



Rise Up

Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA

Lay Leadership Development

Register for workshops by posted deadlines to Pastor Heather K. Oberlin (h.oberlin@semisynod.com).

Legal Issues in the Church: What you need to know

March 10—9am-lunch at Amazing Grace/Warren (29860 Dequindre). Join Thomas Cunniff, legal counsel for the ELCA, to learn about the legal details of church. He'll cover employment practices, insurance issues and much more. This is a great way to make sure the "business" of the church is done well!

Registration deadline: March 5

Ministry of Administration: Why does it matter if we attend to the details?

April 28—9am-lunch at Faith/Brownstown (25402 Arsenal Road). Church administration is most likely NOT the favorite task for any of us. Sometimes it may seem easier to put these details on the backburner or ignore them altogether; however, when administration is overlooked, ministry suffers. This workshop will focus on best practices for church finances and staff management (paid or unpaid) and how those directly affect the ministry you have been called to do. Bring your questions, frustrations, and best ideas to share! Andrea Kuehne will be leading this workshop using her 11+ years of experience as the Director of Equipping Ministries and Church Administrator at St. John, Celina, Ohio.

Registration deadline: April 23

Church Safety: Best practices

June 16—9am-noon at Hope/Farmington Hills (39200 W. 12 Mile). Chief of Police of Imlay City, Scott Pike, will lead this timely workshop on church safety. How can we be proactive and yet not trapped in fear? Should everyone carry a gun to worship? How can we respond when the worst case scenario happens? Mr. Pike will cover these and other topics.

Registration deadline: June 11

Council Meetings: From business to mission

August 25—9am to lunch at Lutheran Church of the Master/Troy (3333 Coolidge Road). What is the purpose of the congregation's council? What are we supposed to DO during meetings—reflect on what has happened, get caught up in minutiae, move forward in mission? Pastor Paul Walters will lead this workshop on how to organize your council meetings so that they are forward-thinking and use the gifts God has given. Each congregation that attends will receive the book, co-written by Pastor Walters, "Called by God to Serve: Reflections for Church Leaders."

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Registration deadline: August 20