

HEADLINES

Following to Lead

The Nebraska Synod will be hosting a Congregational Leadership Development day on Saturday, March 10, 2018. "Preparing the Way: Following to Lead" will be held at St. Paul's in Grand Island from 9am to 3:30pm, with registration/check in starting at 8:30am. Cost to attend is \$10 per person, or \$25 per congregational group of 5. This leadership event is concurrent with the Seeking the Spirit Within retreat—same time, same place. Participants in each event may sample a portion of the other if they wish. This is a great opportunity to bring several from your congregation for both events. Watch for additional event details on the [Nebraska Synod website](#).

Preparing the Way

Seeking the Spirit Within invites you to join us in a day of guided retreat ("Preparing the Way!") scheduled for Saturday, March 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island. Come to be grounded in the Word of God, experience new ways to pray, and share in the practices of faith that will help us prepare the way of the Lord. For more information [click here](#).



Embracing Stewardship- for all seasons across all generations

Stewardship is something that is much bigger than we usually let it be. It's part of our identity as Children of God- no matter our age, experience, story, the day or month of the year, or even our location. Together we'll unpack this and much more at "Embracing Stewardship for all seasons across all generations," a one-day stewardship workshop on Friday May 18, 2018. The workshop will run from 9am-3:30pm at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, Nebraska.

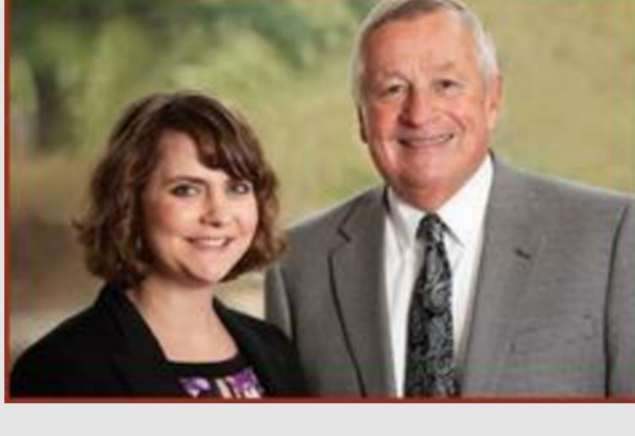
Keynote presenters will be Rev. Charles (Chick) Lane and Mrs. Grace Duddy Pomroy, co-authors of Embracing Stewardship: How to put stewardship at the heart of your congregation's life. Other works that they have written include: Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation, by Chick Lane; and "Stewards of God's Love," an ELCA churchwide resource written by Grace Pomroy, Deacon Timothy Siburg, Nebraska Synod Director for Stewardship, and Bishop Brian Maas, of the Nebraska Synod will also be present to host and help facilitate the day, and partake in a time of panel conversation, questions, and discussion.

To register, please visit [this link](#).

Lunch and the cost of registration for the workshop will be provided. Additional resources will be available for purchase at reduced rates. There will also be opportunity for on-going mentoring and conversation with stewardship leaders after the event to track progress on stewardship in your context.

If you have any questions about this stewardship event, please contact Deacon Timothy Siburg at the Nebraska Synod Office.

Also, if you will be traveling a distance and needing housing, or, if planning to also attend a Portico Retirement Benefits Seminar on Thursday May 17, 2018, there is availability to stay overnight at camp. To make those arrangements and reservations, please contact Camp Carol Joy Holling.



MINISTRY RESOURCES

Report to the Bishop 2018

Attention Rostered Ministers- it is time to complete the Report to the Bishop. Please go to [this link](#) to complete this report.

Retirement Question? Portico Can Help!

Retirement planning can seem daunting unless you have someone to walk you through it. Portico's day-long pre-retirement seminar for Portico plan members age 50+, will do just that.

Together with Ernst & Young, Portico covers all facets of retirement planning in understandable terms — from establishing a retirement budget to reviewing health care options. You'll breathe easier when you know the steps you need to take. Take advantage of this opportunity and join us on May 17th at Carol Joy Holling Camp. Just click [here](#) to register! The cost is \$35/person which includes lunch at the event.

Other Ministry Resources

- [Transformational Ministry](#) -trainings for congregations
- [Renewal Grants](#)
- [One Another Grant Proposals](#)
- [Buck the Trend: A Curriculum for responding to Hunger & Poverty](#)
- [Reformation 500th Anniversary resources](#) -events & materials
- [Faith, Sexism, Justice resources](#) -brochures, forms, & other materials
- [Drinking from the Well](#) -spiritual direction information
- [ELCA Go & Do News & World Hunger Synod Cumulative Giving](#)
- [Mission Field Nebraska](#)
- [Center for Rural Affairs](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Mission Trip 2018

Texas and Florida are on our minds and hearts following the devastation of hurricane Harvey and Irma. Lutheran Disaster response generally goes in a little later and stays for the duration of rebuilding therefore we will continue our path to Tennessee in 2018 and look to these other areas in the future.

Nebraska Adult Mission Trip will be working on house repairs in the Gatlinburg, TN area due to tornado damage. We will stay at Foothills Camp and Retreat Center East Tennessee Church of the Nazarene (2926 Toppside Road, Louisville, TN 37777), February 17-24, 2018.

For more information visit the [event page](#). To register visit the [registration page](#).



Exploring the Holy Land, Meeting the People

Join members and friends of the Nebraska Synod in a remarkable journey to the Holy Land (Israel, Modern Palestine, Jordan). This learning opportunity is offered through the Nebraska Synod, the NSHLA group (Nebraska Synod Holy Land Accompaniment) and the Global Mission Team of the synod.

