

Experiencing Belonging



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Purpose



Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy, and individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.

Come...

- to participate in a unique experience of Christian community as we worship, study, play, and live together;
- to grow in faith through action, relationships, and a centering of the spirit;
- for continuing education, for a special family experience, or for individual growth;
- to take it all in, then return home to share and serve.

Synod School Theme: Experiencing Belonging

"...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually, we are members one of another." Romans 12:5

What does it mean to be a part of the body of Christ and to belong to one another? In the spirit of Christ's community, we will walk through biblical experiences of belonging. Exploring the communities we find membership within, we will discover how we can belong to one another and to Christ more fully.

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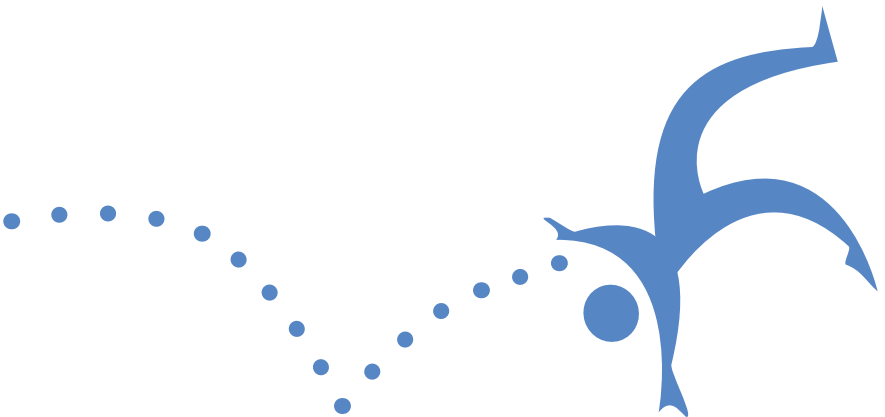
Synod School is a leadership development ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

COVID-19 Changes and Precautions

As the virus continues to change, confound and impact our lives, the Synod School Committee will be monitoring the situation and addressing the situation as needed. For now, this is the plan for 2022:

- Registration will begin on March 15.
- Registration will include both classes and room/board.
- We will continue to offer at least some of Synod School virtually so that those who do not wish to travel or be in a large group can still participate. This will be primarily the daily activities held in the Chapel.

Please know that in these difficult pandemic times, we cherish this community—some of whom have been coming for their whole lives and others who joined us virtually the past couple of years for the first time. We will be planning carefully and thoughtfully to ensure the safety and health of all participants.



Convocation Speakers

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson Hasty will lead the Adult Convocations. Elizabeth currently chairs the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY.

She earned a BA from William Jewell College and graduated with her Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In 2002, Elizabeth earned her Ph.D. at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education.



Elizabeth is a prolific and award-winning author. Her 2018 book, *The Problem of Wealth: A Christian Response to a Culture of Affluence*, was named in the Top 50 best books of 2018 by Spirituality and Practice and as the Best Book Related to Catholic Social Teaching by the Catholic Press Association. Her recent research has related to empowering individuals and families affected by serious mental illness. She has published essays in both *Connections* and *Feasting on the Word* as well as a number of articles in *Westminster Dictionary of Women in American Religious History*.

Elizabeth is frequently asked to preach, teach, and speak. She is married to Lee, who will be attending and teaching a class, has a daughter, Emme, in college, and a son, Garrett, in high school.



Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson will lead the Youth Convocations. Alonzo is the national coordinator for the Self-Development of People Program (SDOP) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). SDOP is a branch of the PCUSA's Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry. He is also the convener of the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative. Alonzo has more than 25 years of experience specializing in urban, youth, education, creative arts, anti-racism and social justice ministries. He served an urban congregation in Philadelphia, PA, and worked as a volunteer chaplain for 9 years at Luther Luckett Correctional Facility in LaGrange, KY.

Alonzo graduated from Bloomfield College and earned his Master of Divinity in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry in 2019 at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is married to Aisha Brooks-Lytle.

Worship Leaders

Evening worship will be led by **Rev. Tim Hughes Williams**. Tim is pastor of Light Street Church in Baltimore, MD which began in 1855 as a refuge for the children of Federal Hill factory workers. They are now a diverse community, open to all who walk through their doors. He is married to Perry and they have two young sons. Tim is former Director of Children and Youth at Fourth Pres. in Boston.



Morning Song and a Prayer will be led by the **Rev. Sara Sutter**, Pastor at United Presbyterian Church of Goldfield, Iowa. A graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Northwestern College in Orange City, Sara is married to Steve Sutter and they have two photogenic cats. Sara enjoys journaling, cross-stitching, and trying out vintage jello recipes.



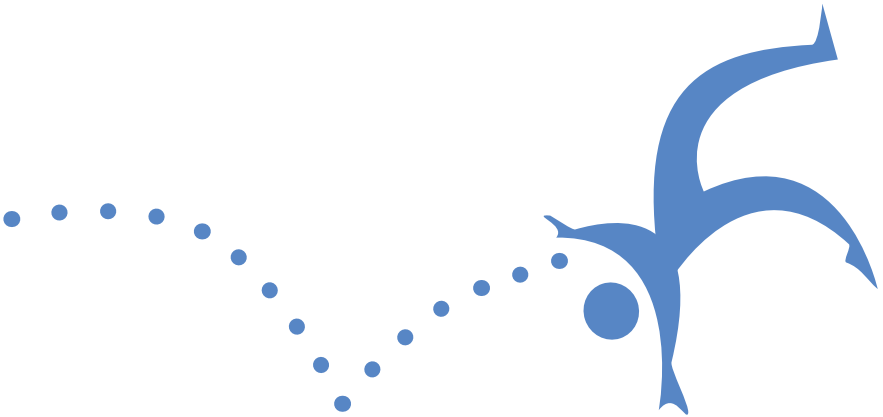
Artist in Residence



Cathy M. Kolwey is an artist, writer, and ordained pastor who has worked in churches at the intersection of spirituality and the arts for over 20 years. She plans spiritually based art experiences for all ages: Preschoolers through Adults. She currently serves as the Spiritual Formation Associate at Meetinghouse Church in Edina, MN.

Here at Synod School, Cathy has previously led workshops that have focused on Art as Prayer, Art as Spiritual Practice, and Reclaimed Art as

Resurrection. This year as artist in residence, Cathy is excited to explore the idea of Collaborative Art as a way of building community. Whether or not you consider yourself “an artist,” you will want to participate in these community art activities to deepen your sense of belonging here at Synod School. And while you bring your own creativity, Cathy will remind you of her personal motto: “There is no such thing as bad art.”



The Synod School Community Covenant

At Synod School we seek to live in a strong, caring, and responsible community—a place where we treat everyone like extended family members and live with compassion toward each other and the BVU staff. We will work together to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope for all participants. We commit ourselves to being good stewards of the environment, our resources, and campus property. We will seek and honor God’s presence in each person.

Worship and Spiritual Formation

Whether you’re a first timer or longtime attendee, Synod School is an exceptional experience, especially because of the many opportunities it offers for enriching worship and nurturing spiritual practices. Every class or activity offered during the week enriches our faith lives. Some classes and experiences are included especially because they invite us to worship and engage God in ways that may be new to us. All worship experiences are planned to be intergenerational.

Morning Song and Prayer

A time of song and prayer to start our day together.

Evening Worship

The community gathers for worship each evening after dinner. Other activities are not scheduled during this time so that everyone may participate. Children and youth are encouraged to attend worship. Everyone will be invited to participate in a variety of ways. Communion will be celebrated on Sunday evening. A special offering for the Synod School Scholarship Fund will be received during worship on Wednesday.

Spiritual Direction

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet with a spiritual director? Would you like some help in weaving together your Synod School experience so that you can discern what the Spirit might be trying to communicate to you during this week? Experienced spiritual directors will be offering free spiritual direction to Synod School participants in an atmosphere of prayer, to help you become more aware of and responsive to the presence of God in your life. Participants may sign up for individual spiritual direction sessions throughout the week.

Personal Spiritual Reflection

Visit the Spirituality Center for a time of quiet, personal reflection. Experience contemplation and prayer in new and creative ways and join others in meditative coloring of our community mandala. You can also sign up to receive an electronic document with ideas and instructions for creating a Spirituality Center in your own church. The Spirituality Center, with its 10 prayer stations, is open daily from morning through evening for people of all ages to enjoy.

Synod School in Mission



Watch for opportunities during the week to participate in and to learn about the mission of the church. There may be some special activities for children and youth, mini-courses, and more. We also invite everyone to participate in a “Dollar a Day” project to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

Afternoon Activities

Art Share

During the afternoon break, Art Share offers everyone the opportunity to create a special Synod School memory. Synod School participants take turns during the week offering a mini-experience of their particular art or craft. Cindy and Tim Lowe will offer silk-screening opportunities. You can bring something you already have to embellish or purchase a t-shirt or tote bag for a project. You can also bring your "UFOs" (unfinished objects) to work on (and maybe finish). Watch for special opportunities for children to be creative.

Kayaking and/or Canoeing

A limited number of passes for renting kayaks or canoes from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday are available in the Synod School Office. There must be at least one adult in each boat and all people in the boats must sign a waiver. Parents/guardians will need to sign for anyone under 18 years of age.

Synod School Golf Outing (Wednesday only)

Calling all golfers! The Sunrise Pointe Golf Course in Storm Lake will welcome us for a fun scramble on Wednesday afternoon hosted by Dave Koehler, Pastor of Morningside Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, IA. Tee time is 12:30 p.m. A \$22 fee covers 9 holes of golf and the use of a cart. Bring your own clubs. The fee can be paid in advance as a miscellaneous item when you register. Participation is limited to 36 golfers. Golfers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Sign up each player (including kids) on the registration form to indicate your interest. You will be back in time for afternoon classes.

