

2019 Congregational Resourcing Event Workshops Sessions & Rooms

8:30 - 9:10	Registration & coffee	Dining Hall
9:15 - 10:00	Welcome/Worship	Gymnasium
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Presentation	Gymnasium
11:00 - 12:00	Workshop Session a	Classrooms
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch*	Dining Hall & Cafeteria
1:00 - 2:00	Workshop Session b	Classrooms
2:15 - 3:15	Workshop Session c	Classrooms

*Vegetarian and gluten-free meals will be available only in the Dining Hall

Keynote Presenter Workshops

KP1 sessions: a, b room: Yellow A1224

Making Disciples: Core Practices That Change Lives

Pr. David Daubert - Discipleship is often one of those nebulous words that imply commitment but needs to be unpacked. Dave Daubert has worked with research and material generated in partnership with Bob Logan (a ministry leadership coach and trainer) and Charles Ridley (a sociology researcher at Texas A&M University) to focus a series of practices in ways that help Lutherans begin to be more intentional about their discipleship. Congregations can focus their equipping work in eight areas of discipleship growth, and individuals can work together to grow in them as well. Being intentional about this work can strengthen faith, deepen relationships with others with whom we journey, and set people up to be more effective as Christians in their daily lives. In this workshop we'll explore all eight of these areas as well as three key practices that every congregation can implement to make a difference.

KP2 session: c room: Yellow A1224

The Invitational Christian *Pr. David Daubert* - Congregations where people are passive about their faith and then wait for visitors to come, often wait a long time. Congregations where people are active in their faith and invite people to come often discover great joy in communicating their faith and inviting others into the life of the church. A healthy congregation knows why new people would benefit from coming, provides good tools for members to use to invite, and trains people to bring people with them to worship and other places in the life of the church. In this workshop, we'll explore these key areas and share very useful and practical insights from Dave's popular book, *The Invitational Christian*.

Congregational Leadership

CL1 session: b room: Yellow A1225

Boundaries as a Congregational Responsibility *Bishop's Task Force on Boundaries* - We will share best congregational practices to maintain good boundaries for all members of the congregation, in order to ensure that the ministry of Jesus Christ is done with integrity.

CL2 sessions: b, c room: Red A1365

Called to Lead: God's Call, Your Vocation *Pr. Amy Current, Vice President for Admissions and Student Services, Wartburg Seminary and Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Assistant to the Bishop* - Feeling that tug to becoming a pastor or deacon? Know someone who exhibits indications that s/he may be called to be a deacon or pastor? Unlike in the "olden days," the process of candidacy for rostered ministry offers many different paths. Come and find out about candidacy in 2019!

CL3 session: c room: Yellow A1225

Congregational Treasurer's Workshop *Ms. June Cain, Synod Bookkeeper* - A review of the IRS 8822-B form, Clergy Housing Allowance, and other topics will be covered with a question and answer session, if time permits. A handout of Resources for Congregational Treasurers will be distributed at this session.

CL4 session: a room: Yellow A1225

Leadership Conversation with Bishop Clements *Bishop Jeffrey Clements* - A critical part of the success of our congregations' ministries comes through the work of the elected leadership, i.e., the Congregation Council. Bishop Clements will facilitate a conversation with congregational leaders about what it means to be an elected leader, and talk about some models for collaboration with the staff, especially the rostered minister. It will also be a time to talk with Bishop Clements and ask questions of him about his view of leadership in the congregation. If you wish to send a question or topic in advance, that you would like to see addressed, please submit them at nisynod.org/cre/question.

CL5 session: b room: Yellow A1268

One Calling/Two Forms of Service--My Bi-Vocational Journey *Pr. Susan Davenport* - I will present my non-traditional career path and moderate a discussion of the pros/cons of full-time church work for congregations, rostered leaders, and the church-at-large.

Communication / Technology

CT1 session: b room: Green A1247

Church Facebook Page Basics *Ms. Dawn Anderson, Communications Coordinator, Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline* - Create or improve your church Facebook Page. In this session, you will learn step by step instructions about how to create a Facebook Page, best practices of administering the page, best practices of posting (how often, content, scheduling posts, etc), and how to promote your page.

CT2 session: c room: Green A1247

Church Facebook Pages-Beyond the Basics *Ms. Julie Lee, Director of Congregational Ministries, Prince of Peace, Freeport* - Get more reach out of your Facebook page! Learn how to use Facebook as a tool for outreach (and "inreach"). In this session, learn how to create an event (including creating event graphics), promote events, boost events, how to use Facebook Insights, and how to grow your audience. This session is NOT for beginners. If you are a beginner, please go to the Facebook Basics workshop.

