

*Growing  
Together,  
Bearing  
Fruit*

**LEAD 2017**

**March 11**

**8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church  
5701 Raymond Road  
Madison, WI**

**Presented By Lay and  
Rostered Ministers  
of the:**



**South-Central Synod  
of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who  
abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because  
apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*



## Who Should Attend?

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

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

- Congregational Council Members
- Pastors
- Youth and Family and Young Adult Committees and Leaders
- Church Secretaries/Newsletter Editors
- Sunday School Committees
- People with concerns about social ministry
- Those who want their church to thrive
- People wanting to make a difference with their time and finances

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.

### The Day Includes

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

### Schedule

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

**Fee:** \$25 per person on or before 2/24/2017

\$30 per person after 2/24/2017

**You will register on-line for LEAD: <https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2017>**

**On-line Registration Deadline is: Thursday, March 2, 2017**

**Please send payments to the synod office to be received no later than Tuesday, March 7.**

**Worship Offering:** Please remember to bring an offering. The offering taken at worship will be used to support the synod's Anti Racism initiatives. Your offering will help us to continue to provide exceptional training and learning opportunities to explore what it means to be followers of Jesus who loved the whole world.

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

"LEAD changed our church because of what lay people learned and then came back on fire to do ministry together."  
~Pastor of Congregation

"Thank you for LEAD! It is so much fun and our people love it!"  
~Lay leader



### KEYNOTE:

**LUTHER'S HIDDEN AND REVEALED GOD:  
Implications for Inter-religious Dialogue and  
Christian Witness**



**DR. KURT HENDEL**

Bernard, Fischer, Westburg Distinguished Ministry  
Professor Emeritus of Reformation History  
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

# Workshops To Help Us Grow and Bear Fruit Together

This complete list of workshops and descriptions will help you to plan your day. What interests you? Specific times in which workshops are offered can be found on the registration site.

## **1-Continue the Conversation** - Rev. Kurt Hendel

Explore further the topics introduced during the keynote to have your questions answered!

## **2-Look, Listen: Creating Space for God in Family Life** - Deacon Judy Nolde, Chaplain Triangle Ministry & Spiritual Director

For many of us, and especially families, our lives are simply too full. How do we slow down to make room for God to bear fruit in our lives? We'll explore "stopping, looking, and listening," and creating space for deepening awareness and relationship with one another and God. We'll learn and experience mindfulness meditation, visio divina, and enhanced listening skills that will help us to stop, look and listen.

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

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

## **4-Our Piece in the Racism Puzzle** - Mary Nervig, Synod Racial Equity/ Anti-racism Team Member

Racism is an ugly word! As followers of Jesus, who loved the whole world, that label is not one that we find personally descriptive of ourselves. This workshop is an invitation to explore our unintentional participation in practices and perspectives that have foundations in distinctions based on concepts of race and the "other." Our piece in the racism puzzle is complicated and the journey to become intentionally "anti-racist" begins with self-awareness.

## **5-GIFT (Generations in Faith Together)** - Rev. Holly Slater, Pastor of St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran (Deerfield)

The church is the only place in society where several generations are gathered on a regular basis for a common purpose. In knowing that... how might the wisdom of the elder meet the wonder of the child? What might this mean for your church council, education, worship and beyond? Learn to lift up the "Giff" of your congregation in your particular setting. Through interactive learning, we will look at the philosophy and practicality of generations in faith together.

## **6-GIFT (Generosity in Faith Together)** - Rev. Holly Slater, Pastor of St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran (Deerfield)

People are generous stewards. The question is not what people give, but of where people give. How is the church a place of generous stewards and how might the church assist people in becoming better stewards? Learn to lift up the "Giff" of your congregation. In doing so, you will embrace the generosity present in your congregation and gain some resources and techniques to highlight and expand other types of generosity....all while having fun and interacting together.

## **7-GIFTS (Growing in Faith through Stewardship)** - Rev. Holly Slater, Pastor of St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran (Deerfield)

Setting the table for generosity. In listening to and sharing faith stories we will set the table for equipping households to recognize generosity and respond to it with joy. Think about who gathers around your communion table. How are the gifts of those generations of people celebrated? In this workshop we will look at the joy of generosity in the households of your congregation in interactive ways.

## **8-Faith, Sexism and Justice: Conversations Toward a Social Statement** - Connie Kilmark, Former SCSW Vice President

Congregations all over the ELCA are engaged in conversations around its superb study guide, Faith, Sexism & Justice: Conversations Toward a Social Statement. These conversations are meant to gather the mind of the church on this important issue in preparation for the creation of a social statement on women and justice. Learn about the process and how your congregation's voice can help shape an important teaching document on women and justice.