Evening Activities

After evening worship, there are optional learning, mission and fellowship opportunities available. Pick and choose at your own pace.

Mini-Courses

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, you can spend an hour in one-time only sessions addressing a wide range of topics. Prior registration is not required for evening mini-courses. One of these will be a time to continue the discussion begun each morning with convocation speaker Elizabeth Hinson Hasty. Each evening's mini courses will be listed in the Program Guide you receive at registration. They will also be posted daily on the bulletin boards near the Synod School Office as well as in the announcement slides prior to worship services.

Nightly Movies

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, you can choose to watch a movie selected by the Synod School Committee. The rating of each movie will be posted for parental discernment.

Coffee House and All School Dance

Visit over refreshments at the Coffee House after mini courses on Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. Live music and entertainment will be provided by our many talented Synod School musicians. Watch the announcements during the week for the schedule. On Wednesday everyone is invited to The All School Dance.

Tie Dyeing

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, join the Synod School tie-dye craze led by Sue Rutherford. Bring a 100% cotton article of clothing or another item to dye, or plan to purchase a t-shirt or tote bag from Sue to transform into something unique. We reserve the right to limit the number of pieces an individual can dye so that everyone interested can participate.

Children and Youth Programming



Programming for children and youth is based on the grades they will *enter* in August or September. All children and youth must have a parent or an accompanying adult at Synod School. Because the Synod of Lakes and Prairies values and encourages family participation, prices reflect Synod subsidies for all children and youth.

Parents and accompanying adults are strongly encouraged to stop by their children's or youth's designated classroom between 6:00-6:45 p.m. on Sunday for an Open House to meet teachers and learn more about the program plans, procedures, and expectations for the week.

Children's Programs

Children (infants through 5th grade) participate in carefully planned programs appropriate for each age group during convocation and the four scheduled class periods. Younger children are grouped as infant through 2 years and 3 years through kindergarten. They will use their senses to experience and explore the wonders of God's creation through use of art, music, scripture, and age-appropriate activities. The Infant through K programs will be hosted in Pierce and White Halls. Elementary classes (grades 1-5) are multi-graded and use a workshop rotation strategy where they will have three different classes each morning and each afternoon. The Elementary program will be located in Dixon-Eilers.

Middle School Program

All middle school youth (entering grades 6-8) will have planned programming in the morning, including a convocation time with Alonzo Johnson, as well as small group activities. *Middle School youth will select their afternoon classes on Sunday afternoon during registration at Synod School.*

- 8:30-10:00 Morning class options
- 10:00-11:00 Youth Convocation with Alonzo in Anderson Auditorium
- 11:00-11:40 Small groups
- 2:15-5:00 Middle School youth will select and register for two classes **during registration on Sunday afternoon at BVU.**

High School Program

High school youth (entering grades 9-12) will have a convocation time with Alonzo and small group activities. **Watch for an email prior to Synod School with information about them.**

- 8:30-10:00 Morning class options
- 10:00-11:00 Youth Convocation with Alonzo in Anderson Auditorium
- 11:00-11:40 Small groups
- 2:15-5:00 High school youth will take two *adult* classes or work as a volunteer with the younger children (need to apply and be screened for volunteering with the children – www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool and click on “volunteer for children and youth programs”). **Afternoon classes need to be selected at the time of online registration.**

Going to Triennium? We know and have wrestled with what to do about the change in Triennium’s usual schedule, resulting in an overlap with Synod School in 2022. We hope senior high students who have the opportunity to go to Triennium will do so and then come to Synod School for the last half of the week. We have made arrangements with the local presbyteries for Triennium participants to get a ride to Synod School on their bus, which will stop at B... This gives Triennium participants the opportunity to arrive on a Friday and be a part of Synod School for a couple of days. Youth on the bus who want to do both Triennium and Synod School will need to register **early** in March with both your own presbytery and Synod School. Details on bus costs and adjusted rates for Synod School will be available at the time of registration.

Lakeshore Center Collaboration

Synod School welcomes a team of camp counselors from Lakeshore Center at Lake Okoboji who will provide leadership for portions of the Children and Youth Program as well as evening games on the lawn.

Responsibility for Children and Youth

Parents or accompanying adults are responsible for their children and youth during worship, mealtimes, and at all times other than when they are in supervised, scheduled events for children and youth. There is information on the website with suggestions of ways to make Synod School experiences great for all ages and clarify expectations.

Parents/responsible adults are expected to enforce the 10 p.m. quiet time in the dorms and the 11 p.m. curfew by making sure all children and youth are in their own dorms at the appointed times.

Guidelines for Safety of Our Children and Youth

The safety of the children and youth at Synod School is a paramount concern of the Synod School Committee. While at Synod School, please remember that Buena Vista is a college campus and not designed with young children in mind. Bikes, skateboards, skates, and other similar recreational equipment that would compete with pedestrian use of the sidewalks are not permitted on campus. While we believe that Storm Lake is a safe community, vigilance is always wise. Please supervise your children closely when they are outside to ensure their safety. We have never had a serious mishap, but children and young people should be appropriately supervised *at all times*, including during mealtimes and worship. We offer these guidelines:

- **Elementary and younger children** should be under adult supervision at all times.
- **Middle school youth** should be in groups when outdoors or visiting restrooms, and after dark should walk outdoors only with adult supervision.
- **High school youth** should stay in groups or pairs when walking outdoors or visiting restrooms and after dark should only walk outdoors in group.

Synod School Schedule

Sunday

1:30 p.m.	Registration begins in Siebens Forum
4:15-4:45 p.m.	Faculty Orientation Meetings
4:45-6:30 p.m.	Dinner in Siebens Forum
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Meet and Greet for Children and Youth Programs Infant-K will go to rooms; Elem/MS/HS outside the Chapel
6:45-7:00 p.m.	Gathering with Music in Schaller Memorial Chapel
7:00-7:45 p.m.	Opening Worship with Communion
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Welcome and Orientation
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship and Hospitality on the lawn and a campus tour (First Timers encouraged)
10:00 p.m.	Quiet Time in Dorms
11:00 p.m.	Curfew

Monday-Thursday

6:30-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:05 a.m.	<i>Drop Off begins for children infants through K (White and Pierce)</i>
8:15 a.m.	A Song and a Prayer
8:25 a.m.	Elementary children and youth released to classes
8:25 a.m.	Announcements
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Adult Convocation in Schaller Memorial Chapel
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Morning AM1 Classes
10:45-11:45 a.m.	Morning AM2 Classes
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Free Time/Art Share/Quiet Time in Dorms
2:05 p.m.	<i>Drop Off begins for children</i>
2:15-3:30 p.m.	Afternoon PM1 Classes
3:45-5:00 p.m.	Afternoon PM2 Classes
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:40 p.m.	Announcements in Schaller Memorial Chapel
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship
7:45 p.m.	Evening Activities

10:00 p.m.

Quiet Time in Dorms

11:00 p.m.

Curfew

Friday

6:30-8:00 a.m.

Breakfast & Packing

8:05 a.m.

Drop Off begins for children infants through K (White and Pierce)

8:15 a.m.

A Song and a Prayer

8:25 a.m.

Elementary children and youth released to classes

Announcements

8:30-9:15 a.m.

Adult Convocation in Schaller Memorial Chapel

10:00 a.m.

Must be out of dorms and suites with keys turned in.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Morning AM1 Classes

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Morning AM2 Classes

12:00-12:30 p.m.

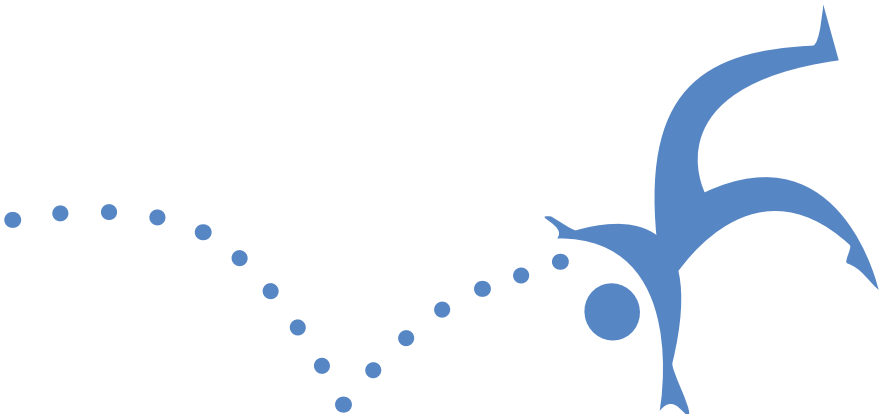
Closing Worship Celebration

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 p.m.

Off campus and on the way home!



Online Registration

To register for Synod School, beginning March 15, 2022, go to www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool and click on the Registration link.

A few things to pay attention to as you register:

- **If you are registering as a family**, register each person BEFORE checking out.
- **If you are registering a middle school or senior high youth**, please include their email as the instructors will send at least one email with small group information prior to Synod School.
- **If you are registering a senior high youth**, they will need to select their two afternoon classes during the online registration process. We would like to reduce the number of senior high youth who change classes once they get to Synod School.
- **Linin Packages (sheets, towels and pillows):** When registering to attend Synod School, you will have the opportunity to choose whether to order a linen package (for each registrant) from Buena Vista University at a cost of \$15 per person. If you do not order a linen package (or linen packages), you will need to bring your own sheets, towels, blankets and pillows for each person you are registering. **Nothing will be provided** for those registrants who do not buy the linen package (a change from all previous years). **IMPORTANT CHANGE:** BVU has changed their linens and are no longer providing blankets. *You will need to bring your own blanket whether you order linens or not.*
- **If a class has a limited enrollment**, you will see that in the catalog and when you choose your classes. If a class has already reached its enrollment limit, you will have the option of joining the waiting list.
- **All materials you will need for Synod School** will be added to the registration website as they are available. Only those who request materials by mail or who register by mail will receive them by mail. Materials (maps, registration information, packing lists) will be online by July 15 for you to download.