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CT3 session: a room: Green A1247

Communication Round Table *Ms. Dawn Anderson, Communications Coordinator, Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline and Ms. Julie Lee, Director of Congregational Ministries, Prince of Peace, Freeport* - Calling All Church Communicators: From bulletins to websites, church communicators are a vital member of each church's staff. This is your chance to give and get technical, practical, creative, spiritual, and moral support to and from other synod communicators. Bring your questions, share ideas, discuss current trends and/or best practices.

Evangelism / Outreach / Hospitality

EO1 sessions: a, b room: Yellow A1267

Creating Strong Camps for Girls *Adrienne Stafford, Organizer, Strong Girls 2 Women* - Strong Girls 2 Women (SG2W), an empowerment camp for girls, was launched in 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris to give young women a safe space to be affirmed and encouraged. With grant support from the synod Congregational Life Committee, SG2W took flight and plans to grow in 2019. Ms. Stafford will share her experience with sister churches to let folks know that summer camps like these are necessary, not terribly complicated, and worth every penny and minute of planning.

EO2 session: b room: Yellow A1249

Northeast Conference Vitality Initiative *Pr. Gary Erickson, Assistant to the Bishop/DEM* - Is your congregation struggling, surviving, or thriving? What are some keys to a thriving congregation? Come, see a faith and vitality model planned for the NE Conference.

EO3 sessions: a, b room: Orange A1350

On a Mission From God: To Invite, Inspire, Involve, and Include People in Ministry *Pr. Bob Dealey* - On a Mission From God is a journey of discovery that begins as you "perceive, respond to, and participate in God's mission in the world." It follows a simple 8-step process; each step follows a natural sequence and builds upon each of the preceding steps. The process may be used with individuals and/or groups, as they seek to discern God's call in their lives and to carry out God's mission in the world.

EO4 session: a room: Red A1375

Journeying Together with the LGBTQ + community! *Pr. Mike Thomas, Intern Alfi Wyatt* - How does the church create a safe place to welcome and support the LGBTQ+ community to celebrate the diversity that God has created? Relations between the LGBTQ+ community and the church have often been strained and complicated due to lack of understanding and ignorance. Join us for a discussion about the ways to be a welcoming community, the importance of being such, and a general overview of terms.

Faith Formation and Growth

FG1 sessions: a, b room: Orange A1340

50Forward *David Box, Lutherdale* - 50Forward is a ministry geared for adults. It is a growing program of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of the ELCA. 50Forward programs offer adults the opportunity for continuing education, experiential learning, faith development, fellowship, and travel.

FG2 sessions: b, c room: Orange A1338

DC Trip 2018: A Multi-Cultural and Inter-Generation Journey *Pr. Michael Thomas* - Zion Lutheran Church will share their experience in going on a cross-cultural, inter-generational, Washington, D.C. Trip in the summer of 2018 with 13 teenagers and 21 adults to share and learn about the diverse experience of people in the USA. We will talk about what it was like to reflect on the joys and sorrows of the American experience. God has blessed us in this country but there are many burdens we carry that have long too often been ignored. We are called to walk together in this journey.

FG3 session: b room: Red A1364

Growing in Faith through diakonia™ *Vicar Denise Rode* - Learn about the NIS diakonia™ program from its students, graduates, teaching pastors, and coordinators. The diakonia™ journey is offered at several locations across the synod. Prospective students can learn about the "classic" diakonia™ program while graduates of the program will hear about a new level of diakonia™ being piloted this year.

Global Mission

GM1 sessions: b, c room: Red A1375

See how Lutherans in Northern Illinois are making a difference around the world with Lutheran World Relief *Michael Johnson, Lutheran World Relief * IMA World Health* - LWR shipped 323,610 quilts around the world in 2018 to 18 countries. Many came from this synod. See how they make a difference and learn about the other important work of Lutherans across the globe!

GM3 session: a room: Green A1220

Enchanting India, Endearing Relationships *Pastor Rick Meier, Pastor Reed Pedersen, Cole Bathje, Dakota Kampmeier, Elyse O'Brien, Heide Gallagher, Wallie Stewart* - Experience the wonder of India, the culture, it's beautiful people, the growth of the Lutheran Church and it's ministries.

