. John/St. Paul Parish, Mazomanie**

13 - The Congregation's Spirituality

Each congregation has a unique personality shaping its spirituality. Congregations function primarily out of one of four *Spiritual Postures*: *Accomplishing, Serving, Harmonizing, or Envisioning*. Its Spiritual Posture provides the framework for every aspect of the congregation's life together. When the congregation experiences leadership honoring its spiritual posture it will increase in vitality and commitment to mission. Participants will complete *The Profiler of Congregation Personality Preferences (PCPP)*® and be introduced to the dynamics of its spiritual posture. **Dr. Michael C. Rehak, Director, Institute for Congregational Identity**

14 - Resources for Leading Healthy Discussion

Whether the discussion is about difficult topics or something one considers less consequential, it will be helpful to learn about resources and basic techniques to further insure healthier outcomes. This workshop reviews resources and techniques, including printed resources, psychological understandings, using biblical material and more. The presenters are the developers of the Nov. 17 workshop, *Leading Healthy Discussions on Difficult Issues*. **Rev. Rolf Amundsen, Dr. Dan Feaster, Dr. Michael C. Rehak**

15 - Tools for Men to Become Bold, Daring Followers of Christ

Convincing men to step out of their comfort zone and be more active in their faith can feel like a constant struggle. LMM representatives will present a toolbox of resources to help. These can either help men take the first step and/or help your congregation become richer in your faith life. **LMM Task Force Members**

16- Getting Worship to Work for God's people--In All Kinds of Places & Interesting Spaces

This joint presentation will share the stories of two unique worship programs within our synod. The first is the "Sisterhood of Saints and Sinners," a worshipping community of women with histories of incarceration. Much like the earliest Christian community, the Sisterhood gathers around a meal to explore God's Word and to reflect upon God's presence in their lives. While the liturgy remains consistent each week, the Word is not predetermined. The second is "Second Story Sunday" a small rural congregation's once-a-month family oriented worship that is "member owned and operated" in concert with their Pastor. Both pastors will share a brief explanation of how their programs came about and how they work. Open discussion will follow. Come with your own congregation's unique challenges in mind and leave reflecting on how God's Spirit may be already telling you that you have the means to creatively solve many of your own worship challenges. **Chaplain Christa Fisher, Madison Area Lutheran Council and Rev. Rich McCleer, Pastor, Hope Lutheran-Mineral Point**

17 - Ministry Site Reviews and Congregational Vitality

Are you looking for ways to focus your ministry and evaluate what you are doing? Ministry Site Reviews is one of the ministries offered by Director for Evangelical Mission, Rev. Erik Jelinek, for congregations in the synod. In this workshop you will learn what takes place during a review, and how it can be used to enhance your ministry as a whole. **Rev. Erik Jelinek, Director for Evangelical Mission, ELCA**

18- Living Stones: Stories from the Holy Land

The Holy Land is a special and conflicted place. It is where the faith stories of Christians, Jews, and Muslims intersect. However, beyond the ancient and sacred sites, the contemporary stories of those living in the Holy Land are, in many ways, the most compelling. In this workshop you will learn about the troubled context of Israel and Palestine and hear stories of hope that are arising from those who seek to be living stones, including Lutheran Christians. These "living stones" are people who envision and invest in a future of peace and justice instead of conflict. Pastor Blake Rohrer has travelled to the Holy Land three times, including most recently leading a group from his congregation in November, 2015. He will also share insights about travelling to the Holy Land as a pilgrim instead of a tourist - experiencing a more complete story of what the land is all about. **Rev. Blake Rohrer, Pastor of Midvale Community Lutheran, Madison**

19 - Leading Confirmation through Story

My first few years teaching confirmation felt like an act of futility, but then we discovered the power of story! Come and see how First Lutheran Church uses Echo the Story by Mark Novelli, Sparkhouse resources (re:form and Ancestors), and personal stories to engage young minds and hearts in conversation, discovery, and deeper faith. **Renee Engen, Middle School Chaos Coordinator, First Lutheran, Janesville**

20 - Telling the Story through Rotational Sunday School

Whether you have 5 or 50 Sunday School students – a rotational model can work for you! Come and learn about rotational Sunday School and how it is essential to First Lutheran Church's ministry. Learn about the struggles and successes you may encounter when changing your Sunday morning Christian educational program. **Laurie Sheldon, Christian Education Director, First Lutheran Church, Janesville**