Payment by Check: If you do not want to pay your registration fee online, you may register online but pay by check. Please send payments to the Synod School office (address on page 1). All payment deadlines apply. We will post it to your registration online so that you can see it was received. (Same is true for scholarships/payments from churches or presbyteries.)

Register by Mail: If you would like to register by mail, please complete the form at the back of the book and mail it to the Synod School office with your payment. We will register you.

Accommodations



Accessibility

All Buena Vista classrooms are handicap accessible. The university has limited residence hall accommodations for people with physical disabilities. Elevators are available in four of the halls, but not in the suite buildings. Limited first-floor housing is available. If you need accessible or first-floor housing, please indicate that on your registration form and include the specific limitation which must be addressed. If you have other special needs or requests associated with your housing, **please register as early as possible and make your specific needs known on your registration form.** We will work with the college to meet needs to the best of our ability, using the college's available resources.

Meals

All meals are served in the college cafeteria. A variety of items are available at every meal which should accommodate all special dietary needs.

Special Needs

If you have dietary limitations or needs (food allergies, gluten intolerance, lactose intolerance, vegetarian, etc.) or if you have particular housing requests (a particular roommate or special considerations in housing assignments), please indicate that specifically on your registration form and we will communicate that information to the college food service and housing coordinator.

Housing

- All registrants residing on campus will be housed in campus residence halls and will eat in the cafeteria.
- All rooms are air conditioned.
- All rooms have two single beds that take XL Twin sheets.

- The “dorm” buildings have bathroom facilities “down the hall,” and group lounges on each floor.
- The “suite” buildings have multiple suites of 3 bedrooms (with two beds in each bedroom) that share a communal living room; each suite bedroom has a private bath.
- Requests for single rooms in the dorms will be accommodated, as available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Singles are not available in the suites.
- Registering for a “double” means that you will share the room with another person, either of your choosing or assigned by the housing coordinator.
- If you are requesting a specific roommate, both registrations must be received before you will be put on the room assignment lists.
- If you do not request a particular person as a roommate, we will select one for you.

Please note that suite rooms are limited and assigned according to your registration number. If no suite rooms are available when your registration is received, you will be assigned to a dorm room and can choose to be placed on a waiting list for a suite if you desire.

You can see typical room layouts at <https://www.bvu.edu/student-experience/storm-lake-campus/living-on-campus>

Sleeping Options for Children and Middle School Youth

Children through 8th grade are provided with two housing options:

- **Bed:** Children are assigned a bed in a dorm or suite.
- **Camper:** If both beds are already full in a room, children and youth up through 8th grade, can “camp” in the room. This may mean a portable crib, a sleeping bag on the floor or on a cot or air mattress brought from home. There must be at least one adult in the room or an older youth who is acceptable to parents. Up to two children can be “campers” in each room but no more than 4 people can be assigned to any room. Families choosing this option should also bring all sleeping supplies and linens needed for each “camper.” Note, both beds in a room must be filled before someone can be registered as a camper so if there are just two people in a room, both must pay for the beds. If a family requires more than one room for housing, adjacent rooms will be assigned.

Change in Housing from previous years:

Blankets will not be provided for anyone. If you don't order linens, you will need to bring everything you need for sleeping and bathing. Linens are \$15/person and only include sheets, towels, and pillows. So even those who order linens have to bring blankets.

What to Bring...

Synod School is a wonderful week full of inspiration and joy. It is also a week when 600 people live together in community and in dorm rooms. Not all of the accommodations will be perfect for everyone. So, if you are particular about *anything*, **BRING IT WITH YOU!** We encourage you to read or re-read the "tips" on our *Questions and Answers* sheet, available online now and check out the Synod School Facebook page for ideas, too (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/77936670308/>). And, please ask questions. The Synod School Committee will do our best to make your week wonderful.

First Timers

We expect many will be attending Synod School for the first time. We will have a tour of the campus on Sunday after worship for any first timers who are interested. There are lounges in Siebens Forum, which are places to meet people and build relationships throughout the week.

Commuters

Commuters are welcome at Synod School and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the school. Registration should be completed in advance of Synod School to ensure that the desired courses are available. A la carte meals may be purchased at the Synod School Office.

Information about Buena Vista and Storm Lake

The Buena Vista campus is in the city of Storm Lake, Iowa. For maps, pictures, and other information about the college, city and region, go to www.bvu.edu/campus-life/storm-lake/.

Fees

Fees include tuition, per capita (a daily fee of \$6.50 per person no matter what the age) paid to cover maintenance to BVU, snacks, meals and selected lodging (commuters also pay for their meals).

Birth - 2 years staying on campus

Camper	\$65
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Age 3 through grade 5 staying on campus

Double Dorm Room	\$190
Double Suite Room	\$215
Camper in Dorm or Suite	\$175

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8) staying on campus

Double Dorm Room	\$245
Double Suite Room	\$280
Camper	\$230

High School Youth (Grades 9-12) staying on campus

Double Dorm Room	\$305
Double Suite Room	\$345

Adults staying on campus

Double Dorm Room	\$380
Double Suite Room	\$430
Single Dorm Room	\$450

Commuters

Adults	\$140 plus meals
Children and youth	\$65 plus meals

Early registration is encouraged, especially for those with special needs or requesting the suites.

Registration Deadline and Refunds

- Registrations must be received by July 1.
- We request that **all fees be paid by July 15**. Online registrants can check their balance due by logging into their registration at any time.
- \$100 per adult and child/youth must accompany your registration.
- If you don't pay online, make check payable to Synod of Lakes and Prairies and send to 2115 Cliff Drive, Eagan, MN 51225-3327.
- If you wish to register additional people without using the online registration, registration forms may be downloaded from www.lakesandprairies.org. **If you register by mail or email and do not receive a confirmation within two weeks, please call to make sure your registration was received.**
- Refunds: If you cancel prior to July 21 your registration fees will be refunded except for \$20/person to cover the administrative fees. No registration refunds are available for cancellations after July 21. On-site participation fees will be refunded if requests are received by July 15. They will be considered on a case-by-case basis after that as we need to pay for the rooms and meals that we guarantee BVU on July 16.

Scholarship Information



First Time Scholarships Because of the generosity of previous Synod School participants, we are able to offer a \$50 scholarship to the first 68 first-time registrants in celebration of our 68th annual Synod School. If you are a first-time attendee for Synod School, enter the code "First" at the end of your registration to receive a scholarship.

The Paul & Salee Stanfield Scholarship Fund will provide up to 6 scholarships for the 2022 Synod School. This fund will **match** local church scholarships up to half the cost of tuition, room and board.

Synod School Scholarships Other Synod School Scholarships are also available from the annual Synod School offering received from participants. These are ordinarily matching grants.

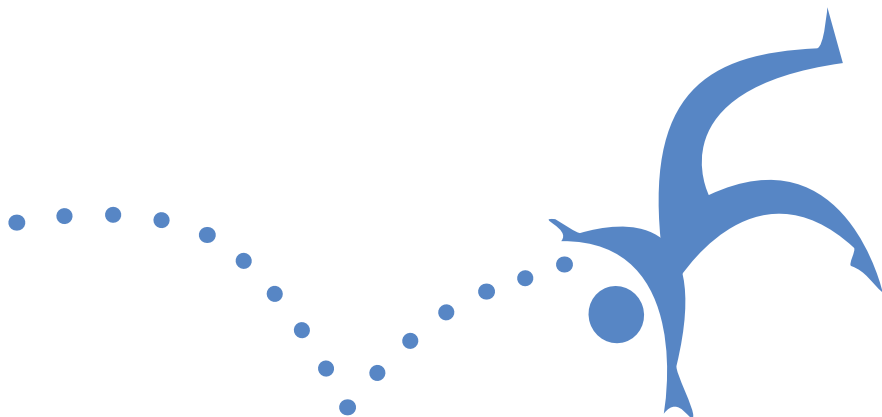
Application forms for the Stanfield and Synod School scholarships are available on the Synod School website (<https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>).

Registration for Adults

Dig into some areas of study!

If you are interested in focusing on a particular area, you might consider:

- Exploring the Bible, select classes AM1-6, AM1-11, AM2-26, AM2-31, PM1-15, PM2-22, PM2-24, PM2-26,
- Personal wellness, select classes AM02, PM1-10, PM1-11,
- Mission, select classes AM1-7, PM2-21,
- Active movement, select classes AM1-12, AM2-29, PM1-18, PM2-30
- Intersection of faith and public life, select classes AM1-13, AM2-20, AM1-19, AM2-24, AM2-25, PM1-14, PM1-15, PM2-34
- Intersection of culture and faith, select classes AM1-10, AM1-17, AM2-28, PM02, PM1-08, PM2-27,
- Pastoral Leader focused classes, select classes AM2-23, PM1-09
- Theology, select classes AM01, AM1-15, PM1-07, PM2-25,
- Literature and fiction, select classes AM1-16, AM2-21, AM2-27, PM2-28,
- Prayer and spirituality, select classes AM1-9, AM2-22, PM1-06, PM2-33
- Leadership Development, select classes AM1-18, AM2-34, AM04,
- Cooking, select classes AM03, PM01, PM05,
- Creative endeavors, select classes AM04, AM1-8, AM1-14, AM1-19, AM2-30, AM2-32, AM2-33, AM03, PM1-17, PM1-20, PM2-26, PM2-29, PM2-31,
- Music, select classes PM1-08, PM1-12, PM1-19, PM2-23,



Course Descriptions



All Morning

AM-01 God, Humanity, and the Covenant of Grace: An Introduction to Reformed Theology

This course will introduce participants to several of the lasting themes of the Reformed faith by engaging short primary texts in the history of Reformed theology from the Reformation to the present day, including John Calvin, the Reformed confessions, and Karl Barth. The course's major themes will include divine election, the covenant of grace, and the Christian life as a response to the gospel.

The Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser is assistant professor of theology at Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. She currently lives in a farmhouse outside of Orange City, with her husband, son (8) and daughter (5).

AM-02 What if you recognized your inner wisdom? Using research, reflection, and community to reconnect with your inner wisdom.

"If there is anything the world needs, it is wisdom. Without it, I exaggerate not at all in saying that very soon there may be no world" (Robert Sternberg, Ph.D. former president of the American Psychological Association). Wisdom is an elusive concept at the intersection of profound and simple. It is perhaps the most complex characteristic that can be attributed to individuals and cultures and yet, we use this word without thinking about it. Possibly a result of its ubiquity, its meaning can be challenging to articulate. In this course, we will seek to understand wisdom, with a particular focus on acknowledging your inner wisdom. Do you recognize the wisdom you live out everyday? What does the research say about wisdom? How would your ministry/relationships/life change if you tapped into your own wisdom? This class will feature brief presentations, ample opportunities for individual and group reflection, and community-building.

Danny Elenz is a psychologist at LeaderWise, a non-profit in the Twin Cities whose mission is to serve people in ministry. Danny is passionate about connecting with people in ministry through therapy, consultation, and assessment to assist them in their development.

AM-03 Bagel Making: Easier Than You Think

In about three hours, you will learn to make bagels from scratch, from an experienced baker. Each step of the way from mixing the dough, to kneading, to rising, to shaping, to boiling, to baking, to eating will be explained with a hands-on approach. Limited to 12 students. Materials fee = \$5.

Rick Goldfarb has been baking bagels since he moved to Seattle in 1981 and discovered that there was no place to get the kind of bagels he grew up with in Oak Park, Michigan. So he learned to bake his own. Although he worked as a lawyer for 38 years, in his office he was better-known as “the guy who brings in bagels.”

AM-04 Pysanky – An Egg-cellent Celebration

Dye, beeswax, and a simple tool called a kistka can be used to create beautiful, intricate patterns on eggs, a traditional symbol of rebirth and resurrection used in eastern European celebrations of Easter. With a little patience and imagination, anyone can learn to master this craft. Limited to 15 students. Materials fee = \$15 per student (covers the cost of a basic kit for each student to take home—dyes, wax, a kistka, and instructions—plus materials for use in class during the week)

Randi Henderson and her sister, Cindy DeHate, have been decorating pysanky (off and on) since their father read about them in a National Geographic magazine a LONG time ago. Natives of Denver, Randi is a retired Presbyterian pastor and Cindy a retired postal worker.

Morning AMI Classes

AMI-06 Preparing for Sabbath: Leading & Sharing the 2022/23 PW Bible Study

In an over-programmed world and church, we are called to stop doing, doing, doing and set aside some time for just being with God. Come explore the meaning of Sabbath and discover a variety of ways we can celebrate it together as we look at “Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight” by Carol Bechtel, the Presbyterian Women’s Bible study for 2022/2023. We will experience a few of the lessons and consider ways this study and topic could encourage more rest and delight in your setting. Whether you lead or participate in a PW circle or are simply looking for a great new curriculum for your church or group, this new study has something for you!

Katie Estes is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay WI and has considered Synod School part of her sabbath time for many years. Nancy Siewert is a ruling elder at FPC Green Bay and has taught more PW studies than she can remember!

AMI-07 Transforming Congregational Mission

You may have read recently, in articles or books, how many of the Church’s current mission practices are harming communities they are trying to serve. Are you looking for ways to improve and transform how your church engages in God’s mission especially in dealing with people from another cultural background? Then this class will offer you space to reflect on you and your church’s understanding of mission and on mission practices (like short-term mission trips, child sponsorship programs, and others) and ways we can be more faithful with our time and resources. Participants will be able to share and learn best practices with one another and will be able to apply the three key principles (theology of companionship, cultural humility, and co-development) as laid out in the newly published book “Freeing Congregational Mission” by Hunter Farrell with Bala Khylllep.

Bala Khylllep is the associate director of the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and regularly preaches and leads mission workshops in Pittsburgh-area churches and beyond. Before moving to Pittsburgh, he co-pastored with his wife at First Presbyterian Church of Britton, SD.

AM1-08 “I can’t draw, but I’m still an artist!” Unleashing your creative side

So many people have amazing artistic talents but are stuck by the idea that drawing is required to succeed! This class will show you how to get around that block. We’ll have classes where we create art that has no drawing required. We’ll also have classes where we learn tricks to drawing when your project requires it. Limited to 15 students and a materials fee of \$15.00.

Laura Sherlock is the Director of Christian Education at Westminster Church in Des Moines, Iowa. She studied Art Education at the University of Northern Iowa and taught art for several years to K-8 students. When she’s not at Westminster, she’s at home with her family in Norwalk, creating new projects that include painting, drawing, knitting, sewing, cross-stitch and so much more!

AM1-09 Every Step a Prayer: Finding Sanctuary in the Ordinary Movements of a Busy Schedule

We are trained to be people on the go, so sitting and meditating or taking particular time out to pray and find God seems hard to come by for many of us. This class will explore how to find meditative practices while you are walking and cheering your kids on from the sidelines, washing dishes, and prepping meals for the week. This will be an interactive class that will have us moving and shaking like we normally do throughout a week!

Lindsay Jacaruso went through confirmation classes with her then pastor, Lee Hinson-Hasty. Over the years, ministry called them to and fro, and they are SO excited to find places where their paths cross to be nerdy Presbyterians together! Lindsay is a Virginia native, currently serving as a pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Mankato, MN. Lee and his wife Elizabeth (keynoter!) live in Louisville, KY with two fabulous kids, Garrison and Emme.

AM1-10 Good vs. Evil - Movie Heroes and Villains and Biblical Ethics

What makes Atticus Finch and Dorothy Gale good? What makes Darth Vader and Hannibal Lecter evil? Can a killer be a hero? Can a computer be a villain? We'll look at scenes from movies and compare them with Biblical scriptures to learn more about what the Bible says is good or evil, and how these qualities are envisioned on the big screen. We'll also talk about how the Bible influences our understanding of the ethics of movie characters, as well as how movies influence our understanding of the Bible.

Mark Bedford is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sioux City, Iowa. He and his wife, Rev. Beth Hamilton, live with their cat and their cocker spaniel, who are not spoiled at all. He teaches about movie heroes and villains and Biblical ethics whenever he can, but is still angling for the position of Professor of Defense against the Dark Arts.

AM1-11 It's All Greek to Me: The Gospel of Luke

Though we read the New Testament in English, it was originally written in ancient Greek. In this course we will discuss selections of the Gospel of Luke and consider how an understanding of the Greek text can enhance an interpretation of the passage. We will use the lectionary as a guide. Join us to get ideas for your sermons, Bible studies, or Sunday School classes. No knowledge of ancient Greek is necessary to participate in this course.

Matt Sherry is a PhD candidate in classical philology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He specializes in Latin poetry and also studies the influence of Greek texts on Latin authors.

AM1-12 Yoga: Vacation Style

Yoga: Vacation Style encourages the participant to be present in, and compassionate towards, their body, while moving through a guided practice designed for the beginner. Poses are modified to accommodate the needs of the students and breath is emphasized. Class is relaxing, playful, and a source of daily rejuvenation.

Jodi Stanfield's practice is based on restorative and somatic yoga principals and incorporates her work with Unlimited Body and Unlimited Breath healing modalities.

AM1-13 Energy Poverty, Solar Power, and Mission

We will discuss energy poverty and how individuals and churches can support and get involved in meaningful international mission to help alleviate this problem. We will provide an overview of solar power systems that will include a “field trip” to our Solar Trailer, which houses two full demonstration systems. We will discuss existing solar installations in Honduras and Haiti, as well as potential future projects. A question-and-answer period will help you to identify ways you or your church can get involved.

Rollin Wycoff and Megan Rubio serve as volunteer instructors for Solar School, the training program of Solar Under the Sun.

AM1-14 Looping Over a Gourd

Looping is also known as knotless netting or needle lace. It produces an open, lace-like fabric. We will use this technique to create a beautiful design over the surface of a gourd. Class size limited to 15. Materials fee of \$25.00.

Sandy Maxa is, among other things, a fiber artist. She lives in Lenox, Iowa with her husband Tim and some cats. Rhonda Osborn is a childcare provider who loves to do crafting. She lives in Winnebago, MN.

AM1-15 Praxis: Living our Theology

Praxis is our theology in action. Too often there is a divide between what we confess in our creeds and how we live every day. This class will explore the topics of Salvation, Grace, Evil, and Evangelism by looking at these topics historically and contemporarily and then examine how those beliefs make a difference in how we live our faith. This class will incorporate discussion, video, and music to raise topics.

Matt Sauer is a husband, father, and community activist for justice. Matt is pastor of Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry (a PCUSA/UCC ministry) specializing in Community Engagement and Transformation. He moonlights as an advisor in the ACTS DMin in Preaching at McCormick Theological Seminary and as a Police/Hospital Chaplain.

AM1-16 Reading Christian Wiman's "Home"

Much as we did in the 2021 class "Reading Christian Wiman's 'Joy,'" we will devote each class to reading and discussing a few poems from Christian Wiman's soon-to-be-published poetry anthology, "Home."

Scott Stanfield teaches in the English Department of Nebraska Wesleyan University. He has been teaching at Synod School since 2000.