GM4 session: b room: Green A1220
Come, See and Experience the Lure of Tanzania Africa
Ron Gustafson and Cathy Hand - Hear about the growth of the Lutheran Church and it's ministries, past, present and future. Plan to travel with the Northern Illinois Synod in 2020!

Social Justice

SJ1 session: c room: Green A1220
#cycletosynod - Riding Bikes to End World Hunger
Amy Hoening - Learn about a group that cycled from Rockford to Synod Assembly. How they raised funds and awareness for a just world where all are fed. Come and discover the 2019 route and how you can get involved even if you don't ride a bike.

SJ2 sessions: a, b room: Orange A1339
5-Cylinder Faith - Bread for the World Presentation
Pr. Kenneth R. Storck, Bread for the World - This presentation will focus on the 5th promise of our Baptism: "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Are you living fully into your baptismal promises? Are you running on all cylinders? This session will provide practical ways to live out this 5th promise both as individuals and as communities of faith. Find out what you and your congregation can do to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

SJ3 session: c room: Green A1222
Anti-racism and Multi-cultural Ministry in the Northern IL Synod
Pr. Robin Caldwell, chair NIS Social Ministry Committee - God calls us to diversity, social justice, and evangelism. How are we reaching, including, and responding to our neighbors of differing races and cultures in the Northern Illinois Synod, and how can we do more? Bring your thoughts and dreams to this brainstorming session.

SJ4 sessions: a, b room: Red A1363
Helping Central Americans Improve Food Production, Be Given Hope, and Not Become Immigrants
Kevin Nelson, Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project-Growing Hope Globally - Helping the people of Central & South America have an adequate food supply helps them to stay in their home countries and keep families together. Lutheran World Relief's food production programs there are supported by Growing Hope Globally (formerly known as the Foods Resource Bank).

SJ5 session: b room: Blue C1207
How to Write a Grant to ELCA World Hunger to Help Your Food Ministry
Iain Chester, Manager Network Engagement, ELCA World Hunger - Hear stories from local food ministries on how they approach breaking the cycle of poverty and hunger in their communities. Learn the process of applying for ELCA Domestic World Hunger grants in order to work towards a just world where all are fed.

SJ6 session: c room: Yellow A1267
Loving Creation at Church and at Home
Pr. Jeff Schlesinger, Pr. Scott Ralston, Pr. Carol Soderholm, Mary Foskit, Linda Weidenbach, and Rebecca Keller (from the Creation Care Committee) - Loving Creation at Church and at Home, is a look at what we can do in response to the changes in the life of our planet. We will begin the session presenting information about the Season of Creation, a wonderful way to help our churches engage in environmental awareness as part worship. Pr. Jeff Schlesinger will talk about the various parts of the liturgy and how to integrate them into one's congregation. The second half of the session will look at what we can do to be good stewards of creation in our churches and communities in what might be a "post-recycling" era in the United States. This part of the session will include several testimonies regarding recycling, composting, nature conservation, and a time for discussing best practices.

SJ7 session: c room: Yellow A1249
Advocacy 101: Strategies for an Effective Legislative Visit
Joy Medrano, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - Your legislators want to hear from you! Join us for an interactive workshop that will give you practical tools to be successful.

Spirituality / Prayer / Health & Wellness

SP1 session: c room: Orange A1350
A Journey Through Grief
Donna Kelly, Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, Huntley - The focus will be on how to begin a grief journey group in a congregation. I will tell my story and how this group functions in our congregation.

SP2 session: a room: Yellow A1268
Art as Prayer
Pr. Susan Davenport - In this workshop, we will share a faith-based art project while considering what the author Matthew Fox has to say about the "Via Creativa." We will also exchange thoughts and ideas of art that takes place in your places of worship. NO experience necessary. Bring scissors and a glue stick (some on hand for those who forget). NO experience necessary!

SP3 session: a room: Green A1221
Barnabas Caregiving Ministry
Pr. Chuck Olson - Pastor Chuck will talk about Barnabas Ministry in general; history, how it works, training involved, etc. Donna will talk about how the ministry works and has benefitted her congregation Shepherd of the Prairie in Huntley, IL.

SP4 sessions: a, c room: Red A1364
I see Dead People - Reflections from a Hospice Chaplain
Pr. Vince Marolla, Beacon of Hospice - Pastor Vince has been involved in hospice ministry for 19 years. In this workshop, he will share some of his experiences around death and dying. The workshop will also provide opportunities for the participants to share some of their own experiences around the same subject.

