25th Annual Festival of Homiletics

May 15-19 | San Antonio

Preaching on the Borders

Speakers include:
Rob Bell*
Anthony Bailey
Nadia Bolz-Weber
Amy Butler*
Anna Carter Florence

Claudio Carvalhaes
Samuel Cruz
Yvette Flunder
Karoline Lewis
David Lose

Brian McLaren
Otis Moss III
Luke Powery
Walter Brueggemann

*New voice for 2017

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General KAIROS Information

Is KAIROS for me?
Clergy and church leaders of all denominations are welcome at KAIROS events.

Tuition and Registration
Registration is required for all KAIROS attendees. Payment in full must accompany each registration. Tuition varies for each course; check course listing. To register, visit www.luthersem.edu/kairos or complete the form on page 38.

Cancellations and Refunds
The cost of registration includes a $50 non-refundable fee or a $20 fee for courses costing less than $50. A cancellation less than two weeks prior to an event results in a cancellation fee of $100. No refunds will be granted unless the KAIROS office is notified by the first day of class.

Event Cancellation
Please register as early as possible. Occasionally, it is necessary to cancel an event due to low registration. In case of a cancellation, registrants will be notified at least two weeks prior to the event. All tuition paid will be refunded. Luther Seminary is not responsible for travel expenses paid in the event of a course cancellation. If you register less than two weeks in advance, please call the KAIROS office at 651-641-3416 to check the status of the course.

Half-Course Graduate Credit
All KAIROS courses marked with an asterisk (*) have potential for graduate credit as an independent study course for degree programs by those who already have been admitted to a degree program.

To register for KAIROS classes for academic credit:
1. Register with the KAIROS Office. Indicate you are taking the class for academic credit.
2. Register with the Registrar’s Office for an Independent Study Course.
3. Pay the tuition fee for a half-credit course at the Business Office.
4. Contact the graduate credit adviser to arrange for graduate credit assignments. The graduate credit adviser is listed with the class information. Once a student registers for academic credit, no drops will be accepted without a financial penalty.

KAIROS Schedule
A detailed schedule will be sent to each participant two weeks before the course begins.

Hotels and Meals
For information on local hotels, meals and campus facilities, visit www.luthersem.edu/kairos and select the link for housing and meals.

Study Leave

Study Leave is a weeklong opportunity for you to engage in self-directed study, renewal and worship life at Luther Seminary. The program is flexible. Attend some classes that look interesting, engage with a seminary professor on a topic of interest, participate in worship and seminary life and make use of the rich resources of the library. Let us know the topic of interest and we’ll connect you with possible courses, faculty and library resources to make your week productive. Or if you’d like to come explore, that’s fine too. The cost of Study Leave is $250. We can also help arrange meals and housing as needed. For information, call 651-641-3416.
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**Prepare/Enrich Workshop**

*Jan. 7*

This workshop is designed to help public Christian leaders learn to administer PREPARE/ENRICH for premarital and married couples. PREPARE/ENRICH is a customized online assessment tool that identifies each couple’s unique strength and growth areas. The workshop results in your certification as a trained facilitator for PREPARE/ENRICH using the customized computer tools to provide feedback sessions and help premarital and married couples discuss and understand their results while you teach them proven relationship skills. Learn more about PREPARE/ENRICH history and research at www.prepare-enrich.com.

**What you will gain:**
Certification! You’ll be certified as a trained facilitator for PREPARE/ENRICH.

Investment! Why invest in marriages? Pastoral care and counseling around relationships affects individual lives and family life and reaches into communities and other systems.

Knowledge and skills! Gain skills you will need in ministry as you conduct weddings. Your theological thoughts about marriage will shape your strategies connected to working with couples.

*Note: This is not a seminar for couples. It is a train-the-trainer seminar for leaders who do pre-marriage or marriage counseling.*

**Instructor:**
Nancy Lee Gauche, Seminar Director for PREPARE/ENRICH; Program Associate, Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Luther Seminary

**Tuition:** $200 (includes box lunch)

**Course hours:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Contact hours:** 6

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**Genesis to Revelation**

*Jan. 9-13*

This J-Term course for current Luther Seminary students follows the sweep of the biblical story, from the dawn of creation to the New Jerusalem. Now it is open to pastors and lay leaders as continuing education. Narrative portions of the Bible give the course its basic structure, with major poetic and prophetic texts, New Testament epistles and apocalyptic writings woven in along the way. Students encounter key parts of virtually every biblical book from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation. The class is designed so that participants experience the Scriptures, as words on the page are transformed into sight and sound through readings, music, drama and photographs. During the course, participants will generate ideas for teaching the biblical story in creative ways.

**Instructor:**
Craig Koester, Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Chair of New Testament and Academic Dean, Luther Seminary

**Tuition:** $375

**Course hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Contact hours:** 27
SHE: Teaching, Preaching and Living the Five Keys

Jan. 30-31

This conference will introduce participants to the book, “SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry” as a critical resource for engaging conversation around leadership in the church. Specific focus will be on a workbook to be published in January that serves as an accompaniment to the book. Including a facilitator guide and a participant guide, the workbook serves to help “teach” the five keys. Participants will gain specific instruction on and training in the contents of the workbook so as to host learning conversations about how women in ministry make a difference in our understanding of leadership in the church.

Instructor:
Karoline M. Lewis, Marbury E. Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary

Tuition: $180 (includes lunch both days, copies of “SHE” and workbook)

Course hours:
- Monday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact hours: 11

Mid-Winter Convocation—
Translating the Reformation: Table Talks Today

Feb. 1-3

Martin Luther spent time with students conversing about God’s living presence in the midst of the struggles of daily life. The theology that emerged changed the political and religious landscape across Europe. Today, people also face political and religious uncertainty; does our Lutheran heritage have something to offer?

We’ve paired Luther faculty with parish pastors to engage some of the issues our congregations are struggling with today—identity, divisiveness, technology and community.

Topics and Speakers:

Why Christian? And Why Lutheran?
- Lois Malcolm, Professor of Systematic Theology, Luther Seminary
- Scott Richards, Pastor, two-point parish, Gaylord, Minn.