April 16 - 28, 2018

The Nebraska group will visit this school in 2018 and visit with students and staff, as well as other Lutheran and Christian schools and churches.

Pastor Megan Morrow, an assistant to the bishop of the Nebraska Synod, will be leading the 2018 traveling group as it visits holy sites and gets acquainted with the people in the Lutheran churches and many others in Israel and Jordan who will share their stories. For more information [click here](#).

NEBRASKA SYNOD EVENTS

- Mar. 10, 2018- Prepare the Way: Following to Lead
- Apr. 13-14, 2018- PMA Convocation
- **SAVE THE DATE!** April 16-28, 2018: Holy Land Accompaniment
- May 31-June 2, 2018- Women & Justice Social Statement Draft Hearing & Nebraska Synod Assembly
- July 23-Aug. 7, 2018 - Tanzania Vision Trip

YOU ARE INVITED

Prepare/Enrich Training Workshops in the Nebraska Synod 2 locations

LOCATION #1:

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA, 1221 S. E. Street Broken Bow, NE [osl - lutheran@q.com](mailto:lutheran@q.com)

When : Saturday, February 17th

Time : 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*Cost : \$175 Cost includes: instruction, materials and Prepare/Enrich certification

Other: The noon meal will be at your own expense; dining options in Broken Bow

Facilitator : Sylvia M. Asay from Kearney, NE.

TO REGISTER:

Send your contact information (name, address, phone, email) along with a check for \$175 to the facilitator at the address listed above at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Broken Bow. The deadline for registration is 5:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th. Please make the registration

Make check to: Sylvia Asay.

LOCATION #2

Where : St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA, Schuyler, NE

When : Saturday, February 17th

Time : 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Cost: \$180 Cost includes: instruction, materials and Prepare/Enrich certification

Other : This group will order from a local vendor and have the food delivered to church, so bring money for the noon lunch which will be eaten at the workshop location.

Facilitator : Lawrence D. Reed, from Omaha.

TO REGISTER:

Send your contact information (name, phone, address, email) along with a check for \$180 to the facilitator at the address listed below. Deadline for registration is WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th 5:00 p.m. Make check to: Lawrence D. Reed, 7514 S. 191 Street, Omaha, NE 68136.

Questions:

If you have questions regarding directions to the church contact PMA Kathy Salts or the secretary at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at phone or email listed above.

Questions regarding the class contact: Pr. Carol Mapa at the PMA office in North Platte: 308 - 532 - 0250 ext. 4 or pma@nebraskasynod.org



- Feb. 10, 2018- Omaha Rings! Handbell Festival & Worship @ St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Omaha (for registration info [click here](#))
- Feb. 17, 2018- Lutherans Restoring Creation Workshop/Retreat @Camp Tomah Shinga Junction City, KS 9am-5pm [Registration info here](#)
- May 18, 2018- "Embracing Stewardship- for all seasons across all generations" at Camp Carol Joy Holling
- May 27-June 1, 2018 - Spanish Language & Hispanic Ministry Intensive for more info [click here](#)
- June 10-15, 2018 - Building Congregational Capacity for Hispanic Ministry for more info [click here](#)
- **SAVE THE DATE:** June 27- July 1, 2018 - **ELCA Youth Gathering**
- Oct. 26-28, 2018- **Men's Retreat** Camp Chrysalis TX

Click on the links provided for more information on the listed events.

Sinai Festival Sounds presents:

Organ/Violin Concert

Sinai Festival Sounds, concert series of Sinai Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska, presents organist Ann Marie Rigler with violinist/violist Eric Williams on Sunday, February 18, at 3:00 pm. Their varied program will be based in part on Lenten themes and will include pieces that feature modern violin, Baroque violin, and viola, as well as Sinai's Juget-Sinclair organ. Sinai Festival Sounds is now in its 6th season of offering free concerts to the community. The final program for this season will be the Lincoln Early Music Consort later this spring. Freewill offerings and other donations support the series. The church is located at 950 East 8th Street in Fremont.

GIVE NOW

Help financially support the mission and ministries of the Nebraska Synod.

Give to the Annual Fund!

Martin Luther once said, "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

Are you willing to give what you can not keep; to gain what you can not lose?

This year's Annual Fund will support a balanced budget and allow us to meet immediate opportunities within the Synod Mission and Vision.

Click on the link below to give on-line.

www.nebraskasynod.org

Thank you!

QUICK LINKS



CELEBRATIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Prayers for:

- [Monthly Prayer List](#)

FOR LEADERS

- [Congregations and Rostered Leaders in Transition](#)
- [The Parish Paper](#)
- [2017 Transmittal Form](#)
- [Pulpit Supply](#)
- [2017 Bulletin of Reports](#)
- [Season of Hope](#)
- [Lenten Resources](#)
- [2018 Resolution Form](#)

CAREERS

- [For Careers visit the Nebraska Synod Website](#)

EXCHANGE

For more info on items being offered, visit [The Exchange](#) on the Nebraska Synod website.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Has God blessed you?

The abundance God gives me is not so I can live in luxury, it is so that I can help others live!

As you consider how you can "raise your standard of giving" and express your gratitude to God through your generosity, please give to the Nebraska Synod Endowment Fund. It will have a perpetual impact, and will never stop advancing the Gospel!

Please click on [this link](#) to give to the Endowment Fund.

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