



# Rise Up

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## Lay Leader Development

### **Declaring Nursing Homes a Mission Field:**

***led by Rev. Mark Fisher, October 7, 2017 at Transfiguration, 14176 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton***

Currently national estimates suggest that over 1,500,000 people reside in nursing homes each day with well over 50% rarely receiving visits. Pr. Mark Fisher and his congregation at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton have begun to address the needs in their community by establishing a visitation ministry that now includes over 15 members from the church visiting well over 50 individuals each month.

Through their work, Pr. Fisher has created a guide book that helps congregations establish a nursing home visitation ministry. On October 7th from 9am to 1:30pm Fisher and his team will conduct a highly interactive workshop that will give you the tools you need to start such a ministry. Lunch will be included as well as a copy of their guide book *"Pathways in Compassion": A Nursing Home Visitation Ministry*.

Please reply by October 4 to [b.fisher@semisynod.com](mailto:b.fisher@semisynod.com)

### **How to Write Grants to Fund Community Outreach:**

***led by Deacon Meghan Sobocienski and Rev. Matt Bode, October 14, 2017 at Grace In Action, 1725 Lawndale, Detroit***

Do you have a fantastic idea for a community outreach program but there is no money in the budget for it? Does the thought of writing grants intimidate you? Come to this academy and learn from two experienced grant writers about best practices, how to find grants, what grants will fund and what they will not, and much more! Join us from 9am-3pm at Grace In Action in Detroit.

Please reply by October 11 to [b.fisher@semisynod.com](mailto:b.fisher@semisynod.com)

### **How to Start a Food Pantry/Food Ministry:**

***led by leaders from Fish and Loaves (a downriver client-choice food pantry), November 4, 2017 at St. Thomas, 8771 E. 15 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights.***

Hunger is a very real problem in every community in America. How can congregations respond to this problem? How do you begin to start a food ministry? Join us on Saturday, November 4, at St. Thomas in Sterling Heights to learn about best practices, how to start, what to do and what to avoid, and federal programs that provide food. Led by Rev. Heather Oberlin and leaders of successful food ministry programs.

Please reply by November 1 to [b.fisher@semisynod.com](mailto:b.fisher@semisynod.com)