

North/West Lower Michigan Synod
Equipping **L**eaders for **M**ission and **M**inistry (ELMM)

OVERVIEW

Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry equips leaders for service in our congregations and communities. Over a three-year period, students complete 12 two-day and 6 one-day learning events, focusing on biblical overview, Lutheran theology, practical skills, and gift discernment. Those who complete the program may be commissioned by their congregations for specific areas of ministry as deemed appropriate by their respective pastors and congregation councils.

The cost to complete the program ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000 depending on lodging accommodation preferences. There may be additional costs for books and travel expenses. Many congregations choose to support the leader who makes a commitment to the program by covering a portion of the costs. Scholarship funds are available for those who need additional financial support.

Prerequisites for entry:

- Active member of an ELCA congregation
- Application with three references (one of whom is the applicant's pastor)

Students may begin the three-year process at any time and are recognized by Synod Assembly following completion of the program.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio partners with our synod to provide biblical instruction. Rostered and lay leaders provide additional instruction relevant to service in our congregations and to synod-wide ministries. Congregations in our synod host our learning events and lodging accommodations are arranged at nearby hotels.

For more information, application materials, or scholarship details, contact Rebecca Bossenbroek at rebeccabossenbroek@comcast.net or 517-927-4755.

Registration Instructions

1. Email the following information to rebeccabossenbroek@comcast.net by the registration deadline:
 - a. Date of event you plan to attend
2. Make your check payable to North/West Lower Michigan Synod and write ELMM and the event date (MMDDYY) on the memo line. If you are making an annual tuition payment, indicate this on the memo line.
3. Mail your check to North/West Lower Michigan Synod, 2900 N Waverly Rd, Lansing MI 48906, or bring it along to the event.
4. Receive via email confirmation of your registration and agenda, study guide, etc.
5. Make your own lodging accommodation reservations as instructed by the administrator.

RETREATS

Hebrews, James and 1 Peter

Dr. Wally Taylor, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus OH

As the Christian church continued to grow, it found itself in new witness settings that raised new questions. What does it mean to be faithful witnesses when enthusiasm is lagging, people are in need, or Christians are being rejected by their society? Hebrews, James and 1 Peter provide models of how Christians are able to witness in such situations.

Also in this session: *Renewal and Vitality in our Congregations* and *Lay Evangelism Training* with **Rev. David E. Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission, North/West Lower Michigan Synod**

Dates: Friday (9am) –Saturday (3pm), September 28-29, 2018
Retreat site: [St Peter Lutheran Church](#), 1079 Riverside Dr, Battle Creek MI 49015, 269-963-4170
Retreat cost: \$50.00 (includes Friday and Saturday lunch)
Lodging site: [TownPlace Suites by Marriott](#), 12917 Harper Village Dr, Battle Creek MI 49014, 269-580-8600
Lodging deadline: Friday, August 31, 2018
Lodging code: ELMM
Lodging rate: \$125 (includes Saturday breakfast)

Daniel, Apocalyptic, and the Early Jewish Period; Revelation

Dr. Walter (“Wally”) Taylor, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus OH

Daniel was written in a difficult time in which the Jewish people were confronted with religious, political, and cultural annihilation. To understand Daniel, we need to quickly survey the history leading up to the writing of this book.

Revelation has been frequently misused. It has been divorced from its historical setting and understood as a book of secret codes that program how God will act at the end of time. Revelation does tell us how the story will end: It will end with the defeat of all evil and with God united with God’s people.

Also in this session: *Introduction to Healthy Congregations* with **Rev. Clayton H. Bates, Chair, ELMM Board of Governors**

Dates: Friday (9am) –Saturday (3pm), October 26-27, 2018
Retreat site: [Faith Lutheran Church](#), 4432 Mackinaw Rd, Saginaw MI 48603, 989-799-0162
Retreat cost: \$50.00
Lodging site: [Holiday Inn Express](#), 2501 Tittabawasee Rd, Saginaw MI 48604, 989-792-7500
Lodging deadline: Friday, September 28, 2018
Lodging code: ELM
Lodging rate: \$115 (includes Saturday breakfast)