When God’s Promises Meet People: Conflict in the Church
- Matthew Skinner, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary
- Hollie Holt-Woehl, Intentional Interim Pastor, the Minneapolis Synod

Now You See It: Table Talk in the Digital Age
- Mary Hess, Professor of Educational Leadership, Luther Seminary
- Keith Anderson, Pastor, Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, Ambler, Pa. and author

Confusion, Distancing or Fusing: Table Talk to Form Christian Communities Today
- Patrick Keifert, Professor and Olin S. and Amanda Fjelstad Reigstad Chair of Systematic Theology, Luther Seminary
- Greg Van Dunk, Pastor, Atonement Lutheran Church, Muskego, Wis.

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Webcast Pre-recorded: Narrative Lectionary Study for Holy Week, Easter and Sundays through June 4
Feb. 7
The Narrative Lectionary Study is designed to provide theological insight and preaching. The session is archived and available throughout the preaching period covered.

**Instructor:**
Sarah Henrich, Professor Emeritus of New Testament, Luther Seminary

**Tuition:** $45

**Contact hours:** 3

To participate in the course you will need a high-speed Internet connection. Instructions on how to access the course will be emailed to participants on the course date.

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TheoProbe: Reformation and Relationship: Godly Matters for Today’s Church
Feb. 12-17 | Winter Park Ski Resort, Colorado

TheoProbe is an annual 5-day continuing education event and retreat for clergy and/or lay leaders focused on learning, worship, fellowship and recreation in the winter beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Beginning Sunday evening, attendees experience daily lectures from esteemed professors, worship, preaching, and fellowship with ample time set aside for recreation such as downhill or cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snow-shoeing, hiking, or study and rest in the beauty of a mountain resort.

**Instructors:**
Terence Fretheim, Professor Emeritus Elva B. Lovell Prof. of Old Testament, Luther Seminary
Timothy Wengert, Emeritus Ministerium of Pennsylvania Professor of Reformation History and the Luther Confessions, Lutheran Theological Seminary

For more information and to register, visit www.theoprobe.com.

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School for Lay Ministry

March 6-7
Luther Seminary’s School for Lay Ministry is open to all people interested in training to more fully serve in a variety of ministry roles in their congregations. Many ELCA synods provide lay schools of ministry that offer certification after training to lay people. The courses below were designed in partnership with the synods of the ELCA of Northeastern, Northwestern and Southwestern Minnesota; and Eastern and Western North Dakota to fulfill some of the requirements for these synods.

Topics:

Learning to Pray with Martin Luther
Martin Luther changed both the theology and practice of prayer in the sixteenth century. This course will examine Luther’s teaching on prayer, examining a broad range of writings and thinking about their implications for today.

Developing Intercultural Competence: The Impact of Lay Leaders in the Church
Building “Beloved Community” among persons who are culturally and racially different continues to be challenging in church. This set of class sessions will examine how developing intercultural competence utilizing a prescriptive set of tools can yield effective outcomes that support lay ministries in an ever changing church community.

Instructors:
Steve Bonesho, Pastor, Living Joy Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, Minn.
Mary Jane Haemig, Professor of Church History, Director of the Reformation Research Program, Luther Seminary
Richard Webb, Director of Multicultural Enrollment Management, Luther Seminary

Tuition: $70

Course hours:
• Monday, 12:30-5:45 p.m.
• Tuesday, 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Contact hours: 10

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ELCA Coach Launch

March 23-24

Coaching is an essential leadership skill today. In this two-day training, begin learning and practicing the skills to come alongside others, ask powerful questions and help others chart a path for growth and development.

Led by credentialed coaches, each Coach Launch event allows you to experience coaching first-hand as you begin developing your skills. The two-day face-to-face training, followed by four phone conferences and a written portfolio, provide you with 20 hours of coach specific training and give you a solid foundation to begin using coaching skills in your context. ELCA Coach Launch is offered in partnership with CoachNet Global.

*A third-day option will provide you with additional orientation to participate in an ongoing coaching lab as you continue to develop your coaching skills in a particular area of ministry. *Additional cost for this option.

To learn more about coaching, contact the ELCA Coaching Coordinator, Amy.Walter-Peterson@elca.org. To register visit: https://community.elca.org/coach-launch-Luther-Seminary-March-2017

**Instructors:** ELCA Credentialed Coaches

**Tuition:** $275 (includes breakfast and lunch each day)

Maximum enrollment: 30

**Registration Deadline:** March 13

**Course hours:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Contact hours:** 15
Kaleidoscope Institute Catalyst Summit Train the Trainer Event

April 5-7

Our communities are continually changing; incorporating racial and cultural diversity is essential for our futures. As leaders who have been called to lead efforts of diversity and inclusion, this is a professional learning summit designed for you.

The Kaleidoscope Institute Catalyst Summit follows a “grow your own” philosophy to be the Christian Public Leaders we seek. This summit will focus intentionally upon the full spectrum of Kaleidoscope work. Rev. Eric Law and associates will provide intensive training, evaluation and focus on different areas that demonstrate promising practices that support the development of competent leadership in a diverse, changing world.

During the three days of training participants will explore, demonstrate and critique Kaleidoscope methodology and practices to assist with building racially and culturally inclusive communities in our current times.

Some topics that will be explored:

- What is culture and why are there cultural differences?
- Cultural differences and their impacts on our leadership
- Theological reflection on multicultural leadership
- Skills, models and process for building inclusive community
- Developing a spirituality for leadership in a diverse changing community and world
- Lived social realities in contemporary context (Black Lives Matter, Flint Water Crisis, Dakota Access Pipeline, etc.)

Prerequisites for this summit are:
1. Previous attendance of Kaleidoscope Institute
2. Familiarity with the works of Eric Law

This is a train the trainer program; others are welcome to participate.

Instructors:
Eric Law and Lucky Lynch, Kaleidoscope Associates

Tuition: $500 (This includes program, materials and lunch). Parking on campus is free. Limited basic guest housing is available on campus.

(Please note: Kaleidoscope organizers are dedicated to training leaders in these materials. If financial hardship would keep you from attending, a limited number of $150 scholarships are available by calling the Center for Lifelong Learning Office 651-641-3416.)