21- Back to our Roots: Becoming Human Again

Lisa and Tim Hansen have been a part of Refugee Resettlement in Madison for nearly 6 years. Come and learn about a congregation's involvement in resettlement and the surprising life that it has given for a family in particular. Learn how you, too, can become human again. **SCSW Refugee Team Members, Rev. Tim and Lisa Hansen**

22 - Wondering about the Church

Come wonder about the church, and open yourself to transforming how we view the church in this interactive workshop! We will investigate how one's life experiences influence our view of God, the church, and our relationships with our neighbors. Come discover how to expand our worldview by listening to our neighbors. **Summer Markham, Practice Discipleship Coach (Written by Peggy Hahn, Director for Living Everyday as Disciples)**

23- Rediscover Macedonia – Part 2

This workshop is Part 2 and is only for attendees that participated in Part 1 at the Grace of Giving Stewardship Event. Rediscovering Macedonia is a resource provided by the ELCA to promote a holistic way of living into stewardship. This second workshop focuses on one-on-one conversations, making a "relational ask" and new ways of expressing gratitude and generosity using current technology. **Neil Bullock, Macedonia Coordinator, ELCA**

24 - Biblical Storytelling

Join others in this engaging workshop where you will learn the basics of biblical storytelling. Participants will learn helpful strategies for learning and faithfully telling biblical stories in their ministry settings. Our focus story (which participants will learn) is that of the apostles' testimony before the council (**Acts 5:27-32**), assigned for the second Sunday in Easter, April 3. The discipline of biblical storytelling helps us connect more deeply to these ancient stories of our faith, and to communicate them more powerfully to our audiences. Learning and telling the sacred narrative of God's redeeming work in creation is becoming more important (and more effective) as our culture moves further into the digital and social media age, where oral communication, short stories, and sound bytes carry so much power in shaping communities. Come and help us tell a better story! **Rev. Peder Johanson, Pastor and Biblical Storyteller, Bethlehem, Broadhead**

25- God's Story and Ours: Prayer Practices and the Journey of Discovery

Through prayer we develop a deeper relationship with God. How can prayer practices help us discover more of our own story? Have we ever approached prayer this way? This workshop will explore prayer practices including lectio divina, examen, the Jesus Prayer, healing prayer, and continual prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in one of the practices and share their experiences. **Judy Nolde, Chaplain, Triangle Community Ministry, Madison, Nancy Raabe, Associate in Ministry, Luther Memorial Church, Madison, and Karla Brekke, Interim Pastor, Cookeville Lutheran Church**

26- Walk in the Footsteps of Luther!

Would you like to experience the Reformation Celebration in Germany? Learn tips on how to plan a congregational trip to Germany in 2016/2017. Your leader has planned several congregational trips and will share a plethora of resources. You will also receive resources for ways to engage your congregation in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. **Jason Poole, Youth Minister, Faith in Janesville and currently a seminarian at Wartburg Seminary**

27- Mindfulness for Lutherans

Mindfulness is hot! It's being done in schools, in businesses, and in the military. It's touted as promoting peak performance as well as inner peace. But what is mindfulness exactly? Is it another pop fad? Or does it offer something lasting? Come get a taste of it for yourself with a pastor who has taught mindfulness in prisons and hospices and practices it on his own. **Rev. Chris Lee-Thompson, Pastor, Hope Lutheran, McFarland**

28- Re-Imagining 'Sunday School': How One Church's Efforts Have Revitalized the Entire Congregation

Sunday school is struggling in churches everywhere and 9 years ago, we had a total of 8 children. Today weekly attendance is over 100 and our congregation has come 'back to life.' Here are just a few of the key pieces to our story: Understanding today's young families, welcoming non-church goers, making it easy for volunteers and focusing on whole family and whole life faith formation. **Pastor Rob Nelson, Jane Mount and Auna Nelson, New Heights, Black Earth**

Thank you to **First Lutheran Church in Janesville**, its staff and members for serving as hosts for this event and to **Lutherdale Bible Camp** for their generous support of this event through the provision of breakfast.

Questions? Contact Vicki Hanrahan, Event Planner, at the synod office at 608-270-0201 or email vickih@scsw-elca.org