

The Training

A three-year course of study which includes 28 required credit hours of CORE COURSES, 5 credit hours in ELECTIVE COURSES, and 3 PMA CONVOCATIONS.

CORE: Biblical (3 credit hours)

Introduction to the Old Testament

Introduction to the New Testament

CORE: Lutheran Theology & Confessional Writings (3 credit hours)

Getting Down to Basics: Augsburg Confession & Small Catechism

CORE: Systematic Theology

(3 credit hours)

Systematic Theology: Fundamentals of Christian Theology

CORE: Church History

From Jesus to Luther (3 credit hours)

Reformation Roots (2 credit hours)

We Must Plant the Church (1 credit hour)

CORE: Christian Ethics (3 credit hours)

Ethics in Lutheran Perspective

CORE: Ministry Practice

Sent to Preach (2 credit hours)

Good God Questions (2 credit hours)

Let's Talk About Death (1 credit hour)

CORE: Spiritual Discernment & Faith Development (2 credit hours)

ELECTIVES (5 credit hours total)

Elective courses allow you the opportunity to expand your skills or explore more deeply an area of personal interest to you. They may be focused on: Worship, Outreach,, Youth Ministry, Education, Church History, Lutheran Theology, and Leadership.

For more details about the program such as PMA Convocation for credit, cost per credit hour, SELECT courses and on-line courses, check out the PMA Student Handbook or contact the PMA Office.

Contact information:

Office

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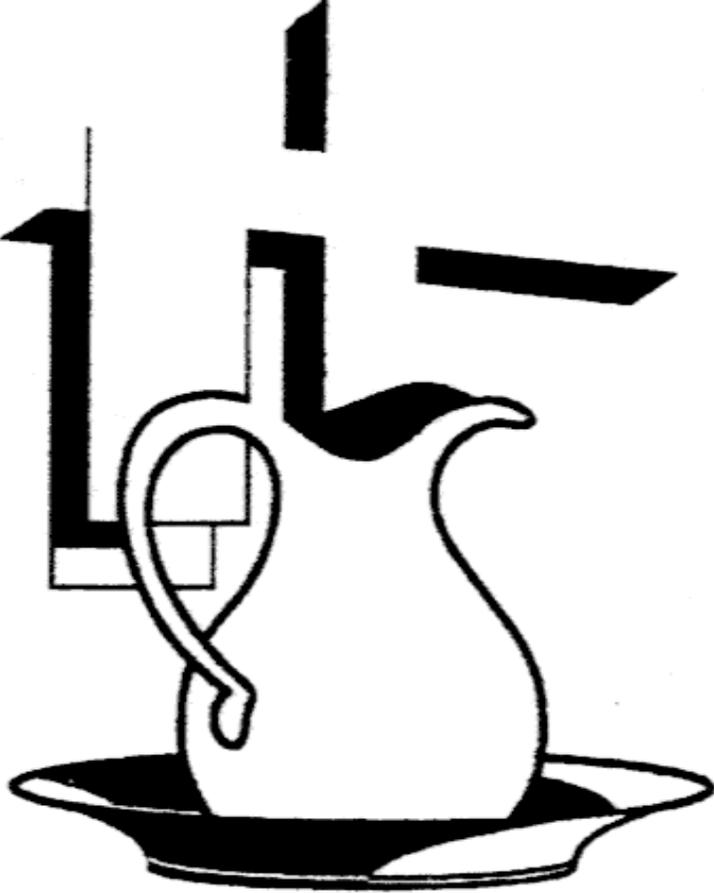
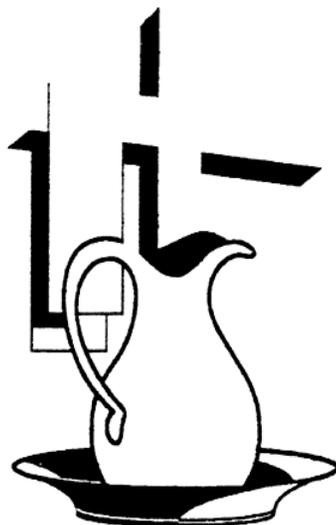
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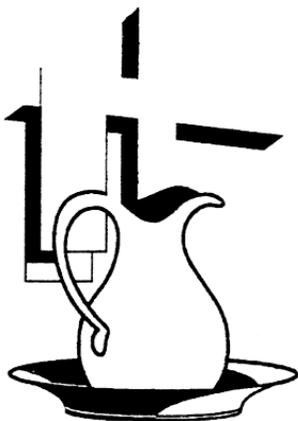
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Parish Ministry Associate Program

Nebraska Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Are you someone who:

- +desires to continue developing skills in Biblical knowledge, church tradition and history, spirituality and leadership
- +has a heart for the people of God and an interest in serving as a member of the “priesthood of all believers”
- +demonstrates spiritual maturity in your faith
- +demonstrates leadership skills which can nurture and guide others
- +feels a deep sense of commitment to serve Jesus Christ and the Church

If so, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a PMA in the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA

ELCA

The PMA program is a program designed to meet unique ministry needs of congregations in the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. PMA’s are equipped to serve in whatever way they feel called: as specialized volunteer in their home congregations; pulpit supply in their area; or even service in a congregation when full-time pastoral services are not available or where needs exceed the resources of the present congregation. PMAs work in partnership with and support of pastors and have ordained pastors as mentors and supervisors.

The PMA program may, through the study of God’s Word, participation in the life of the church, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, *guide* a person to consider an even deeper commitment to education and a call to ministry of Word and Sacrament. Others that may assist in this sense of deeper call would be: pastors, congregations, synod staff and spiritual guides and friends.

The Parish Ministry Associate (PMA) Program of the Nebraska Synod seeks to help identify the gifts God has given God’s people and to help equip those people for the ministry of sharing the Good News among all people.

The Ministry

Training as a PMA *may* lead to authorization by the Bishop of the Synod to participate and provide leadership in the following areas:

- *Worship Planning and Leadership
- *Preaching
- *Christian Education
- *Pastoral Care
- *Church Administration
- *Transitional Ministry in Congregations

Send application and fee to: Nebraska Synod PMA Office, P.O. Box 1462, North Platte NE 69103-1462 Attn: Pastor Carol Mapa, PMA Administrator or Pastor Steve Meysing

The Expectations

- + commitment to a three -year part-time program of study with \$40.00 annual student fee (refunded upon certification)
- +financial participation from the individual
- +endorsement by the individuals pastor and congregation
- +individual provides autobiographical information, which includes background checks
- +demonstrates a willingness to serve after being trained
- +continued involvement in spiritual practices and discernment for heartfelt leadership and joy in serving

The Application

To obtain your application go to the Nebraska Synod website: nebraskasynod.org. Once at the homepage, find the “For Those in Discernment” tab. Click and scroll down until you find “Parish Ministry Associate Program,” click and it will take you to the PMA site where you will find the *application packet* as well as the PMA Student Handbook, a list of PMA Steering Committee members, and other valuable information and forms for future use. There is a \$50.00 application fee which must accompany your application. A portion of this fee is pays for the background check. (Checks to: Nebraska Synod; memo: PMA Program Application)

Upon Receipt of Your Application

Your application will be forwarded on to the PMA Steering Committee, where it is reviewed and a decision of admission is made by the committee. You will promptly be notified of their decision.