AM1-17 Religion and Sexuality in Three Movements

This class will look at the Biblical view of marriage and sex, how this view has changed over time. We will concentrate on the Shakers, the Mormons, and the Oneida Community, their teachings and how their beliefs influenced the role of marriage, family, and men and women within their group. This is a look at three American religious movements, the Mormons, the Shakers, and the Oneida Perfectionists, and how their beliefs influenced and defined marriage, the role of women in the group, and their views on the purpose of sex and children in the respective groups. We will look at how these groups rejected the existing marriage and family patterns, and established alternative patterns of either celibacy, group marriage and polygamy.

Brenda Griffin is a semi-retired Spanish teacher. She taught Spanish in Missouri, Iowa and Kentucky. She is currently teaching at Skills-U a program for students who are working to obtain their GED and for ESL students. She is married to Darrel Griffin and they live in Georgetown, KY. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. She also spends her time with their daughters and 4 grandchildren.

AM1-18 Ruling Elders: Putting the Fun Back into (Dys)Functional Sessions

Nominating committees are finding it difficult to fill the vacancies on church councils because, let's face it, it's no fun when we face shrinking finances, low attendance, and a culture of divisiveness in our churches. Participants will relearn (or learn for the first time) what it means to be a Ruling Elder, why our current models aren't working, and how to lead, love, and fight like Presbyterians. Rather than 'taking your turn' sitting on Session, let's figure out how to partner with fellow Christians to answer the call to God's ministry with purpose and joy (and probably snacks).

Ian McMullen is the Pastor to the Presbyteries of Des Moines, North Central Iowa, and Prospect Hill. He contends that his life and faith journey are a testa-

ment to the idea that God has a sense of humor. Ian is passionate about investing in people, cheering on the Iowa State Cyclones, and living life in a large way.

AM1-19 Upcycled: Art and Sustainability within Ministry

Sustainability and upcycling are more than trendy buzz words. They are practices the Church can look to and learn from in the re-creation of ministry. This course will cover both the theology and the practical application of upcycling as we engage in conversations about how to steward the earth and minister to our communities with intention and care. We will also be making our own upcycled art.

Rebecca Dix is an artist, scholar, story teller and listener. Her path has been carved with her passion for Old Testament stories and making art. Living sustainably is a huge part of her life and she loves the adventure of re-making and re-imagining.

Morning AM2 Classes

AM2-20 Is it too Late? Is there any Hope?

This class will explore the pressing issue of global warming and climate change. We will discuss what is happening and what can be done according to scientists, Pope Francis, Sallie McFague, John Cobb and other relevant scholars.

Hugh Stone is a member of Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive. He has taught religion, philosophy and ethics courses at Grandview University and Simpson College and D.M.A.C.C. He has a Masters of Divinity Degree from Yale University.

AM2-21 Spirit, Open Our Hearts: Fiction and Congregational Mission

Fiction gives us insight into the nuances of what it means to be the people of God. When we read broadly and deeply, we find that our hearts and minds are opened in profound ways. This course will address novels that address contemporary issues including "American Dirt," "Little Fires Everywhere," "The Kite Runner" and others.

Stacy Cavanaugh is currently the pastor at Union Presbyterian Church in Monroe, WI. An avid reader, she knows exactly how many books you can have out of the library at one time.

AM2-22 The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are a series of meditations, prayers and contemplative practices designed to help people deepen their relationship with God and their discernment of their role in God's plan. Although historically most commonly given as a long retreat of about 30-days, the Exercises have been adapted in many ways to meet the needs of people today. Christians of all denominations have benefitted from their exposure to them. The spirituality embodied by Ignatius' Exercises is one particularly suited to laypeople. And even apart from its use in a retreat setting, the Exercises offer useful tools for daily prayer and discerning vocation for all Christians. These include both methods of prayer, and guidelines and approaches to making good decisions. This class will include an overview of the structure of the Spiritual Exercises, an exploration of the major contemplations and prayer forms of the Exercises, with a focus on their adaption and use in our day to day lives.

Susan Stabile is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the St. Thomas University School of Law, an adjunct Instructor in Theology at St. Catherine's University, and a member of the faculty of the Sacred Ground training program for spiritual directors. Susan also offers retreats and other programs of spiritual formation at churches, universities, and retreat houses around the country.

AM2-23 The Immediate Word: Preaching Shaped by Current Events

Each week a team of eight writers produces The Immediate Word, an e-resource for those who use the Revised Common Lectionary. After a 30 minute Zoom meeting the team produces liturgy, a list of hymn suggestions, a children's message, two articles, and up to 15 stories and observations—all based on lectionary texts. This course will be highly interactive. Participants will take part in a typical brain storming conversation based on themes in the lectionary and breaking news stories. Then, in small groups, participants will work together to produce lectionary-based resources for future worship services. Together participants will produce ready-to-use material for five future Sundays. This offering is for lectionary preachers, people hungry for bridging the Bible/world gap and those curious about where sermons come from.

Tom Willadsen has been a presbyterian minister for more than 30 years and has served congregations in four states. He has written weekly for The Immediate Word since 2018. The best half hour for him every week is the Zoom conference with the clever, brilliant and passionate co-writers of The Immediate Word.

AM2-24 A Time to Repair: Restorative Actions

Today, fluency in the language of systemic racism—a topic previously relegated to the shadowy edges of polite public conversation—is now almost a passport to mainstream respectability. Unfortunately, much of the national conversation comes to a screeching halt at the mention of one seriously antiracist word—Reparation. “A Time to Repair” restarts the conversation about Reparation to Afro-Americans—a conversation that began in the church and places it exactly where it belongs: in the very Protestant institutions still enriched from trading in flesh, distorting Christian theology, racializing politics, and stealing labor. This Synod School class will introduce a new curriculum, “A Time to Repair,” to discuss why Reparation is distinctly Christian business and is possible. It will offer individuals and churches an opportunity to learn about reforming national culture and theological education by first; acknowledging Protestantism’s role as a key partner in the business of slavery and second; by pointing a way forward through specific objectives in education, advocacy, and economic responsibility with an introduction to Restorative Actions—an economic justice initiative designed to restore and catalyze opportunities for Indigenous and Afro-American individuals and communities in the United States to flourish; a preview at www.restorativeactions.org.

Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam has served as associate pastor at Liberty Community Church, PC(USA) (formerly Kwanzaa Community Church) and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, PC(USA) and is currently a doctoral candidate in Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan. Milissa Carter is a ruling elder in the PC(USA), and serves on the Social Justice & Racial Equity Teams at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, MN. Jim Koon is a ruling elder in the PC(USA). He lives in Mendota Heights MN and serves as Financial Services Director for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

AM2-25 Traffick Signals: Human Trafficking in Your Backyard

This class will explore what human trafficking is, what we can do in our own communities, and case studies around the area. Resources and materials will be handed out. We will talk about trafficking with regard to sex, labor, child, and organ trafficking around the US as well as local communities and learn about trauma responses. At the end of the class, participants will no longer think human trafficking is only a problem elsewhere. Adult topics and discussions surrounding sexual assault and relationship violence will be addressed as it relates to human trafficking. Parental discretion advised if under 18 years of age. If you took this class last year, this is a repeat.

Kelly Andrichik has been a police officer for the state of Wisconsin for 20+ years and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She is a consultant for the WI Dept. of Justice on topics surrounding sexual assault and domestic violence, is a sexual assault investigator, and trains local communities and guest lectures on topics of Human Trafficking.

AM2-26 The Gift of Lament

There certainly are times along our journey through life where we are harshly reminded of the reality that God's reign has not yet come. Whether it be the impact of the pandemic, the polarization in our nation, the wrongs that are "oft so strong," personal change and the tosses that have come with them, or a myriad of other issues, hope can be hard to come by. At these times, faith offers an option: lament. Drawing upon the PW Horizon's Bible Study for 2020/2021, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, this class will provide a study of Biblical lament that includes opportunities to reclaim this practice that can help us live faithfully in this in-between time, this time of the already, but the not yet; engaging the real world with our faith and our faith with the real world.

Jan Christensen serves as pastor at Presbyterian United Church of Christ in Le Mars, Iowa. Through the years she has adapted the Horizon's Bible Study into sermon series and small group studies for her congregation.

AM2-27 Biblical Shakespeare

This course looks at the interaction between two of the most culturally important sets of texts in our society: the Bible and the plays of William Shakespeare. We'll look at how Shakespeare used the Bible, from explicit

references to broader themes and overlapping interests. We'll also take a gander at how people have confused quotes from the two and how Shakespeare's Bible and the early Presbyterian church are intertwined. No prior knowledge of either text is necessary (but it probably won't hurt either).

Philip Goldfarb Styr is an assistant professor of English at St. Ambrose University. Or to put it another way, this is his day job, only with about 20% more explicit references to the Bible.

AM2-28 Stitching Circle

Join us for an hour of slow stitching, visible mending or another hand-stitching craft of your choosing. Generations of people have gathered strength, grown resilient, and enjoyed fellowship as they gathered together to sew, mend and create. We will have plenty of materials on hand for meditative stitching. Each day we'll focus on the benefits of the craft—mindfulness, community, resilience, and sustainability. Participants are invited to bring some fabric to share or swap! Limited to 15. Class fee is \$8.

Mary Koon is the Associate Pastor for Oak Grove in Bloomington and enjoys stitching because it helps her slow down! Allison Koon is Mary's daughter-in-law, a former professional seamstress and an early childhood educator.

AM2-29 Ballroom and Latin Dance

Whether you're attending a wedding, going out for a night on the town, or just enjoying the Synod School dance, being out there moving and grooving on the dance floor makes it all that much more fun. Join us for a week of fellowship and learn two of the most exciting and useful dances out there—the stately foxtrot and lively Latin cha cha!

Jill and Jason Johnson are retired ballroom dance instructors and competitors from Saint Paul, MN.

AM2-30 Expressions in Silk

Working with silk using multiple techniques. Class is limited to 15 students. Materials fee is \$35. Class also meets PM1.