Course hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Contact hours: 21

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Awakening the Sage Within

April 19

Today, most people approaching elderhood can expect to live another 20 or 30 years. But how do you want to live those years? Sage-ing (also known as Spiritual Eldering or Conscious Aging) is a model for engaging the elder years more deliberately, more joyfully and more compassionately. Sage-ing can help us to develop a balanced plan for eldering that is personally fulfilling and also beneficial to others.

During this highly interactive workshop, we will introduce Sage-ing concepts including life review, forgiveness work and issues surrounding mortality. We will explore images of aging and the role of spiritual development in the capstone chapter of life. Finally, we will begin development of a personalized plan for our own eldering, including service to others and leaving a legacy. Besides being an excellent introduction to Sage-ing concepts, this daylong program serves as a prerequisite for the Certified Sage-ing Leader (CSL) training program.

This class is for congregational leaders, parish caregivers and others who are interested in bringing out the gifts of our elder generations. Our materials are not specific to any religious denomination, but serve to enhance spiritual maturity for persons who embrace any humanistic practice or faith and are based on the best-selling book: “From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older” by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.

Instructors:
Mary Porter, Certified Sage-ing Leader and ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. Her 73 years of life experience include vocations as English teacher, social worker, minister and chaplain to older adults.

Tuition: $125
Course hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Contact hours: 6.5
Building Community in the Digital Age
April 21

500 years ago, Gutenberg’s moveable type revolutionized how we communicate and made possible the spread of Martin Luther’s reformation ideas. Once again we find ourselves in the middle of a communications revolution—the ways that we talk to each other, share information and build communities, are changing rapidly. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and all the rest of our social media have made it possible for ideas to travel around the world in record time. Adapting to this changing landscape is both a challenge and an opportunity for leaders in ministry. How can we use online tools to help people develop meaningful and lasting connections and relationships? How can we help the voice of faith to rise above the all noise?

Participants will consider how new and old tools can work together to help us build community in our congregations and beyond. We will look at the changing media landscape of our culture, get hands-on experience with some of the most popular tools, and walk away with concrete tips and strategies to make the most of the opportunities they present to us.

For the last six years, David Hansen has been helping congregations and church leaders use new tools to share the old story of Jesus and to build community. He has helped individuals and organizations better understand their mission and share it with the world. His work has been featured in Living Lutheran, PLGRM Magazine and other publications.

Instructor:
David Hansen is a pastor serving at Spirit of Joy! Lutheran Church in Houston. He is also the Director of Communication and Innovation for LEAD (waytolead.org). Connect with David on twitter (@rev_david) or facebook (fb.com/revdavidh).

Tuition: $75 (lunch not included)
Course hours: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Contact hours: 5.5
Most Urgent Texts for Our Times

April 24-26

Our communities face a remarkable array of challenges and crises—political, social and especially theological. In keeping with Luther Seminary’s commitment to engaging both the word and the world, this year’s Signature Bible Course will focus on texts that the Bible faculty consider to be the most urgent for this hour in the church’s life. Special attention will be paid to the use of these texts in Christian ministry, especially for purposes of teaching and preaching.

Consider attending the Faith and Creation lecture by Ellen Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Professor of Bible and Practical Theology, Duke Divinity School. The lecture is on Tuesday evening, April 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of the Incarnation.

**Instructors:**

David Fredrickson, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary  
Cameron Howard, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary  
Rolf Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament and The Alvin N. Rognness Chair in Scripture, Theology and Ministry, Luther Seminary  
Craig Koester, Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Chair of New Testament and Academic Dean, Luther Seminary  
Kathryn Schifferdecker, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Bible Division Chair, Luther Seminary  
Mark Throntveit, Professor and Elva B. Lovell Chair of Old Testament, Luther Seminary

**Tuition:** $250  

**Course hours:**  
- Monday, 1-5:30 p.m.  
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.  
- Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Contact hours:** 16

Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge

April 28

Join Timothy Wengert, author and editor of many works on the Reformation, as he speaks at the Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge. The Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge encourages one student from every ELCA seminary to create a parish education project designed to promote biblical literacy. This year’s challenge has a Reformation focus, as students explore a distinctly Lutheran approach to biblical interpretation. The day will include a chapel sermon and a keynote address by Wengert, as well as presentations by four seminary students on their parish education projects, with responses to the projects by Wengert and other scholars.

*The event is free and open to area clergy and interested lay people.*

**Course hours:** 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Leadership Essentials

May 1-3

Rev. Frank Thomas has written: “Leadership is the spiritual process of discerning what one believes (Clarity), acting on that belief in the public arena (Decisiveness), and standing behind that action despite the varied responses of the people (Courage).”

Systems thinking reminds us that when one of its parts changes, the whole of the organism is affected. Congregations are organisms that have grown into organizations. Change is a natural result. Organizations (congregations) manifest structure, purpose, stories, sub-systems, pattern replication and a place among multiple contexts. These systems components require skilled management competencies so that leadership can be exercised.

This seminar, designed for 21st century congregational leaders, explores the pathways to adaptive leadership where technical fixes do not apply. Self-awareness on the part of leadership team members is defined and examined as essential to authentic leadership. Shared vision, personal mastery, mental models and team-learning are examined as essential to effective congregational leadership.

Instructors:
Paul N. Svingen, ELCA interim consultant and educator, served as intentional interim pastor in the Minneapolis Area Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA. He has more than 20 years of experience as a trainer of interim pastors.
Tim Drom, ELCA pastor, served as intentional interim pastor in the Pacifica Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA.
Susan Baldwin, Licensed Insights Practitioner; President, PineStone Pathways LLC

Tuition: $250

Course hours:
• Monday, 1-5 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon, 2-5 p.m.
• Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon

Contact hours: 15
The Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising

May 1-4

The Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF), a four-day intensive program with a practical application project, provides the research, tools and customized training to meet the growing needs of leaders in religious communities and fundraisers of faith-based organizations. The focus of the ECRF is on the cultural, organizational and philanthropic practices unique to religious institutions that in turn enable donors motivated by spiritual and religious values to experience the joy of generous giving.

This program is designed for religious leaders in faith-based organizations and institutions who wish to learn more about the spirituality of fundraising and gain a core foundation in fundraising principles. The program is open and specifically tailored to all faith traditions.