## **9-Faith and Economics and 1K Project** - Megan Neubauer, Coordinator, ELCA Domestic Hunger Initiative Pilot Projects

Join in conversation as we look at ways congregations can enter into conversation and reflection around faith and economics. We will explore resources available through the "1K Churches" project, which outlines Bible study materials and pathways for congregational action through economic practices such as microlending opportunities for small, sustainable businesses in your community. 1K Churches is a pilot project of ELCA World Hunger in partnership with Criterion Institute.

## **10-New Life through Thoughtful Sabbatical Planning: Making Sabbatical Beneficial for both Staff and Congregation Members** - Rev. Rob Nelson, Pastor, & Congregational President, Ginny Nelson; New Heights Lutheran Church (Black Earth)

We've found Sabbaticals to not only be beneficial for both our staff and our congregation members, but also important for congregational health, vitality and growth. Learn the Why's and How's from the perspectives of a Pastor and a lay Congregational Leader who have developed a strategic approach to Sabbaticals.

## **11-Mindfulness for Lutherans** - Rev. Chris Lee- Thompson, Pastor, Hope Lutheran (McFarland)

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.

## **12-The Four Spiritual Paths: Discovering Your Path/s and Appreciating the Paths of Others** - Rev. Jack Finney, Spiritual Director

We'll begin by taking a short inventory to discover which path/s you are on. Then we'll explore how people on each of the four paths--Mind, Heart, Mystic, and Activist---pray, sing, and live out their faith in the world. We'll look at ways to meet the needs of people on all four paths via parish worship and ministries.

## **13-Becoming a Reconciling in Christ Synod** - Rev. Sue Scheider (Trinity Madison), Tim Mumm (Luther Memorial, Delavan), Rev. Nick Utphall (Advent-Madison).

At Synod Assembly, we will be voting on a resolution for an official statement of welcome to become a Reconciling in Christ synod, particularly stating that the synod office will be fully inclusive for all sexual orientations and gender expressions. This workshop will explore what that means and also prepare you for a hearing at Assembly prior to the vote.

## **14-After War: They're Not Coming Home to the VA. They're Coming Home** Constance A. Walker, MEd.; Captain, United States Navy, (Ret.)

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

## **15-Disaster Assistance: Tending to Hearts and Souls** - Jim Stolzenburg, Dale Holmen, Dave Wisner, SCSW LUAD Team

Learn how SCSW-ELCA congregations and parishioners can join Lutherans United Assisting after Disasters (LUAD) in a unique approach to delivering assistance that focuses on survivor recovery -- emotional and spiritual -- in the early stages following a disaster. LUAD's experiences in Boscobel and Dodgeville tell the story.

## **16-Developing Your Planned Giving Story** - Rev. Larry Westfield & Tim Knutson, Regional Gift Planners, Lutheran Planned Giving of WI

Everyone has a legacy story to tell. Your story can be one of inspiration and joy to your family and all those who know you. The impact of your story can make a difference now and long beyond your lifetime. You will discover how easy it is to develop your own legacy story and dream of how that story will inspire others to develop their own story of faith, generosity and love. We will consider how one story inspires another and produces a time of Re-forming and Refreshment from the presence of God's generous spirit in your place of worship.

# Workshops To Help Us Grow & Bear Fruit Together!

**17-Martin Luther and Economic Justice** – Rev. Cindy Crane, Director, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI

As we begin to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, learn about a significant but often unrecalled aspect of Martin Luther. Reflect upon what Luther's vision of responding to grace in the world means for us today. We will draw upon resources from the symposium and book, *Forgotten Luther* edited by Carter Lindberg and Paul Wee as well as from the work of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin.

**18-Recipes for How To Tell Your Mission Stories** - Victoria Flood, ELCA Director for Mission Support, Mission Advancement and Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, SCSW Synod Communicator

Your congregation's ministries are bearing fruit. Can your congregation tell its stories of how you are the hearts and hands of Jesus? Do you tell stories to excite and invite others into ministry with you? Do you know why it is good stewardship to keep telling your stories? Come to learn the ingredients needed to produce an effective story across multiple forms of communication: social media, newsletters, temple talks, etc. Bring a mission story idea with you and you will begin to craft your story during this workshop!