Janey Nottage-Tacey is a fiber artist working in weaving, knitting, crocheting, felting and silk.

AM2-31 Reading Old Testament Stories

This course will introduce the students to what is technically called Biblical narrative interpretation, which is a fancy way to say “figuring out what the story is trying to tell us.” After learning some of the basic literary techniques (such as repetition, dialogue, type scenes) employed by ancient Hebrew authors, the class will then examine a selection of Old Testament stories to see how the authors used these techniques to tell a good story and get their message across. The goal will be to find deeper meanings than we usually do in the Biblical narratives.

Darrel Griffin preaches when needed at local churches and loves to teach about the Bible and church history. He lives in Georgetown, KY and is a member of First Presbyterian Church.

AM2-32 Acrylic Paint Pouring

We will explore several techniques of acrylic paint pouring. We will mix our paints, paint several items and apply finishes. **WARNING:** This class will be messy. Bring a paint shirt or apron as well as a glass vase (one from the dollar or thrift store). Class limited to 10 participants. \$25 class fee

Lynn Hollander is a life-long crafter who is finally retired and able to spend more time crafting and playing with her dachshunds.

AM2-33 Who doesn't love a stripe?

Our project is to make a beaded bracelet using even count peyote stitch. Peyote stitch has been used for centuries and is a great basic stitch to know. In class we will learn how to read a pattern and use a method to help make our projects easy to start. The beads we use are small, so it is highly suggested that you bring your reading glasses. Beginners are welcome. Limited to 7 students. Materials fee of \$15.

Gretchen Milloy is the office coordinator at the Synod.

AM2-34 Collaborative Ministry: Reclaiming the Early Church as a Leadership Model

The current church is struggling to maintain the traditional model of “one church, one pastor.” Often, financial difficulties force churches to consider sharing a pastor out of necessity. Instead of working together out of financial necessity, what if churches reclaimed a tried-and-true leadership

model. This is the model used by Paul and others in the early church of sharing leadership between congregations. This is not a new model, but a model which helped the church grow at a phenomenal rate, growing from one church in Jerusalem to thousands of churches in just a couple hundred years.

Paul Snyder has served nine different congregations in four different calls, serving more than one congregation in each of these calls. He grew up in two different three-point parishes where he served as a ruling elder. He has also served as co-chair and member of the Commission on Leadership of the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys. Paul is currently the chair of the Small Church Residency Program.

All Afternoon

PM-01 Great Synod School Baking Competition

Have you ever wished you could participate in an iconic cooking show? You can get close here! Within the friendly competition of teams, we will bake challenging dessert creations not often made by home cooks. Can you pronounce Croquembuche? How about a Black Forest Cake or a Chocolate Pavlova? Cooking skill is not required as there should be a good mix of skill. Class fee of \$25. Class is limited to 12 participants.

Suzy Browning is crafting a new life. A physician, chaplain, and mom of three, she is a Synod School devotee who seems to hear God's discernment quite clearly from Storm Lake, Iowa. She loves to sing, cook, camp and spend time laughing with her kids!

PM-02 God in the Box Office – The Theology of Animation

From Walt Disney's original *Snow White* released in 1937 to the hits that continue to come out of Pixar Studios, the box office has been full of wonderful stories told through animation. In recent years, a few blockbuster animated films have delved into some deep societal, emotional, and theological questions. In this class we will screen four recent animated feature length films and ask the question, Where is God in the box office?

Gray Marshall is the co-pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, Ohio. Greg Bolt is the co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing, MN. Both are passionate film lovers and critics. Greg and Gray produced a film together about faith Appalachia while in seminary.

PM-03 Wade into Watercolors

Do you remember the fun you had as a kid just spreading different colors of paint around a sheet of paper? This class tries to recapture some of that fun while creating something more than just blobs of paint. No experience or artistic skill required. Using various techniques and tricks in watercolor, the instructor will guide you through some interesting projects, creating paintings that will at least look great on the refrigerator door, if not matted, framed and hanging in the living room. A list of materials will be provided. For those unable to bring these materials, a kit will be available to purchase from the instructor. Limited to 10 students.

Howard Chapman has been working in watercolors for many years, attending classes and workshops in places like Tuscany, Italy and Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Howard has taught this class in previous years as Synod School's Artist in Residence in 2014.

PM-04 Academy Class on Church Leadership

This course will discuss concepts of Christian leadership, where we are called to lead while following God. We'll discuss basic leadership traits and skills for leading in a challenging and changing environment, all while following God's will. We will also discuss basic church administration skills, such as reading and understanding balance sheets, P&L sheets, and activity sheets, leading Session meetings, delegating, and self-care. This will be a full and challenging course with both a pre-load and post-load!

Loren Shellabarger is a recently retired PC(USA) minister living in Dubuque, Iowa. Loren considers himself a student of leadership and enjoys discussing all things involved in Christian leadership in a complex world.

PM-05 Outdoor Cooking in a Fire Pit

You've been invited to a picnic pot-luck. Everyone likes to eat. Don't panic. Whether you're cooking for a few or many, outdoor cooking is easy and fun. We will make main dishes, accompaniments, and desserts using different methods of outdoor cooking such as Dutch Oven, foil packs, grilling, smoking, milk cans, etc. If you interested in sharing something new with the class, we are delighted to help you. Sharing cooking ideas, tips, and family secrets are what we are all about. Bon Appétit!!! Materials fee of \$40. Enrollment limited to 25 students.

Meet our Celebrity Chefs: Our very own Tie Dye Chef Boy-Arnie Hart is a retired reliability engineer who now spends his “spare” time pulling his BBQ trailer all over vending or volunteering to feed the masses. Rose Miller is a Dutch oven cooking enthusiast who learned from her son, Eagle Scout Mike and his Boy Scout Troop 139 leaders from Kearney, NE. Doug Rutford has been realizing he is at heart a food-o-phile. He loves doing the cooking both at home and for large groups.

Afternoon PMI Classes

PM1-06 Spiritual Writings of Brian Doyle, or as he says, “True stories about sins, sons, shrines, silence, marriage, homework, jail, miracles, dads, legs, basketball, the sinewy grace of women, bullets, music, infirmaries, the power of powerlessness, the ubiquity of prayers, and some other matters.”

During Synod School 2021, our time of Song and a Prayer in the morning used the *Book of Uncommon Prayer* by Brian Doyle. Doyle is a prolific author of essays, novels, poetry and prayer. In this class, we’ll explore his spiritual writings and use his inspiration to write our own spiritual essays, poems or prayers.

Heidi Bolt serves as co-pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Red Wing, MN and as the Commission on Ministry Coordinator of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. Heidi was introduced to the writing of Brian Doyle by her father and has since read all of his novels and many of his other works. Heidi is married to her husband and co-pastor Greg and has two children, Sophia (12) and Thaddeus (10).

PM1-07 Freeing Jesus

This class will be an exploration of Diana Butler Bass’s spiritual memoir, *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*. In the process of reflecting theologically on her own experience with Jesus at different points in her life, Butler Bass encourages us to do our own reflecting and enter in to a deeper relationship with Jesus. The class will be a combination of presentation, discussion, and reflection. Participants are strongly encouraged to read *Freeing Jesus* before Synod School begins.

Richard Francis is a retired Presbyterian pastor and a former Stated Clerk. He lives with his wife, Kathy, in Carroll, Iowa.

PM1-08 The 1970s – Society and The Music

The 1970s was an interesting decade. Nam. Watergate. PONG. Secretariat. Barcodes. Microsoft. SNL. Apple. The Space Shuttle. Jimmy Carter. Garfield. Louise Brown. Three Mile Island. Inflation. E-mail. AND the Beatles broke up. While society kept moving forward (backward?), popular music kept evolving. Neil Diamond. Tina Turner. Three Dog Night. Elton John. Genesis. James Brown. Queen. Pink Floyd. ABBA. The Village People. AND, oh yes, the brothers Gibb. Spielberg, Lucas, Disco, MTM, and Good Times. They were DYN-O-MITE! Let's relive (or live for the first time) the decade of the 1970s—both society and especially the MUSIC!

Dirk R. Brinkmeyer is an old Iowa guy who is young at heart and living in Bradenton, FL with his wife, Diane, and two very large cats. He and Diane attend Peace Presbyterian Church in Lakewood Ranch, FL.

PM1-09 Sharing God's Story in Words and Art

This class will study the 2022 preaching texts from Luke and consider how art, as well as preaching and teaching, can bring them to life.

Sarah Henrich retired from over two decades as a New Testament professor at Luther Seminary. Since then she has served many churches as an interim pastor. She has a Masters degree in art history and loves spending time as a docent at the Minneapolis Museum of Art.

PM1-10 Fasting for Body and Soul

Fasting has been around for centuries. It's found throughout the Bible and is part of most world religions. Jesus fasted. And yet when we hear of fasting today, we might think (as I did), "That's not healthy!" In fact, it's one of the best things we can do for our bodies. Gin Stephens, author of *Delay, Don't Deny*, says, "Fasting is a health plan with a side benefit of weight loss." I would say, "Fasting is a spiritual practice with the side benefits of health and weight loss." In this class we'll explore the benefits of fasting for both our physical health and our spiritual health, and we'll come up with a plan about how to incorporate fasting into our lives.

Suzanne Gorhau is a pastor, spiritual director, and retreat leader. She's been fasting for several years and plans to make it a lifelong habit.

PM1-11 Your Life, Your Legacy – The Fundamentals Of Estate Planning

Proper estate planning is much more than passing on your financial assets. It involves taking care of you and your loved ones during your lifetime, including incapacity, and upon death. This course was first presented at Synod School in 2018, and is back by request. Foss will cover the different planning options and discuss how to design your plan so that it is about much more than merely passing on financial assets. We will also discuss what has become the biggest concern for many people—planning for long term care.