Typical attendees include:

- Clergy
- Laity
- Judicatory executives
- Development leaders and professionals at faith-based organizations

Instructors:

Faculty of the Lake Institute

Adam Copeland, Director of Stewardship Leadership, Luther Seminary

Tuition:

- Early Bird Rate (before March 1): $1,250
- Standard Rate (March 1 and after): $1,500
- Breakfast and lunch included

Maximum enrollment: 25

Course hours:

- Monday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tuesday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact hours: 28

For more detailed information, visit www.luthersem.edu/kairos or call 651-641-3416.
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

May 4-5

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is for everyone 16 or older—regardless of prior experience—who wants to be able to provide suicide first aid. Shown by major studies to significantly reduce suicidality, the ASIST model teaches effective intervention skills while helping to build suicide prevention networks in the community.

Developed in 1983 and regularly updated to reflect improvements in knowledge and practice, ASIST is the world’s leading suicide intervention workshop. During this two-day interactive session, participants learn to intervene and help prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

Workshop features:

- Presentations and guidance from LivingWorks registered trainers
- A scientifically proven intervention model
- Powerful audiovisual learning aids
- Group discussions
- Skills practice and development
- A balance of challenge and safety

Instructors:
Registered ASIST Trainers

Tuition: $90
Course hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Contact hours: 14
Speaking the Word Freely

May 9-11

Have you ever tried to move away from reading your sermons? Over the years you have honed your writing skills and are able to fill your sermons each week with creative and inspiring material. The problem comes with delivering your carefully crafted messages in a powerful way. Perhaps you would like to speak your sermon freely without reading it word-for-word but have not been able to figure out a method for doing so. Pastor Jerry Larson has developed a process that can help you speak your sermon manuscripts freely in the extemporaneous mode. Larson has taught this method to more than 300 pastors in the KAIROS program during the past 13 years.

Students say:

• “This process is the missing piece I’ve been looking for. It’s a game changer for me. I am energized because it is challenging to write the sermon and then prepare to speak it freely.”
• “Since taking the workshop, many people have commented to me about how much of a difference they see and how much better my preaching is now.”
• “I continue to be inspired by your class and feel that I have been given a fresh, engaging approach to sermon delivery.”
• “Thank you for the workshop. I think I’ve had good content in my preaching, but this goes to the next level.”

Instructor:
Jerry Larson, Pastor Emeritus, Calvary Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn.

Tuition: $180 (includes a copy of Larson’s book, “Speaking the Word Freely”)

Course hours:
• Tuesday, 1-5:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (individual session held Wednesday afternoon)
• Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Contact hours: 11
Festival of Homiletics: Preaching on the Borders

May 15-19 | San Antonio, Texas

Be inspired by God’s Word proclaimed by some of the nation’s finest preachers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of more than a thousand preachers. Learn and worship in an atmosphere that’s dynamic, friendly, nurturing and prophetic. Come renew, refresh and recharge your spirit.

Speakers include:

Anthony Bailey          Rob Bell          Nadia Bolz-Weber          Barbara Brown Taylor
Walter Brueggemann      Amy Butler        Anna Carter Florence     Cláudio Carvalhaes
Samuel Cruz             Yvette Flunder    Adam Hamilton            Grace Imathiu
Micah Jackson           Rolf Jacobson     Karoline Lewis           Jennifer Lord
David Lose              Alyce McKenzie    Brian McLaren            Otis Moss III
Vashti Murphy McKenzie  Luke Powery       Michael Renninger        Craig Satterlee
Matt Skinner            Minton Sparks     Raquel St. Clair Lettsome Lisa L. Thompson
Will Willimon

For complete details and to register, visit www.festivalofhomiletics.com.
Daring and Rising in Church Leadership: Connecting Dr. Brené Brown’s Research with Courageous Church Leadership

May 22-26

This is all of Brené Brown’s research found in The Daring Way™ and Rising Strong in one offering! Go deeper into the unique connections of serving as a church leader during ever-changing times and landscapes and Brown’s research on resilience, vulnerability and shame. As a child of God we are gifted to serve and graced to live in love. And we all have struggles and disappointments in ministry. What does it take to get back up when we fall? We will explore how these are critical moments in church leadership and how the stories we create about them influence not only our self-understanding as leaders in the church but also our actions and thoughts. Are we stuck in ways of thinking that don’t serve the Body of Christ in life-giving ways?

This workshop will empower you to more effectively handle stressful situations in ministry, to host and enter into difficult conversations, provide you tools to better understand the dynamics of conflict and shame, the role of vulnerability in ministry and create greater resiliency for handling the ups and downs of life and ministry.

This workshop is a combination of short lectures, self-exploration, sharing and skill building exercises. We will learn with and from each other, create sacred ground where our stories are honored and where you can explore how faith, Scripture, and theology connect for you and practice new skills to empower you to lead with increased joy, authenticity and purpose.

Daring and Rising in Church Leadership is based on The Daring Way™ and Rising Strong curricula developed by Dr. Brené Brown. The primary focus is in developing shame resilience skills and developing a courage practice that transforms the way we live, love, parent and lead. Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston and a bestselling author. Her TED Talk on vulnerability is one of the most viewed talks.

Instructor:
Sarah Ciavarri, Daring Way™ Facilitator-Consultant, Director of Spiritual Care, Augustana Care Health and Rehabilitation of Apple Valley, Minn.

Tuition: $445
Maximum enrollment: 18
Course hours:
• Monday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
• Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
• Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Contact hours: 27
Teaching Fish to Walk

June 2

The church in North America is a system in a rapidly changing social context. It is, therefore, imperative that churches examine themselves in light of the new environment. Much of the current efforts are what Heifetz scores as “technical” (a change in externals). They may indeed be temporarily beneficial. But the deeper and broader issues are adaptive, essentially internal, and for that reason more transformative and lasting. Steinke addresses the adaptive challenge facing the church through systems thinking, particularly Bowen systems theory’s understanding of emotional process. If there is the possibility of resistance (ignoring the message or killing the messenger) to adaptive challenges, emotional process will be part of the defining factor in the change effort.

Using this new book and a leader guide, Steinke will teach participants how to use change and conflict as opportunities for learning.

Instructor: 
Peter Steinke is an internationally respected church consultant who is a popular speaker and a regular helper of congregations pursuing healthy functioning.

