

Learning at the Crossroads

Workshops, Retreats, and Other Events for the Lutheran Community of Central New York
A program of the Central Crossroads Conference of the Upstate New York Synod, ELCA

Workshops

All workshops are held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 435 S. Main St., N. Syracuse, NY 13212 Tel.(315) 458-1481

Admission by pre-registration only. The \$20 fee covers workshop, breakfast, and lunch.
Discounts for more than five from a congregation.
All inquiries to LearningattheCrossroads@yahoo.com

#1. Have We Created an American Religion? – A Revisit, led by Tom Henry, historian.

Saturday, October 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For all interested people (Satisfies deacon training requirement for workshop on Lutheran Identity)

“Fifteen years ago, I (Tom) gave a series of talks asking the question, ‘Have we created an American Religion?’ That was before 9/11, two wars, the election of an African American president, several financial meltdowns, huge natural disasters, the meteoric rise of non-denominational mega-churches and Mormonism, and the increased polarization of politics. What have been the effects of these on American Religion? We will re-examine the question and the validity of the old conclusion, and decide whether this Religion is a unifying or divisive factor in modern America.”

#2. Living Better, Living Stronger, Living Longer, led by Sandra Tars, Ph.D., Geropsychologist

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For all interested people

An interactive exploration of strategies to add mental and physical vitality to all our years. Current longevity research indicates that only about 30% of our lifespan is based on genetics. The other 70% is based on environmental and lifestyle factors, which until recently have been extending life. But the current “obesity epidemic,” along with other lifestyle changes, is already negatively affecting quality of life, and threatens to shorten American lifespans. Participants will take a guided look at key areas of their daily life, where making small changes at any age can pay big dividends. Areas of focus include fitness of both mind and body; stress, relaxation & sleep; exercise; relationships; nutrition; spirituality and sense of purpose. Strategies to initiate and maintain change will be included. Participants will also learn some simple techniques for stress reduction.

#3. Servants of God: The Biblical Understanding of Ministry, led by Pastor John Ferrie, Ph.D.

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For deacons, deacon candidates, and all interested people. (Satisfies deacon training requirement for workshop on New Testament)

The Bible uses several terms for ministry that range in meaning from "slave" to "waiter." We'll survey (some of) what Scripture has to say about ministry and explore together what that means for your ministry today, both within your congregation and beyond its walls.

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#4. The Blessings and Challenges of Religious Diversity, by Pastor Jim Bresnahan

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For all interested people (Satisfies deacon training requirement for workshop on Hermeneutics)

What do I know about the faiths of my neighbors? How has my mind or attitude changed from relationships with those of other faiths? What do our Scriptures say about other faiths? Is Christianity the way? Join us in this time of sharing, probing, and learning about our own faith through others' faiths. *All registrants are encouraged to participate beforehand in one of the many interfaith dinner conversations to be held in the greater Syracuse area on the evening of Tuesday, March 20. During the months of January and February, look for the dinner conversation registration form at <http://interfaithworkscny.org>. Since there will be a cut-off for registering for a dinner conversation..*

#5. Boundary Awareness, led by Pastor Diane Wheatley

Saturday, April 28, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For everyone who works or intends to work in Christian ministry: pastors, AIMS, deacons, deacon candidates, teachers, youth workers, council leaders and all other interested persons. (Satisfies deacon training requirement for workshop on Boundary Awareness)

This workshop will help you identify areas where boundaries are needed, characteristics of healthy boundaries, examples, implications, and consequences of boundary violations, dangers and weaknesses that lead to boundary violation, and steps and techniques for creating and strengthening healthy boundaries.

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