

About the Offering

The Convocation offering this year is being designated for a relatively new fund in the synod, The Bishop's Discretionary Fund for the Support of Rostered Leaders.

Every so often one of our rostered leaders finds him or herself in need of a little extra financial support due to a personal difficulty. Maybe a parent has fallen ill and an unexpected trip, with the accompanying unanticipated costs, suddenly becomes necessary. Maybe a congregation has been going through an extended time of turmoil and a pastor just needs to get away for a few days with her/his spouse. We can all think of times in ministry where a little financial assistance would have gone a long way in easing stress and boosting morale. This fund is intended to do just that.

Registration

To Register On Line:

Go to <http://bit.ly/BishopsConvocation2016> and click on the link to register for the conference. You will be able to pay by credit card or by check.

Please contact the synod office if you have any questions at 608-270-0201.

Timeline: Early Bird Fee: Register by September 21 to save \$25. September 21 is also the deadline if you need a room. After Sept. 21, we cannot guarantee rooms. All registrations and payments are due to the synod office by October 7.

Rates: Full conference rate includes all meals (5 meals), lodging, and program. A commuter rate is offered; however, we encourage you to be present for the entire event.

Fees if paid prior to September 21

Rostered Leader Full Conference - Single Room . . .	\$470
Rostered Leader Full Conference - Shared Room . . .	\$415
Spouse/Partner All Sessions All Meals	\$240
Spouse/Partner All Sessions No Meals Complimentary . . .	\$ - -
Commuter Registration All Sessions All Meals*	\$240

*all meals and sessions, no lodging

Fees if paid after September 21 - Above rate plus \$25 per registrant.

Optional Items:

Sunday/Monday Dinner for Spouses/Partners . . each	\$ 35
Golf Outing each	\$ 45
Lake Geneva School of Cooking Fee each	\$ 50
Canopy Tours Ziplining! each	\$ 65
NEW! Cork & Canvas each	\$ 50

STEWARDSHIP: BACK TO THE BASICS

*Living in grateful response to
God's generosity*

Fall 2016 Bishop's Convocation

Theological Conference
for Rostered Leaders
and Spouses/Partners

October 16-18, 2016
Lake Lawn Resort - Delavan, WI



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

About Our Time Together

Message from Bishop Mary

Once again, I am excited to invite you to this year's fall theological conference. It is always good to gather together to learn and play, renew and relax, and this year's Bishop's Convocation promises to offer plenty of opportunities for that. We will be challenged with fresh ideas for sharing God's Story by our keynoter Dr. Andrew Root. We will have time for personal relaxation and recreation through a variety of activities in the area. We will come together as people of faith in worship and fellowship. Special thanks to Pastor Elisa Brandt and the people of Luther Memorial, Delavan for hosting our worship and to all those who have worked to put together another great event for all of us to enjoy!

Message from Chick Lane

Effective stewardship ministry in a congregation helps people connect faith and finances in their daily lives and encourages generous living in response to the incredible generosity of God. During our time together, I will ground congregational stewardship biblically, explore obstacles often encountered in stewardship ministry, suggest practical ways to improve stewardship ministry in your congregation, and explore the unique and vital place of rostered leaders as steward leaders.

I look forward to spending this time with you.

Past Attendees Said . .

- “This event helps me to slow down. It helps me to remember why I need to connect with colleagues. It also has been an event that my wife and I look forward to each year as good break from our routines to spend some quality time together.”
- “I wish I could rate the speaker higher than a 5! He was inspirational and challenged us to stretch our perceived perceptions about the way we have interpreted the scriptures [surrounding this topic] in the past.”
- “As a new pastor in this synod, it was very helpful to meet and connect with all the pastors in this synod.”
- “Being together away from church.”
- “I really enjoyed meeting with other synod pastors and synod staff in the leisurely setting.”
- “It was deeply meaningful. It nurtured my spirituality.”
- “Arden Mahlberg - definitely continue this option for attendees!”

You will register on line for this event.

