SLIM All In: A Retreat for Building Senior Ministry

November 8-9, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Grand Island, NE.

Come enhance your relational skills as senior adults to reach out, care, and welcome in everyday, everywhere relationships as you are trained for “All In” relational ministry by Lyle Griner.

Come share with other congregations how you can grow and/or strengthen your ministries for senior adults: early retirees (55+), silver years (70-85 years), and golden years (85-100 years).

For more information click here. To register click here.

Information Updates and Reminders from the Immanuel Vision Foundation

1. If you applied for a Celebration! grant from the Immanuel Synod Foundation (IVF), you should receive those grants in the
mail no later than September 15, 2019. If you have not received this grant by that date, please contact the IVF.

2. A reminder that applications for Synod Mission Fund grants from the Immanuel Vision Foundation are due by September 30, 2019. The application guidelines are on the website at Immanuel.com. Congregations are eligible to apply for an amount up to $10,000 for a grant to be used to do ministry/outreach “beyond the walls of your congregation”. Please contact Rev. Mark A. Grorud at mgrorud@immanuel.com or 402-829-6959 if you have any questions.

Nebraska Synod News

To view more stories from around the Synod or to see previous Walking With Grace issues, visit our website.

Nebraska Synod Blog

Want to read more about the Nebraska Synod, who we are and what we do? Visit our new blog- Go & Tell the Story. Sign up to receive notifications for new posts.

MINISTRY RESOURCES

Theo Con 2019

#Church4World: “What does it mean to be Church for the sake of the world?”

Monday, October 7, 12:30pm to Wednesday, October 9, 12:30pm at First Lutheran in Kearney

For more information and to register click here. Registration closes September 20.
Portico Updates

Portico’s Board of Trustees has approved health plan and benefit changes for 2020, featuring new ways for ELCA-Primary members to save on out-of-pocket costs and strengthen their emotional well-being. You can read more at PorticoBenefits.org/2020rates.

Later in August, Custom Comparison Reports will be available to congregations, which will make their selections in October. Plan members will complete benefits enrollment in November.

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
- ALOA grants
- Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Trainings
- Mileage Reimbursements & Visitation Reporting Update
- World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grants (applications now open)
- Resourceful Servants
- Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA (grants for service organizations working with addressing mental health)
- Meditation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders

--Rev. Megan Morrow
**Nebraska Bound Mission Trip**

There will be another Nebraska Bound Mission Trip to Lynch on October 16, 17, 18, 19, Wednesday through Saturday. Lynch and Bristow residents provide lodging at the community building and meals.

Work may include hanging sheet rock, painting, etc. More specific work plans will be shared later.

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**Nebraska Women of the ELCA**

Nebraska WELCA will be holding their Biennial Convention and Gathering, October 11-13 at Camp Carol Joy Holling under the theme, “Living Joy, Sharing Joy.” As the Nebraska Synod Assembly does, there will be workshops, fellowships, and business. This year’s business includes electing the 2019-2021 four officers and seven board members and electing the eight 2020 Triennial Voting members to attend the 2020 Women of the ELCA Triennial in Phoenix, Arizona. Attending in October will be our representative from the Churchwide Women’s Organization President Lisa Plorin and Keynote Speaker Camille Trott.

August 1 is the deadline for the following items:

- Registration for Congregational Voting Member from your church
- Nebraska Women of the ELCA Officer and Board
Member Nominations
- Nebraska Women of the ELCA Triennial Voting Members Nominations
- Nebraska Women of the ELCA Scholarship for the Biennial Convention and Gathering

If you have any questions, please contact President Nancy Johnson at nancy.johnson5@cox.net, Vice President Elysia McGill at elysiamcgill@gmail.com, Convention/Gathering Planning Team Chair Diane Brauer at dbrauer.db@gmail.com, and Expressions Editor Gwen Edwards at gfedwards@gmail.com.

Visit our website for more information on the Biennial Convention/Gathering, nominations forms, scholarship forms, and other related items to the Nebraska Women of the ELCA, tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca.