Tuition: $75 (Book and leader guide are included)
Course hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (lunch not included, but available in the cafeteria)
Contact hours: 5
Confronting the Wild

June 4-9 | Boundary Waters, Northern Minnesota

In the biblical narrative, the wilderness is an important setting for God’s leaders, as well as a transformative motif for divine interaction. Confronting the Wild is a one-week continuing education and call-renewal event for ordained clergy and commissioned leaders focused on examining biblical wilderness as a geography, a psychology and a theology. Confronting the Wild combines learning, worship, fellowship and recreation in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) of Northern Minnesota.

This course invites rostered leaders to explore the wilderness as a geography, a psychology and a theology for leadership. By being immersed in the wilderness, leaders explore the oddly inspiring relationship between uncertainty and renewal. Teaching and focused dialogue will explore how God’s leaders lead in the midst of that relationship.

Learning emphasis will be placed on:

• A biblical theology of wilderness and leadership
• Developing a biblical basis for leading in the midst of uncertainty
• Exploring the psychological/spiritual wilderness of call-discernment and call-reinvestment
• Self-discovery and self-care
• Guided theological discussion of wilderness issues directly affecting the context of course participants

Participants will engage in activities necessary for a guided sojourn through the forests, lakes, burn-down areas and rivers that make up BWCAW. Paddling, portaging, hiking, camping, meditation, fellowship and worship will highlight the activities for this course. The Exodus wilderness journey, Jesus’ many returns to the wilderness, and several other biblical narratives in which the wilderness takes center stage, will parallel this sojourn and offer biblical guidance during travel. Learners will participate in a 30-minute phone conversation with course instructor 6-8 weeks prior to course.

Participant is responsible for transportation to starting point.

Tuition includes: Meals and outfitting

Instructor:
Gerd Bents has served as interim pastor, head of staff and transition specialist for NW Synod of Wisconsin and St. Paul Area Synods. He specializes in mission redevelopment, leadership during conflict and the ministry of transition.

Hours:
One-week long retreat, participants gather Sunday evening for first session and packing.
Group returns Friday evening.

Tuition: $840
Maximum enrollment: 8
Contact hours: 26
Webcast: Narrative Lectionary Study Series

June 9-March 2, 2018

Using the Narrative Lectionary for the 2017-2018 program year? The Narrative Lectionary Study Series is a pre-recorded webcast designed to provide theological insight and preaching ideas through Luther Seminary’s Bible instructors. Each session is archived and available through the preaching period covered.

- Sundays, September 10-November 5 (available June 9)
- Sundays, November 12-December 24 (Advent 4) (available September 8)
- Sundays, December 24 (Christmas)-February 11 (available November 3)
- February 14-April 8 (includes Ash Wednesday and Holy Week) (available January 5, 2018)
- Sundays April 15-May 20 and possible summer series (available March 2, 2018)

Instructors:
Luther Seminary faculty

Tuition: $160

Contact hours: 3 for each course

To participate in the course you will need a high-speed Internet connection. Instructions on how to access the course will be emailed to participants on the course date.
Mini-MBA for Pastors and Church Leaders: Leading and Managing Change in a Complex Environment*

June 11-16 | Augsburg College, Minneapolis

Today’s pastor is expected to assume myriad leadership responsibilities not anticipated during seminary. In addition to preaching and teaching, pastors are expected to oversee complex budgeting processes, manage personnel, maintain facilities, form strategic and long-range plans for growth and development and promote the church through traditional markets and social networks. By the end of this week, you will have developed critical management skills and nurtured significant professional relationships with other pastors and church leaders. This interactive course will provide opportunities to practice new skills that will increase your capacity and confidence to lead your congregation in the 21st century.

Join with other highly motivated leaders in discovering the essentials of:

- Finance and accounting
- Communications and marketing (including the use of social networks)
- Human resource management
- Organizational assessment and strategic planning
- Personal leadership
- Cultivation of innovation and creativity in organizational life

The Mini-MBA from Luther Seminary and Augsburg College make the best insights of an MBA program relevant to congregational life with a theological sensitivity you won’t find anywhere else.

Instructors:
Augsburg College—MBA and Master of Arts in Leadership faculty
Luther Seminary leadership faculty

Guest speakers: Prominent leaders from Twin Cities business and nonprofit communities

Tuition: $1,250 (includes meals and all materials)

Housing is available at Augsburg College for $375 for the week. For more information about housing, contact Kathleen Matthews at matthewk@augsburg.edu.

Course hours: Check-in is at 3 p.m. Sunday, followed by the opening session. Weekday sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. The workshop ends at 3 p.m. Friday. Some sessions are held during evening hours.

Contact hours: 44
Children, Youth and Family Contemporary Course: Science for Youth Ministry—Medicine and Disability

June 12-15

This Luther Seminary Intensive course is open to pastors, lay leaders and parents as continuing education. This class is part of a John Templeton funded project, Science for Youth Ministry. This year’s children, youth and family contemporary issues class focuses on Medicine and Disability. We will explore how living in a diagnostic culture impacts ministry with children, youth and their parents.

In a diagnostic culture; diagnosing is almost a reflexive action. We often label people with our armchair diagnoses, “Oh, she’s ADHD, for sure.” “He’s got to be on the spectrum.” In children’s and youth ministry we are as susceptible as anyone to diagnoses, often buttressed in our assumptions by the pill bottles we’re handed by parents for their students to take with them on retreats or trips. But how should we think about this theologically? If every church will meet young people with disabilities (cognitive, physical, emotional, learning, etc.) how should we make our ministries welcoming and open to the working of Holy Spirit? How might labels detract from or contribute to this? These are major questions for the practice of congregational ministry, but they are also questions of faith and science. What makes us human? What does it mean to be human if a pill can change our personality? When should we trust in medicine and when in prayer? In this course you will hear from two of the leading practical theologians in disability theology. They’ll lead us into new ways of understanding community, humanity and wellness, providing help in thinking about how our churches might welcome all people, particularly those with disabilities.

Instructors:

Andy Root, Associate Professor and Carrie Olson Baalson Chair of Youth and Family Ministry

Benjamin T. Conner, Associate Professor of Christian Discipleship, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan

John Swinton, Professor, Centre for Spirituality, Health, and Disability, University of Aberdeen in Scotland and ordained minister of the Church of Scotland

Tuition: $35

Reduced fee made possible by the John Templeton Foundation Grant for Science and Youth Ministry Project.