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Event Schedule

Sunday, October 16

4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration and Check-in at Lake Lawn Lodge
 6:00 Dinner
 7:30 Dessert and music under the stars - meet at the fire pit on the property by the lakeshore

Monday, October 17

7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast
 8:30 Morning Prayer and Welcome
 9:00 Session 1 – Chick Lane
 12:30 Lunch (Golfers take box lunch)
 12:45 Golf Outing
 1:00 Rest & Renewal - See Optional Activities
 6:00 Dinner
 7:15 - 8:30 Worship at Luther Memorial - Delavan
 8:30 Fellowship Time

Throughout the day Monday: ASSIST - Arden Mahlberg counseling
 Times: 10:45 - and 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
 (Individual 30 min. appointments at no cost)

Tuesday, October 18

7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast and Connecting
 8:30 Morning Prayer
 Session 2 – Chick Lane
 Break
 10:00 Tying it All Together and Moving Forward
 10:15 Bishop Mary
 11:00 Closing Benediction
 Lunch on your own

Directions

Lake Lawn Resort
 2400 East Geneva Street
 Delavan, WI 53115

May we recommend Mapquest:
www.mapquest.com

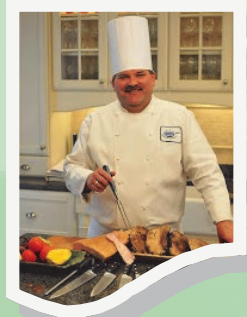
For more information call the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin office at 608-270-0201.

Optional Activities

Monday Afternoon - Optional Activities for Rest and Renewal

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Lake Geneva School of Cooking. Join in for a fun afternoon at this popular Lake Geneva destination and cooking class led by renowned Chef, John Bogan. You will learn to make several culinary specialties that will delight your friends at your table! While cooking, you will enjoy wine pairings and a special appetizer. At the end of the two hour class, you will join each other at a banquet of the creations you have prepared together. This activity replaces lunch at the hotel. A completely new and delicious menu has been planned by Chef John to dazzle returning chefs! The cost of lunch in your registration is used to offset the \$95 fee for this activity. Your cost is \$50.



Also Back By Popular Request! Ziplining! Is Adventure Calling You?

Rated #1 attraction in Lake Geneva! You will have an unforgettable time up in the trees on this two-hour guided eco-tour on 100 acres as you experience 8 zip lines, five skybridges, 18 platforms and four spiral stairways and finish off with a dual racing zip! Super safe and pre-tested by Bishop! If your shoulders and knees are in good working order, you will have an absolute blast! There is an extra \$65 fee for this activity and a waiver form needs to be signed. (\$34 savings from regular rates!)

Optional Activities

NEW THIS YEAR! CORK & CANVAS!

A fun, new trend has been popping up all over – have you noticed? “Cork & Canvas” classes are a fun way to paint your own canvas/artwork. Class includes a glass of wine (hence the cork), paint supplies and canvas, plus a professional art instructor. The classes are laid back, and no experience is necessary. At the end of your session, you’ll have a beautiful new piece of art to hang, plus some awesome art skills. Your cost is \$50.



- Individual Appointments with Arden Mahlberg, PhD, Psychologist from the Synod ASSIST Program. Thirty minute consultations are at no cost for both rostered leaders and spouses. Appointments can be made when you arrive at the Grand Geneva at the registration area.
- Lawn Lawn Lodge Spa - Offers a soothing atmosphere and array of wellness services. Extra fees apply.
- Delavan Lakeshore Path – Enjoy beautiful fall colors and views of the lake. There is a 2.5 mile path that starts on the grounds of the lodge.
- Golf Outing – Golf on the award-winning 18 hole golf course. Cost of \$45 includes greens fees and cart with a shot gun start.
- Fishing - Fish on your own or try the Lake Geneva Fishing Guide Service www.lakegenevafishing.com
- Big Foot Beach is a 147 acre state park of Wisconsin and is great for fishing and hiking.
- Duck Lake Natural Area known for its excellent bird watching.
- Downtown Lake Geneva – quaint specialty shops, art, antiques, and restaurants.

Speaker

REV. CHARLES LANE

Rev. Chick Lane has served three congregations and currently serves as Pastor for Stewardship and Generosity at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove. We are excited to have a speaker who is currently serving in a congregation and we know you will be also!



Rev. Lane has also served as an Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Director for Stewardship Key Leader in the ELCA, and Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He is the author of *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation*, and co-author of *Embracing Stewardship: How to put stewardship at the heart of your congregation's life*. He has also written two annual stewardship response methods: *Walk with Jesus* and *Because of God's Great Mercy*, and numerous articles on stewardship. He lives in Maple Grove, Minnesota with his wife, Chris.