NEBRASKA SYNOD EVENTS
- Sept 9-11, 2019- First Call
- Oct. 6-7, 2019- Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders (101 & 201)
- Oct. 7-8, 2019- TheoCon 2019 at First Lutheran, Kearney
- Oct. 19, 2019- Road Show St John's Alliance
- Nov. 8, 2019- SLIM All In Retreat
Camp Events

* Adult Faith 10/5/19- The Sacraments at Sullivan Hills; 10/19/19- Evangelism at Carol Joy Holling; 1/25/20- Understanding the Word at Carol Joy Holling; 3/21/20- The Apostle's Creed at Carol Joy Holling; 4/25/20- The Apostle's Creed at Sullivan Hills

*Continuing Education for Ministry Leaders: 10/28 & 10/29/19- Church Administrative Professionals Retreat at Carol Joy Holling; Save the Date 1/20 through 1/22/20- Minister's Conference at Carol Joy Holling; Save the Date 3/16 & 3/17/20- Welcomed & Included at Carol Joy Holling


*Upcoming Events: 9/6/19- The CJH Camp Classic Golf Tournament at the Ashland Golf Club

2019 One Year to Live Retreats

March 15-17 Tracy's Camp, Pinewood SC
April 19-21 Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland NE
April 26-28 Santa Maria, CO
May 3-5 Lutheridge, Arden NC
Sept 13-15 Mackenzie Center, Poyntette, WI
Sept 27-29 John Knox Center, Knoxville, TN
Sept 27-29 Location TBD, Nebraska
Oct 11-13 Camp Shaw, Mateno, IL
Nov 8-10 EWALU Retreat Center, Strawberry Point, IA

Dates are Tentative-Check LAM Website for updates/details at [www.lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live)

- Sep. 12, 2019- ALOA webinar: Caring for Mind, Body, and Spirit in Thanks to God
- Sep. 16- Nov. 9, 2019 - Exploring Faith Online Courses
- Sep. 19, 2019- Expand Your Horizons: The 1919 Race Riots, the Immigrant Experience, and a Boy's Life in Omaha at Notre Dame Seven Oaks Center, Omaha from 7-8:30pm
- Sep. 19, 2019- Lecture & Book Signing with Dr. David Blight for the book Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom at Creighton University, Omaha from 7-9pm
- Sep. 20-22, 2019- 2nd Annual Addiction & Faith Conference
Sep. 22, 2019- Sinai Festival Sounds featuring Palladium Brass at Sinai Lutheran Church, Fremont at 3pm (admission is free, free will donations are welcomed)

Sep. 24, 2019 – 7:00pm - William Paul Young – Author of The Shack – lecture with Q&A – Topic: “How do we do faith if God is not religious?” $15

Sep. 25, 2019- Dinner with WM. Paul Young at Countryside Community Church starting at 6:30pm (casual business attire)

Sep. 26, 2019- Tabitha's Signature Event: Silent Auction & Cocktails at 5:30pm, Dinner & Program at 7:15pm, Event will be held at the Country Club of Lincoln

Sep. 28, 2019- Commemoration for Racial Justice and Reconciliation at Douglas County District Court at 9am

Oct. 11-13, 2019- NE Synodical Women’s Convention @ Camp Carol Joy Holling

Oct. 13, 2019- Omaha CROP Walk


Oct. 26, 2019- Considering Your Call Saturday from 9am-3pm

Oct. 28-30, 2019- Reg. 4 Deacon Gathering in New Braunfels, TX

Oct & Nov 2019- Clergy Clinics at the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Nov 2-16, 2019- 20th International Seminar for Pastors at the LWF Center in Wittenberg. Application Here

Nov 8-9, 2019- SLIM All In Retreat at St. Paul's Lutheran in Grand Island

Nov 16, 2019 – 9:00am-4:00pm – Margaret Wheatley – All day workshop on training “Warriors for the Human Spirit” $50 Buy One/Bring One event

Nov. 18-22, 2019- Meditation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders in Arlington, TX

Feb. 1, 2020- Handbell Festival and Worship at St. Thomas Lutheran Church for information on how to register your handbell choir click here. Registration deadline for choirs is Jan. 21, 2020.

Mar. 7- 21, 2020- 21st International Seminar for Pastors at the LWF Center in Wittenburg. Letter of Invitation & Nomination Form

Click on the links provided for more information on the listed events.
Deacons are called by God as leaders of Word and Service to be advocates and witnesses within and beyond the Church.

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A lot of the Regions in the ELCA have been gathering their Deacons to have conversation around the changes in the Deacon Roster, and for people to get to know other Deacons in the Region and to see what the Holy Spirit is up to. We hope you will take some time away to gather with other Deacons across our region. All Deacons (active on the roster, retired, on leave from call, on disability, or in candidacy) are invited to come.

Register Now

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