Course hours:

• Monday, 6-9 p.m.
• Tuesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Wednesday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
• Thursday, 8-11 a.m.

Contact hours: 23
Discerning God’s Mission: Trust Building and Collaborative Leadership for Collective Insight

June 15-Dec. 31

This course prepares church leaders for navigating congregations through collective discovery of God’s intent for their church. Trust is fundamental for teamwork. Collaborative leadership best represents the Trinitarian expression of God in congregation discernment and action. The result is effective ministry aligned with God’s will.

Three distinct sections of the course introduce basic concepts, develop collegiality and accountability and tailor learning to participant’s specific settings:

- June 15-Sept. 15: Distance learning online
- Sept. 18-22: Group week training at Luther Seminary
- Sept. 25-Dec. 31: Individualized learning project with one-on-one coaching

This course is for pastors and lay leaders who desire intentional, deeper connections of congregations to God’s purposes, for pastors training for transitional ministry, for leaders of congregations in a rut and wanting to discover anew God’s purpose for their church and for leaders seeking renewed enthusiasm for ministry.

Instructor:
Christopher E. Hagen is experienced and skilled in parish and interim ministry. He served more than 20 congregations in Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. He holds Master of Divinity, Master of Science and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Tuition: $850 plus $25 materials fee
Contact hours: 50

For more information on coursework, contact Chris Hagen at revdrhagen@gmail.com or 763-227-4782.

The Gospel of John

June 19-23

This intensive course is open to pastors and lay leaders as continuing education. This study of John’s gospel equips students to become effective readers, teachers and preachers of the text. The first phase focuses on reading and interpreting John’s gospel with attention to its literary characteristics, theological dimensions, cultural context and implications for Christian witness. The second phase explores creative ways to teach John’s gospel. The third phase considers ways that John’s gospel engages contemporary listeners through preaching, worship and other settings.

Instructor:
Craig Koester, Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Chair of New Testament and Academic Dean, Luther Seminary

Tuition: $375
Course hours: Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:20 p.m.
Contact hours: 20
REFORMATION FESTIVAL 2017

Oct. 27-28, 2017

- Join in presentations and workshops by more than 20 theologians and musicians on Luther Seminary’s campus.
- Attend a performance by the National Lutheran Choir of “Holy Spirit Mass,” a new choral work commissioned for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
- Worship at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis with presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching and massed choirs from area churches.

Registration opens Feb. 1, 2017. Please plan to join us for this historic celebration! www.luthersem.edu/reformation

Hosted by Luther Seminary and the National Lutheran Choir and sponsored by Central Lutheran Church.
School for Lay Ministry

June 26-29

Luther Seminary’s School for Lay Ministry is open to all people interested in training to more fully serve in a variety of ministry roles in their congregations. Many ELCA synods provide lay schools of ministry that offer certification after training to lay people. The courses below were designed in partnership with the synods of the ELCA of Northeastern, Northwestern and Southwestern Minnesota; and Eastern and Western North Dakota to fulfill some of the requirements for these synods.

Topics:

From the Sanctuary to the Street
What is ministry, and who does it? A simple question on the surface, the unfortunate reality is that ministry is often restricted to what we do in and through the church. In our time together we will explore the wide varieties of ministries that all God’s people engage in—daily—and how the church might become as good at supporting our scattered ministries as we are at supporting our gathered ministries.

Ministry with Persons with Mental Illness
Providing congregational and community care with persons who have mental illness manifests itself in a myriad of ways. Effective ministry integrates a three-fold model of care, namely the theological, pastoral and medical models. This course will:

- Address the theological and pastoral insights regarding vulnerability and community in order to move towards an integrated ministry, while also medically surveying the wider scope of mental illnesses
- Focus on integrative ministry, looking more closely at less prominent mental illnesses from the medical model, and seeking ways to put into practice the pastoral implications of such insights.

Empire and the Old Testament
Nearly all the books of the Bible came into being when the land of Judah was under some form of imperial domination. The political, social and economic realities of imperialism affected all aspects of life in ancient Israel, including religious observance and the production of texts. In this course we will use “empire” as a guiding concept for reading and interpreting the Old Testament. We will review the ancient political powers that held sway over Israel and Judah, and explore how those imperial pressures are reflected in both the style and content of selected biblical texts.
Exploring Church, Community and Vitality in the Acts of the Apostles
No two churches or Christian communities are exactly the same, but all of them can be places where the word of God is both proclaimed and lived out. These communities are places where God can be encountered, where we can find acceptance and meaning and where we can serve others. In this time of transformation and reformation, the Acts of the Apostles offers us much to consider about what a church community can look like, and the ways in which the people of God express the word of God. By exploring what the book of Acts claims about God and the gospel, we can find fresh ways of glimpsing God’s presence in our own experiences and our congregations.

Instructors:
Dwight DuBois, Pastor, congregational renewal professional and instructor at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa
Hollie Holt-Woehl, Intentional Interim Pastor, Minneapolis Synod
Cameron Howard, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary
Matthew Skinner, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary

Tuition: $100

Course hours:
• Monday, 1-4:30 p.m.
• Tuesday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Contact hours: 16
Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Skills

July 10-14

This workshop is an intensive, five-day session designed to enable participants to learn about, build and practice emotional intelligence skills in a small-group setting. Skilled facilitators provide tools and feedback to enable participants to learn about themselves and to immediately practice emerging skills. As group life unfolds, participants give and receive feedback regarding the impact they have on others in the group. Participants will learn both interpersonal and intra-group communication skills.

As part of this core event, workshop participants complete a comprehensive self-assessment of their emotional intelligence. They also identify up to 20 people who know them well and are willing to complete the same assessment in order to provide valuable feedback. Participants will receive a detailed, confidential report of their own Emotional Intelligence strengths and development needs.

Emotional Intelligence is the key to improving leadership effectiveness for faith-based leaders. Past participants have described this assessment and the EQ-HR workshop as a life-changing event.