Foss Hooper is a member of First Presbyterian in Neenah, Wisconsin, and an attorney who specializes in estate planning. He founded an estate planning law firm that now has 5 attorneys and offices in Appleton, Green Bay, and Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Foss is the author of multiple books on estate planning, several of which he will distribute to the class participants.

PM1-12 The Presby-Tones

Sign up for this course to join The Presby-Tones, Synod School's one and only a capella group. A very lucky group of up to 12 people will learn the basics of a capella vocal performance, including (but not limited to) beatboxing, harmonizing, imitating instruments, blending, dynamics, and even a little bit of choreography. The class will explore a handful of arrangements from different genres and, ideally, we could perform at the talent show on the last night. No a capella experience necessary, although some experience singing and sight reading is preferred.

After singing a capella and in choir during high school, Liz Stanfield joined the Brown University Chattertocks and spent four years singing, beatboxing, arranging, and becoming an extreme a capella aficionado with a group of extremely talented young women. She can't wait to bring a capella zest back to Synod School. She is currently a graduate student in California.

PM1-13 Dungeons and Dragons: The devil's NOT in the details

Role playing games have made a come back in recent years, but they started out as a very small niche hobby that within ten years became huge. With their popularity came disturbing stories of devil worship and more. This course will go over the history of role-playing with a focus on the most well known game, Dungeons and Dragons. We will learn what role playing is and we will actually create characters and play. This course is designed for those who have never played before, but all are welcome.

Steve Tyykila is a geeky minister who got started role playing at the age of 11. In addition to this he loves board games, sci-fi, fantasy, superheroes, and almost anything geeky. Morgan Tyykila has inherited her families love of role-playing games. She is a student at U of M Morris.

PM1-14 Presbyterian Theological Ethics of Peacemaking

The Presbyterian contribution to peacemaking in the United States has unique features which will be explored through examination of actions and policy since 1975. These qualities will be discussed through the exploration of Presbyterian work since 1975 in peacemaking action and policy.

Ronald Stone is Professor Emeritus John Witherspoon Professor of Ethics at Pittsburgh theological Seminary, currently teaching continuing education (Osher Program) at Carnegie Mellon University, Author of 25 books on religion and society and Chair of several General Assembly peace policies.

PM1-15 That's NOT in the Bible?!

Although the Bible contains multitudes, some sayings are missing—from “God won’t give you more than you can handle” to “life begins at conception.” And they forgot to include a picture of Jesus! In this class, we’ll discuss some popular Christian ideas and phrases and where they fit (or don’t fit) into scriptural teachings and our own faith. This class offers few definite answers, but plenty of space to learn together. Limited to 30 students.

Katie Styrts is a pastor serving at First Presbyterian in Milan, IL, but still lives in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. She enjoys close-reading scripture, baking, and quilting.

PM1-16 Faith in Action: Stories of Solidarity with the Poor

Seeking to understand key elements of being co-creators with God in response to poverty in our world, we will explore Mother Theresa's experience in the slums of India, Henri Nouwen's life with the mentally challenged people in the L'Arche Community, John Woolman's fight against slavery, and Elizabeth O'Conner's journey as a member of the Church of the Saviour's mission among the poor of Washington, D. C. Using film clips and written quotes from their lives, we will discuss such topics as Hearing God's Call, Risk-taking and Trust, Compassion, Community, and Sacrificial Love. Let's learn together from the stories of these four who choose to live out their faith in action by having solidarity with the poor.

Dave and Dee Waggoner are a son and mom ministry committed to promoting spiritual growth. Dave is an insightful young man while Dee is becoming an ancient traveler.

PM1-17 Sewing 101

Do you own a sewing machine but are afraid of it? Would you like to learn how to sew by machine? Join us as we learn the basics of sewing and learn how to use your machine. We will make a simple project for you to take home finished and ready to wear. You will need to bring your machine, some fabric, and basic sewing supplies. An email will be sent with a supply list before Synod School.

Karen Bickel is a life-long crafter who is finally retired and able to spend more time crafting and playing with her dachshunds.

PM1-18 Ultimate Sports 1

Participants will engage in a variety of team sports ranging from Ultimate Frizbee to Soccer, but also including basketball, volleyball, and football. Expect to get a good workout. The youth who participate in the class play "all out." Adults and Senior Highs are welcome.

Tim Maxa is Pastor, United Presbyterian Church, Lenox, IA and Sharpsburg Presbyterian Church, Sharpsburg, IA. Jazelle Group will assist in the class.

PM1-19 Acoustic Sounds

Musicians and singers of all skill levels are invited to gather together to share their musical talents and passion in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring your guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, fiddle or any other acoustic instrument. And if you don't play an instrument, you can sing along! All class members are asked to bring a few songs (with music or chords and lyrics if possible) to share with the class. If you have some original music, we'd love to hear that, too!

*Mac Stanfield is an attorney by day, musician at heart, from Des Moines, IA.
Curt Anderson is a musician from Los Angeles, CA.*

PM1-20 Knit a Mitered Square

A mitered square is a knitting pattern that creates a square with a diagonal line down the middle, like the corners of a woodworking project. With this pattern, you can create decorative dishcloths, place mats, and afghans with great visual effects. New knitters can take this class to learn to knit. Experienced knitters can choose to make a small project, or start a larger one. A materials list will be sent prior to the start of Synod School. Class limit is 16.

*Co-taught by mother-daughter team Barb Straus, a knitter from Lincoln, NE
and Julia Norman, a high school chemistry teacher from Livonia, MI.*

PM1-21 Designer Christmas in July: Trees, Table Scapes, and Modern Wreaths

Do you ever think about new trends and how to upgrade your old decorations? This class will be a hands-on experience with demonstrations, tips and techniques to help transform & update your favorite items. Bring a picture of your favorite Christmas tree or decoration as we share our ideas & joy. Class limit is 25.

Suzy Pflieger, (an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Mandan, ND) brings 40 plus years of experience in retail, marketing and real estate. She holds a certificate in Décor, Staging and Decluttering. Suzy adds depth, fun and fabulousity to church decorating. Suzy is a lay pastor who has been in the church from birth as a PK.

Afternoon PM2 Classes

PM2-22 God's Mission - The Church's Vocation

Many congregations are busy doing local and/or global mission and raising funds for mission projects, and in this busyness often lose sight of God's mission itself. The plethora of mission organizations in our society have resulted in varying understandings of mission. This class will begin by exploring the New Testament mandate for mission as well as how the church understood and practiced mission over the centuries. We will discuss the role of the North American church in God's mission, especially as we face membership decline, shrinking resources, and diminishing influence. We will also draw on examples of how churches in other parts of the world (with much fewer resources) participate in God's mission. The class will examine the relationship between mission and proclamation, evangelism, advocacy, and the public and social witness of the church. Participants will have opportunities to identify and share with one another faithful and effective practices of mission.

Amgad Beblawi is the Mission Executive for the presbyteries of Des Moines, North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill. Before moving to Iowa, Amgad was coordinator of the PC(USA)'s mission engagement in Europe and the Middle East. He is a ruling elder and a graduate of Fuller Seminary. Amgad and his wife, Susan, enjoy watching Masterpiece Theater.

PM2-23 The Excellent Way: Love in Theory and Practice

We all like love, right? But Jesus' practice of love is dangerous—leading to the cross for him and to very broken places for the rest of us (Matthew 5:44, 1 John 4:18). Could part of the challenge be that we could use a deeper understanding of Biblical love? With that in mind let's study "love" texts from the Psalms, the prophets, the Gospels and the Apostle Paul. Let's spell out a richer theology of love and then apply it to our daily challenges, personal and corporate. Could God be calling the Church to heal social ills through a more disciplined and systemic practice of love? How do we keep from being naïve about evil or enablers of cheap grace? We will share stories, examples and practices that nourish our growth in this excellent way (1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13).

Sarah Dickinson is pastor at Discovery Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE, dancing partner with Jeff, and mother of Erin.

PM2-24 Improv, with Song!

A Stanfield sibling team-up that combines comedy improvisation and musical fun. We will be using all the skills that we always bring to improv—being present, listening to each other, and saying “Yes!”—and we will add one more magical element, music. Each class will contain a mix of musical and non-musical improv exercises, so everyone will get a chance to play favorite games as well as try something new. There will still be warm-ups that make great icebreakers for youth groups back home and entertaining scenes, but every so often, we will burst into song. Please come and play with us. You do not have to be a Broadway-level singer, or a soloist, to participate. Everybody has their own special element to add to the fun. The joy will be in finding what we can create together. The class size limit is 25.

Burns Stanfield is the pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Boston, and was formerly a touring musician. Heather Stanfield Anderson works for the school district in Los Angeles, and was formerly a member of various comedy improv troupes.

PM2-25 Herbs in the Bible

Herbs, spices, and oils were important to the lives of the people in the scriptures. What herbs and spices might Mary and Martha have used to clean and cook a meal? What oil was used to anoint the feet of Jesus? How might the gifts of frankincense and myrrh brought by the Wise Men been used? What special foods and beauty treatments might Esther have received as she was prepared to be presented to King Xerxes? Come find out and make a herbal tincture for your own use.

Jo Hart has been growing and studying herbs for 25 years. She teaches the adult Sunday School class at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa.

PM2-26 Legacy of the “Also Rans”: How Heresies Have Honed the Doctrines We Depend On

From its emergence as a messianic sect of strictly monotheistic Judaism, Christianity has straddled the line between orthodoxy and heresy. Despite their rejection and suppression by prevailing orthodoxies, devout Christ-followers have always comprised heretical sects. This class explores how pre-medieval Christian heresies undergird now-orthodox doctrines about creation, resurrection, the sanctity of the Jewish scriptures, Christ’s dual

nature, and the Trinity. Why were some ideas sanctified and others vilified? Who made those decisions? Does a text's exclusion from the Biblical canon presuppose "wrongness?" And how do heresies function to this day to perfect our faith in Christ? Join us for a glimpse of early church history and some of Christianity's most colorful and influential debates.