SP5 session: a room: Orange A1338
The Faith Community and The Opioid Crisis
Pr. Dan Herman, Hope Over Addiction - The opioid crisis is killing more people than automobile accidents and many are members and children of members of our congregations. We will explore ways the faith community can be involved in supporting families who deal with the issue and grieve with those who are dying from its effects.

SP6 sessions: a, b, c room: Blue C1209
Renewing Your Spirit; Growing in Faith. Via de Cristo and You
Pr. Wayne Melaas-Swanson and Dr. Randy Mullin - Living Water Via de Cristo - Exploring an opportunity to renew and grow in our faith that motivates us in Christian action in our congregations through the Living Water Via de Cristo ministry.

Stewardship

ST1 session: a room: Red A1365
Planned Giving, Endowments, and Gift Policy
Mr. Tim Urness, Regional Gift Planner, ELCA Foundation - How can we create a Ministry Funding Plan? Working together we can provide for the future of the church by cultivating planned gifts. Reflecting on past events can provide valuable insights for the future.

ST2 session: a room: Yellow A1249
Stewardship: With Joy and Thanksgiving!
Pr. Gary Erickson, Assistant to the Bishop/DEM - Whose house are you taking care of? Cultivating a sense of joy and thanksgiving changes stewardship from a chore to a homecoming.

Worship

WO1 session: a room: Green A1222
ELCA Worship Planning Resources
Deacon John Weit, Program Director for Music, Office of the Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - This workshop will introduce (or review) the many resources centered around Evangelical Lutheran Worship for planning worship. Special emphasis will be placed on materials to help deepen knowledge and involvement in worship including the important role of music in the weekly assembly. Whether you are new to ELCA worship resources or use them regularly, take a deeper dive into the tools available to help you and your congregation in planning and leading worship.

WO2 session: b room: Green A1222
New Music for Assembly Singing
Deacon John Weit, Program Director for Music, Office of the Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - In this session, we will sing together some of the new music published in the last several years as part of the expanding Evangelical Lutheran Worship family of resources. Included will be music for seasonal services, music for paperless singing, and music from ELW and ecumenical partners that may be new to your community. Tips for incorporating and teaching new music to assemblies will be reviewed. This workshop would be ideal for musicians, those who plan and lead worship, and anyone with an appreciation for incorporating music in worship.

WO3 sessions: a, b room: Blue C1203
Recovering the Mystery hidden under the Altar
Pr. Jim Roberts - Dangers of the 80 sec. ceiling...the breathless hour...cold prayer... soul-less worship. Why some are checking their smartphones in Church. Moving from beta to alpha, install everyone into choir, and into the sermon.

WO4 sessions: b, c room: Green A1221
Using Storytelling in Ministry
Pr. Julie Monnard - Sharing a storytelling of a Bible passage often can have a greater impact and hold an audience longer than simply reading from the Bible. This workshop will provide samples of BibleTellings and examples of when telling a Bible story can be used in worship, education, and other ministries.

WO5 sessions: a, b room: Red A1374
Worship Planning-A Team Approach
Diane Gehrts, Chairperson of Worship and Music Committee, Shepherd of the Hills, Scales Mound - I will be talking about how our committee assists the planning of worship and music with the pastor. I will share how we brainstorm to enhance not only Sunday services, but special services as well.

Youth / Family / Children

YF1 sessions: a, b room: Red A1362
Using Camp as a Tool for your Youth & Family Ministries
Ms. Michelle Heinrich, Program Director, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center - Discover ways that camp and your youth and family ministries can work together to help strengthen others in their faith journeys. We'll discuss our programs and welcome your partnership in ministry.

YF2 session: a room: Orange A1345
Why We Come to Church - High School Youth
NIS HS Youth Leadership Team - It's easy to focus on the negatives in youth ministry, but why not see the sunny side? There are amazing youth all over the synod who are dedicated to their faith and their church. Come find out FROM THEM what engages them in their faith and home congregation.

YF3 sessions: a, c room: Blue C1207
UNITE Service Camp--Serving locally shapes lives!
Pr. Bree Truax representing Sauk Valley UNITE - Do you long to make a difference in your community and in the lives of young people? Come and learn about UNITE Service Camp! UNITE is a 3.5 day local mission trip where youth paint homes for people in need in their community. Learn about how to participate in Sauk Valley UNITE Service Camp in 2019 and how to launch a UNITE Service Camp in your area.

Thank you for attending the Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event!

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