EQ-HR 5-day workshop outcomes:

- Improved awareness of the concepts of emotional intelligence and the impact of emotional intelligence on the participant and all with whom he or she interacts
- Enhanced ability to identify, articulate and reflect on various aspects of working and living in a faith community
- Strengthened understanding of how one is impacted by others in a group and one’s own impact on the group
- Increased skills in pastoral leadership for lay and clergy
- Heightened awareness of the importance of constructive behavioral information about self and others as leaders
- Enhanced awareness of the presence of God’s Spirit in group life and the ability to identify and reflect on that presence

Instructor:

Susan Marone, MA, LPC, Deacon, serves as Associate to the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She works in the areas of Candidacy for Ministry, Call Process and facilitating Leadership Development. She has been a trainer for the EQ-HR Center since 2013 and presently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors.

Tuition: $695

Note: An additional fee of $199 is required for the EQ profile. The EQ staff will contact you directly for this payment. The $199 fee is not refundable once the profile has been scored.

Course hours:

- Monday, 2-9 p.m.
- Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Contact hours: 35

Maximum enrollment: 13
Confronting the Wild
(see description on page 22)
July 16-21  |  Boundary Waters, Northern Minnesota

Narrative Lectionary Workdays
July 24-25
Narrative Lectionary Workdays are designed for those who are using the Narrative Lectionary beginning in fall 2017 through spring 2018.

Sessions include:

- An overview of the major themes in the 2017-2018 Narrative Lectionary readings
- An introduction to the One-Story-Integrated approach to worship and education, unifying and integrating church life around the Narrative Lectionary
- Insight on storytelling and teaching biblical narratives
- Imaginative ways to preach narrative texts and connect with peoples’ lives
- Practical resources for the Narrative Lectionary planning

Leaders both new and currently following the Narrative Lectionary are encouraged to register for this class; links to videos introducing the Narrative Lectionary and preaching narrative texts are available at www.workingpreacher.org/narrativefaq.

Instructors:
Karl Jacobson, Teaching Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rolf Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament and The Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology and Ministry, Luther Seminary
Heather Roth Johnson, Pastoral Intern and Director of Children & Family Ministry, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis, Minn.
Mary Pechauer, Interim Senior Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, Minn.

Tuition: $100

Course hours:

- Monday, 1-4 p.m.
- Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Contact hours: 9

Rethinking Church: Better Questions, Bolder Experiments
July 26-28
Are we still doing Sunday morning just like it’s 1950? In what ways have our worship, education and fellowship changed? How is the Holy Spirit forming community in our contexts in 2017? In the last century, Christian congregations in North America largely imagined their mission as attracting people to Sunday morning. If you are ready to ask different questions than simply how to get people to come, Rethinking Church is for you.

For more information, visit www.luthersem.edu/rethinking.

All KAIROS Continuing Education courses marked with an asterisk (*) have potential for graduate credit as an independent study course.
Stepping up to Staffing and Supervision of Church Staff

Aug. 21-22

Are you stepping into unfamiliar territory where you must supervise others, or have you been supervising others for some time without a clear understanding of what you are doing? Supervision, especially in a faith-based environment, requires learning new skills—probably skills you did not learn during your professional formation. This event provides you with practical skills and tools for supervising the work of others, and aligning the work of the team with the overall goals of the congregation.

Participants in this workshop will:

- Develop an understanding of supervision and performance management
- Examine the interface between covenantal and employment relationships
- Understand the importance of job description and learn how to design one
- Explore techniques for setting performance expectations
- Distinguish between three types of feedback conversations: the daily check-in, the quarterly goals update and the annual performance appraisal
- Learn to hire right, so that managing becomes easier
- Practice writing performance goals
- Learn to deal with the chronic underperformer
- Explore the process of progressive discipline, leading to termination

Students say:

- “So practical. Ms. Beaumont gets the church and culture of congregations.”
- “Exactly what I needed. Well organized in terms of time, length and content.”
- “It was very practical. I wish I had this two decades ago!”

Instructor:

Susan Beaumont has consulted with more than 100 congregations and denominational bodies across the United States and Canada. Before establishing her own practice, Susan worked for nine years with the Alban Institute. She is known for engaging the best of business practice, filtered through the lens of careful theological reflection. She moves easily between discernment and decision making, and nurtures the soul of the leader along with the soul of the institution.

Tuition: $225 (includes workbook and copy of the book “When Moses Meets Aaron: Staffing and Supervision in Congregations”)

Course hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Contact hours: 12
Beyond Abundance: Faithful Stewardship Language to Fit Our Realities

Aug. 23

For years, stewardship sermons and annual campaign materials have emphasized “God’s abundance” in contrast to our culture’s “myth of scarcity.” While this rhetoric of abundance vs. scarcity is a faithful way to frame broader realities, it can fall short when applied to specific circumstances. What does abundance mean for congregations facing budget deficits, young adults burdened by student loans or older members who have not saved sufficiently for retirement? Yet, surely we should not abandon scripture and its liturgy of God’s abundance. In keynote presentations, discussions and activities, this event will consider the language of stewardship, rethinking traditional messages, as well as discovering new words and practices.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Stewardship Leaders.

Instructors:
Adam Copeland, Director of Stewardship Leadership

Guest Speakers

Tuition: $50 (lunch included)
Course hours: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Contact hours: 5
Leading in a Liminal Season

Aug. 24-25

We are living in a liminal season, an era which finds congregations betwixt and between a known past and an undefined future. In a liminal season a different kind of leadership presence is required; a presence that connects the soul of leaders with the soul of the institution.

The soul of the institution is the divine spark within the organization that inspires ministry and invites transformation. The soul of the institution is the authentic and truest self of the institution, the source of divine calling and the protector of institutional integrity.

Participants in this workshop will enter a three-way conversation connecting God, the soul of the leader and the soul of the institution. Participants will:

• Examine the distinctiveness of leadership in liminal seasons.
• Identify and locate the soul of your institution.
• Explore three fundamental shifts in orientation that invite more soulful leadership. (From knowing to unknowing, from advocating to attending, from striving to surrender.)
• Learn techniques for tending the soul of the institution, including: discerning the vocation of the organization, cultivating collective wisdom among leaders, reframing institutional memory, and fostering adaptation.
• Deepen your personal capacity for discernment as a leader.
• Learn various techniques for facilitating discernment throughout your organization.