**19-Houston Bound - Preparing for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering-** Jason Poole-Xiong, Synod Coordinator

In 2018 we'll gather in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. Come and learn more about the theme; "This Changes Everything" and how the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin will be preparing for this amazing experience.

**20-You Can Do It: Planning and Leading a Successful "Reformation 500" Hymn Festival** - Deacon Nancy Raabe, Atonement Lutheran Church

There is no greater gift you can give your congregation to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation this fall than a hymn festival, that distinctively Lutheran service of songs and readings that appeals to people of all ages. This workshop will give you a road map for putting together a hymn festival in your context with whatever resources are available, drawing both from Reformation-era chorales and today's hymns and songs. Sing to the Lord!

**21-Refugees: Will We Continue to Welcome Them?** - Rev. Dan Odden, SCSW Refugee Resettlement Team

What is happening with refugee resettlement in the Madison area? How are congregations involved in welcoming new arrivals? How could you or your congregation participate? Hear about Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service news. And hear about the work that our South Central Synod of Wisconsin does in partnership with L.S.S. in a ministry of hospitality to newcomers to our area. How many are arriving? What can be done? Why should we help?

**22-Climate Change: The Real Story** - Bob Lindmeier, Chief Meteorologist, WKOW-TV, Rev. Nick Utphall, Advent Madison, Rev. Cindy Crane

Your Synod's Care for God's Creation Team will discuss the implications of Climate Change from a scientific and faith based perspective. The validity of Climate Change and its cause has been a controversial subject in the news both locally and nationally. We'll strip away the controversy, and explain how climate change is happening, that it is human caused, and that the consequences are dire for future generations unless we act immediately to mitigate its effects. We'll also look at how climate change is having a disproportionate impact on the poor.

**23-Men - Be Bold and Gather - Tools for Bold, Daring Followers of Christ!** SCSW Lutheran Men in Mission ("LMM") Task Force Members

Convincing men to step out of their comfort zone and be BOLD in their faith can be a struggle. LMM leaders will present a toolbox of retreats, workshops, videos, books, and a preview of the upcoming BOLD Gathering in Minneapolis, July 21-23. These tools can help men take the first step to becoming bold, daring followers of Christ, and help the men in your life or congregation become who God intends them to be.

**24-Won't You Be My Neighbor? Inviting God, Prayer and Folks Into Your Backyard!** Rev. Jim Hearne, Pastor, Barneveld Lutheran Church

Looking to get back to our early church roots and enjoy something fun and invigorating in your congregation? Frustrated people aren't coming to worship on Sundays? In this workshop we'll explore how a simple gathering in people's backyards can bring out and together neighbors young and old while reigniting community connections. Stop by and consider how when we go to where the people are, great grace-filled things can occur!

**25-Using the Study Guide "On Behalf of Our Children: Wisconsin's Racial Disparities and the Call of the Gospel"** - Pastor Nick Utphall, Advent Lutheran, Member of the WCC Peace & Justice Commission.

A few months ago, 2000 congregations in 18 denominations across the state (including among our synod) were mailed a copy of the Wisconsin Council of Churches' new study guide *On Behalf of Our Children: Wisconsin's Racial Disparities and the Call of the Gospel*. This study grew out of the "Race for Results" findings that our state ranks last for wellbeing of African American students. This workshop introduces the resources to help you make fruitful use of them in your congregations.

**26-The Congregation's Spirituality** - Dr. Michael C. Rehak, Director, Institute for Congregational Identity

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 postures, 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.

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

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

**28-Redefining Mission Partnership in Haiti Calling Forth Capability, Building Capacity and Investing in Cooperative Development** - Linda Petterson and Kathy Johnson, Advent Lutheran & Haiti Allies Support Circle

Learn how Haiti Allies is helping to empower Haitians through education, literacy, job creation and cultural exchanges. We strive to learn from the wisdom and spirit of the Haitian people. Learn how the spirit of the international cooperative movement stresses shared power, financial transparency and accountability as well as sustainability. See the joy of programs that are working in the poorest country in our hemisphere.

**29-What Do You Mean I Need to Take Better Care of Myself?** – Rev. Dan Feaster, Samaritan Counseling Center, Rev. Rolf Amundsen (Retired)

Are you motivated by law or gospel regarding self care? Do you need a doctor to tell you that you have diabetes or about to have a heart attack; a psychotherapist to diagnosis you with depression, anxiety, or addiction; or a spouse to tell you they are considering divorce to motivate you to make changes? Are you feeling motivated to live a healthy balanced life? Learn what motivates you and how to make changes to live a balanced life.