Erica MacCreaigh is the minister your mother warned you about. After 25 years as a librarian, she bid farewell to Dewey and his decimals in favor of doctrine and the dog collar. A consummate nonconformist, she combs biblical commentaries to determine what hasn't yet been said; having underdeveloped verbal inhibition, she then proclaims whatever that is. Her interest in Christian heresies arose from her desire to give voice to those silenced by orthodoxy. She serves as Transitional Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Independence IA.

PM2-27 Bible Art Journaling

Don't let the word "art" scare you! Bible Art Journaling has quickly become a new avenue for spending time with God in God's word. Whether you've done art journaling before or have never heard of it, this is a wonderful class to learn the basics, get some new ideas, and try out different techniques. Some supplies and books will be available to use. If you have a Bible, notebook, or journal that you're comfortable with, please bring that! Class size is limited to 25.

Jessica Harrison is a full-time Personal Banker at Fortifi Bank in Winneconne, WI. In her free time she enjoys container gardening, knitting, reading, spending time with her fur babies, and playing Dungeons & Dragons or Call of Chthulu with her friends. Bible Art Journaling has given her a new way to interact with God's word.

PM2-28 Star Wars Class II: There is always hope

A long time ago in a studio far far away the imagination of George Lucas gave rise to the universe of Star Wars. Now, a new generation has taken over the legacy and discovering new ways to connect to the Force. Join us as we explore our Christian faith through the eyes of new characters from Grogu and the Mandalorian to Rey and Kylo Ren.

Jedi Sara Ver Burg is a member of the free-range clergy, a behavioral analyst, and a life-long sci-fi fan. Her Jedi companion Karl is a solar engineer and fellow nerd. Together they are raising their teenage daughter to know about her nerd inheritance from Ren Faire and anime, to galaxies far far away...

PM2-29 Poets as Conversation Partners

Poetry engages all of our senses. We read poetry in a different way than we read fiction. In a few lines, poetry invites us into seeing the world differently. In this course, we will explore using poetry to deepen devotional and preaching lives.

Stacy Cavanaugh is the pastor at Union Presbyterian Church in Monroe, Wisconsin. Introduced to poetry by her fourth grade teacher, she has engaged poets as conversation partners throughout her life and ministry. Beginning in 2020, she began sharing her favorite poems with her congregation and has found that this broadens the way that we engage our world together.

PM2-30 Cards for Special Occasions

Have you found yourself needing a delightful card for a fun occasion and your cupboard is bare? Are you needing a sympathy card for a dear friend's family and you don't have one? Well, have we got a class for you! Come enjoy making at least sixteen special occasion cards. Planned cards include birthday, congratulations, wedding, and sympathy. Please bring your own scissors, and favorite adhesive. Class size is limited to twenty card makers. Materials fee is \$5.00.

Carol Ferrell is a retired teacher and card maker. She is a member of Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive, Iowa. Liz Snyder has been making cards for over sixteen years. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Eau Claire, WI.

PM2-31 Ultimate Sports 2

Participants will engage in a variety of team sports ranging from Ultimate Frisbee to Soccer, but also including basketball, volleyball, and football. Expect to get a good workout. The youth who participate in the class play “all out.” Adults and Senior Highs are welcome.

Tim Maxa is Pastor, United Presbyterian Church, Lenox, IA and Sharpsburg Presbyterian Church, Sharpsburg, IA. Jazelle Group will assist in the class.

PM2-32 Liturgical Stole Design and Making

Stoles (and related items like banners and paraments) serve as statements of faith, track the liturgical calendar, and give us a chance to share creative gifts. We will design and create stoles while talking about ways we can use color, surface design, and lettering to create something beautiful and unique. A basic pattern and fabric suggestions will be provided, and class participants will have a chance before Synod School to order a supply kit with base and lining fabric in selected colors if desired. Sue will bring a couple of sewing machines for class use—feel free to bring your machine if you want or plan on doing the finishing sewing at home. You don’t have to be an experienced sewer; the planning and design are the main focus points of the class. Material fee \$10.

Sue Rutford is from White Bear Lake, MN. When she’s not sewing and dyeing and doing other fun fabric things, she is a software analyst, Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian of Stillwater, and definitely not least—Grammy to Oliver and his eagerly expected sibling!

PM2-33 One Church One Book

Each year, the General Assembly co-moderators commend a relevant and challenging book for study across the denomination. We’ll study *Decolonizing Wealth* by Edgar Villanueva and equip participants to facilitate book studies in their home congregations.

Nathan Williams is pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines, where he teaches various topics to a patient group of adults.

PM2-34 Prayer Practices for All

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul encourages them (and all the rest of us) to “pray without ceasing.” But how do we do that? Throughout the ages, countless people of faith have tried to answer this question with countless different forms of prayer. Why? Because God made all us blessedly and vastly different. This form of prayer that brings meaning to one will undoubtedly be completely different from that form of prayer that brings meaning to another and this other form of prayer that brings meaning to them. So in an attempt to pray without ceasing, we’re going to spend the week exploring a wide variety of different forms of prayer for all types —traditional and contemporary, contemplative and kinetic, quiet and out loud, and everything in between. Friends, let us pray.

Lisa Johnson is the pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Oronoco in Oronoco, MN. She is also a mother of three—9yo twins and a 4yo. Lisa is currently working on a Doctorate of Ministry in the field of renewal practices for individuals and congregations through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. When she’s not pastoring, mom-ing, and studying, trying out different prayer practices is one of her favorite things to do.

PM2-35 Let the light shine: LGBTQIA+ Church 101

In this class we will explore what it means to identify as LGBTQ+. We will learn to understand the basic concepts of gender and sexuality, privilege and oppression, and discrimination versus affirmation. We will delve into liberation theologies and faithful practices of solidarity and hospitality. Using videos, role-play, and self-reflection, we’ll work on putting these concepts into practice in our daily lives. Our goal is for this class to be a welcoming space for people who identify under the queer and trans umbrella, and those who are working to be better allies.

Emmett Stanfield (they/them) is a white, queer, trans licensed clinical social worker who hails from Lincoln, NE, and is currently living in Seattle, WA. They spend their non-working time building intergenerational friendships, organizing for justice, and having fun. Susan Phillips (she/ella) lives in an interfaith family, pastors First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, IL, and works on community engagement, equity advocacy, anti-racism collaborations, and talks to strangers.

PM2-36 Trauma Stewardship: Caring for Ourselves as We Care for Others

This class, based on the book *Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others* by Laura van Deroot Lipsky, will explore the various ways we manage our vicarious trauma. We will learn about and practice different centering techniques and focus on 16 Warning Signs of Trauma Exposure Response introduced in the book. Participants do not need to read the book for the class.

Gina Meester is a chaplain resident at Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. She loves her two cats, Neville and Lupin, reading, and traveling.

PM2-37 Rube Goldberg Class

This class focuses on the whimsical magic of Rube Goldberg machines, overly complicated mechanisms built to achieve simple, silly goals. Balls on tracks, pulleys, balloon cars, and even hamsters on hamster wheels can all play a part in these chain reaction machines. The more complicated the better, especially when the goal is as simple as flipping a light switch or tossing a treat to a dog! Through building our own Rube Goldberg inspired machines we will explore novel methods of problem solving and practice the cathartic art of nonsensical design. Each machinist in this class will employ imagination, wit, and ingenuity all in the effort of solving simple everyday problems.

Henry Koon is finishing his mechanical engineering degree at the University of Minnesota. His research focuses on the mechanics of novel metamaterials, but his hobbies are centered around repurposing old electronics for fun and profit.

Registration Form for Adults

Have you attended Synod School before? Yes No

Name _____

Name to appear on nametag _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Congregation & Location _____

Housing

Name of preferred roommate(s) _____

Commuter Dorm resident Single room

Suite resident Double room

Check age range: 18-25 26-40 41-55 56-70 Over 70

Gender _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____

Phone _____

Special needs _____

Course Registration

Indicate 1st and 2nd choices for each period using the course number:

Period	1st Choice	2nd Choice
All Morning OR		
AM1 +		
AM2		
All Afternoon OR		
PM1 +		
PM2		

Register me for the Golf Outing on Wednesday afternoon (\$22) _____

I give permission for my information to be included in the printed roster

Yes No

Make checks payable to: Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Mail with completed form to: Synod School, 2115 Cliff Drive, Eagan, MN 55122

Scan and E-mail form to: gmilloy@lakesandprairies.org with "Synod School" as the subject.

Registration for Children and Youth

CHILD/YOUTH REGISTRATION & HEALTH INFORMATION

- Commuter Dorm resident Camper
 Suite resident Bed

Have you attended Synod School before? Yes No

Name _____

Nickname _____

Grade Entering _____ Birthday _____ Age on 7/24/22 _____

Parents' names _____

Who is the responsible adult at Synod School? _____

What is that person's cell phone? _____

Medical History Food/Other Allergies: _____

Other health concerns? _____

Anything else you would like to share about your child or would like us to know?

High School Youth Afternoon Classes - please choose afternoon classes and indicate the course number of your first and second choices. If you would like to work in the children's program in the afternoon instead of taking a class, please submit the volunteer form found on the Synod School website.

Period	Afternoon 1	Afternoon 2	OR All Afternoon Class
1st Choice			
2nd Choice			

Permissions

Yes No

- I give permission for my child to participate in field trips away from the campus. (N/A for infant - Kindergarten)
- I give my permission for my child to have emergency medical treatment.
- I give permission for photos to be taken of my child as they participate in Synod School (may be used on website/social media but without your child's name).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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