Instructor:
Susan Beaumont has consulted with more than 100 congregations and denominational bodies across the United States and Canada. Before establishing her own practice, Susan worked for nine years with the Alban Institute. She is known for engaging the best of business practice, filtered through the lens of careful theological reflection. She moves easily between discernment and decision making, and nurtures the soul of the leader along with the soul of the institution.

Tuition: $225
Course hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Contact hours: 12

Discerning God’s Mission (group week at Luther)

Sept. 18-22

See page 26 for online course work beginning June 15.
Working Preacher Presents: The Craft of Preaching  
Oct. 2-4  
Do you ever wonder what’s “behind the scenes” of some of the sermons you get to hear at big preaching conferences with “famous” preachers? Have you always wanted a practical preaching conference where you can learn some new “how-tos” for constructing a sermon and honing your homiletical skills? Working Preacher Presents: The Craft of Preaching will do that and more. Three top teachers of preaching will preach a sermon and then tell you how they got there, with plenty of time for Q&A. A variety of workshops will assist preachers in honing various practical skills. Participants can also register for master classes with our guest speakers, allowing participants to preach toward a specific skill and get individual feedback from master teachers. Foundational, collegial and encouraging, this conference will be a unique opportunity to tend the craft of your preaching among peers, old and new.

Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Management  
Oct. 5  
This workshop will cover some of the basic strategies and skills for dealing with differences and the conflict it sometimes generates. The skills are designed to help church leaders deal with differences in the congregation AND for individuals to more effectively address and resolve conflicts in the family, in the workplace and even “intra-personally.”

Some specific learning objectives are that at the conclusion of the event participants will be able to:

• Understand and manage the four conflicts that tend to be present in every conflict (especially in the intra-personal emotional conflict).
• Establish “ground rules” and “norms” for how conflict will be handled in their church or family.
• Transform “Gripes” (complaints or frustrations) into Goals.
• Deal appropriately and helpfully with people who are angry.
• Get at “the issues beneath the ‘issue’” and see how it might all relate to the gospel.
• Use conflict to generate creativity and “newness.”
• And, above all, explore, understand and constructively address the connection between Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Management.

Throughout the day, we will use interactive activities, exercises, brief lectures and reflections on your own experiences to achieve these learning objectives.

Instructor:
Susan Marone, MA, LPC, Deacon, serves as Associate to the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She works in the areas of Candidacy for Ministry, Call Process and facilitating Leadership Development. She has been a trainer for the EQ-HR Center since 2013 and presently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors.

Tuition: $125
Course hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Contact hours: 6

All KAIROS Continuing Education courses marked with an asterisk (*) have potential for graduate credit as an independent study course.
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Oct. 12-13
See page 17 for course description.

Intentional Interim Ministry (Phase 1)

Oct. 16-20
The NALIP Basic Education curriculum is designed for clergy and lay professionals to introduce participants to the practice of intentional interim ministry. Although focusing on Lutheran theology and polity, the event is open to all lay leaders and clergy desiring or called to this special ministry in congregations during a pastoral transition.

This course is designed in three phases (Planting, Cultivating and Harvesting), covering a period of about six months.

For details on the three-phase Intentional Interim Ministry training course, visit www.luthersem.edu/kairos.

Instructors:
Paul N. Svingen, ELCA interim consultant and educator, served as intentional interim pastor in the Minneapolis Area Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA. He has more than 20 years of experience as a trainer of interim pastors.
Tim Drom, ELCA pastor, served as intentional interim pastor in the Pacifica Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA.
Susan Baldwin, Licensed Insights Practitioner; President, PineStone Pathways LLC

Tuition: $1,070 plus $150 Insight fee

Course hours: Begins 1 p.m. Oct. 16; Ends Noon Oct. 20; Evening sessions until 8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. class start time Tuesday-Friday

Contact hours: 60 contact hours for completing three phases of training

Maximum enrollment: 25

Cancellations initiated by the registrant prior to the event due date will result in a NALIP nonrefundable fee for completed Insights profiles. In the event of a cancellation by the registrant or NALIP, the results of completed Insights profiles will be sent to the registrant with the offer of consulting with the Insights counselor.
Reformation Festival 2017

Oct. 27-28
Join us at Luther Seminary for this historic celebration marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

- Attend presentation and workshops by more than 20 Luther scholars and musicians on Luther Seminary’s campus.
- Watch the National Lutheran Choir perform at Ted Mann Concert Hall.
- Conclude the event with a worship service at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis with presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Hosted by Luther Seminary and National Lutheran Choir and sponsored by Central Lutheran Church. Registration opens Feb. 1, 2017. For more information, visit https://www.luthersem.edu/reformation.

School for Lay Ministry

Nov. 27-29

Tentative Topics:

safeTalk
safeTALK is a half-day alertness training that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don’t truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources.

Myths and Realities of Rural Ministry (check online for final topics)
Closing Thoughts on the 2017 Reformation Anniversary Year (check online for final topics)

Instructors:
Alvin Luedtke, Professor of Rural Ministry, Luther Seminary
Glen Bloomstrom, Military Director and Faith Community Liaison, LivingWorks Education

Tuition: $100

Course hours:
- Monday, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.

Contact hours: 10

For more detailed information, visit www.luthersem.edu/kairos or call 651-641-3416.
KAIROS Registration Form

Name of Course/Event

Date of Course/Event

I am enrolling in this course for credit:  □ D.Min.  □ M.A./M.Div.

Note: Turn in completed independent study form with instructor’s signature to Registrar’s Office for credit.

Full Name  □ Clergy  □ Rostered Lay  □ Lay

Address  □ Home  □ Work

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Congregation

Cost:  □ My tuition payment of __________ is enclosed.

(Payable to KAIROS; note participant’s name and course date on check.)

Or charge to:  □ Mastercard  □ Visa

Card #

Expiration Date

Signature

To make housing reservations:

For information on local hotels, meals and campus housing, visit www.luthersem.edu/kairos and select the link for housing and meals for complete details.

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Amount

Date

Confirmation

Amount Due
Are we still doing Sunday morning just like it’s 1950? In what ways have our worship, education and fellowship changed? How is the Holy Spirit forming community in our contexts in 2017? In the last century, Christian congregations in North America largely imagined their mission as attracting people to Sunday morning. If you are ready to ask different questions than simply how to get people to come, Rethinking Church is for you.

For more information, visit www.luthersem.edu/rethinking.