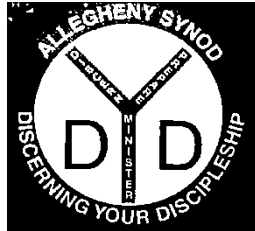


Allegheny Synod, ELCA
Discerning Your Discipleship
2011 - 2012



Discerning Your Discipleship

...supporting lifelong learning for adults

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Discerning Your Discipleship
is for anyone interested in learning more
about the scriptures, Lutheran doctrine, worship, prayer,
and other aspects of our Christian faith.

It is our hope that DYD will
enhance your life and equip you for ministry
in the midst of your congregation
and the congregations our Allegheny Synod.

How does the DYD program work?

There are two ways to participate!

1) *You can take courses as you are interested!*

Take a few classes to explore how the Holy Spirit is working in your life...take a few classes to enhance your current discipleship ministry as a teacher, youth worker, musician, visitor, worship assistant, evangelist, etc.

2) *You can take courses to fulfill the specific requirements to become a Lay Worship Leader (LWL).*

This typically takes two years and those who complete the LWL program will be authorized to lead and preach at Services of the Word in our Allegheny Synod congregations, when and where there is a need.

So, take time to review this year's course offerings, complete a registration form, then return it to our DYD registrar by way of the synod office. You will be contacted by the instructor prior to class with a list of reading materials and any other information you might need.

Once your course is completed, the instructor will submit an attendance sheet to the DYD registrar - record of participation is particularly important for those seeking authorization as a Lay Worship Leader.

Please Note: for those participating in the Lay Worship Leader program, there is a mandatory orientation meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 9am-Noon at the synod office in Altoona.

Where are classes held?

Classes offered to meet the requirements for LWL Authorization are taught on Saturdays from 9am to 3:30pm at a location chosen by the instructor – usually his or her home congregation or the synod office in Altoona. Other DYD Sunday evening classes will be offered in various locations throughout the synod at varying times.

Who administers the program?

The DYD Team administers the program, while The Rev. Lynn Miller, Assistant to the Bishop, oversees the program through the Office of the Bishop. Faculty members are pastors and educators. Bishop Gregory Pile officiates at the Authorization Service of Lay Worship Leaders. Roger Glad serves as our registrar/bursar.

Registration information is enclosed and can also be obtained by contacting Roger at gladsam@comcast.net. DYD course information and registration materials are also posted on our Allegheny Synod website at www.alleghenysynod.org

Here in the Allegheny Synod we are blessed to have this opportunity to come together for life-long learning and faith formation! It is our prayer that through Discerning Your Discipleship the Holy Spirit will uplift and strengthen you as disciple of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Requirements for
Lay Worship Leader Training
Saturday Classes***

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	LITURGY And PRACTICUM	SPIRITUALITY	CHURCH HISTORY	LUTHER'S CATECHISM
3 Session Class	3 Session Class	4 Session Class	1 Session Class	2 Session Class	2 Session Class

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS	PREACHING And PRACTICUM	STEWARDSHIP	MISSION INTERPRETATION/	OTHER REQUIREMENTS
3 Session Class	4 Session Class	1 Session Class	1 Session Class	2 Personal Enrichment Classes (Saturday or Sunday)

Discerning Your Discipleship, 2011-2012

Schedule subject to change

August 27, 2011 - Orientation

Allegheny Synod Office

(9:00 am to Noon)

All classes will be held in synod congregations
or at the Allegheny Synod Office
from 9:00am to 3:30pm

DATE		CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
8/27/2011		ORIENTATION	9:00 am - Noon
9/10/2011	*	Stewardship as a Spiritual Discipline	Pr. Tim Knauss
9/17/2011	*	Luther's Catechism	Pr. Kevin Shock
9/24/2011	*	Luther's Catechism	Pr. Kevin Shock
10/08/2011		The Shepherds and the Wise Guys	Pr. David Wright
10/15/2011	*	Liturgy	Pr. Walter Startzel
10/22/2011	*	Liturgy	Pr. Walter Startzel
11/05/2011		Noah's Ark- Animals in Ministry	Pr. Eli Hess
11/12/2011	*	New Testament	Pr. Susan Yatta
11/19/2011	*	New Testament	Pr. Susan Yatta
12/03/2011	*	New Testament	Pr. Susan Yatta

All classes are open to anyone who is interested!

Those classes marked with an asterisk * fulfill the requirements for authorization within the Allegheny Synod's Lay Worship Leader program.

All other classes will fulfill the Lay Worship Leader personal enrichment requirement.

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DATE		CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
1/28/2012	*	Being Church vs. Going to Church	Pr. Tim Knauss
2/04/2012	*	Lutheran Confessions	Pr. Greg Harbaugh
2/11/2012	*	Lutheran Confessions	Pr. Greg Harbaugh
2/25/2012	*	Lutheran Confessions	Pr. Greg Harbaugh
3/10/2012	*	Old Testament	Pr. Lynn Miller
3/17/2012		<i>Region 8 Gathering of Laity with Bishop Hanson</i>	Blair County Convention Center, Altoona
3/24/2012	*	Old Testament	Pr. Lynn Miller
3/31/2012	*	Old Testament	Pr. Lynn Miller
4/14/2012	*	Liturgy Practicum: Stoystown	Pr. Walter Startzel
4/21/2012	*	Liturgy Practicum: First, Altoona Luther and the Book of Romans	Pr. Walter Startzel Pr. Jonathan Schnibben

Additional notes:

- 1) The most current schedule will be presented at orientation, posted online and shared within the Allegheny Synod's Lutheran Letter. The class schedule is subject to change.
- 2) Please remember to register and submit payment at least two weeks prior to the scheduled start date for any of the classes in which you wish to participate. Upon receipt of registration/payment, your name will be added to the class list and you will be notified of materials needed or of any changes or cancellations.
- 3) If you cannot attend a class for which you have registered, please contact your instructor directly. Instructor contact information will be provided upon receipt of course registration, at orientation, and is available online.

The document, *Operating Principles for Authorized Lay Worship Leaders in the Allegheny Synod*, provides details of the ongoing requirements necessary to maintain authorization. *This document will be distributed at orientation and posted online.*

Fall 2011 Sunday Evening Classes

6:30 – 8:00pm

1) *Life Together - People and Pastor Making Mutual Ministry Work*

2 Consecutive Sundays - September 18 and 25, 2011

Offered in two locations!

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Johnstown (*Pr. Sue Winger*)

First Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg (*Pr. Lynn Miller*)

The relationship between people and pastor is important to the life and ministry of your congregation. To strengthen this relationship many congregations find it helpful to form a Mutual Ministry Team.

This class will describe the beneficial work of a Mutual Ministry Team and provide practical ideas to implement in your congregation

2) *The New Testament Book of Revelation*

3 Consecutive Sundays – October 2, 9, 16, 2011

Offered in two locations!

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newry (*Pr. Mike Rhyne*)

St. David's Lutheran Church, Davidsville (*Pr. Lynn Miller*)

Are you baffled by the book of Revelation? Do you wonder about how Lutherans understand "The Rapture?" Revelation is one of the most difficult and interesting books of the New Testament – this class will explore key themes and symbolism in the book of Revelation and lift its message of hope and of God's healing love for the world.

Spring 2012 Sunday Evening Classes

6:30 – 8:00pm

The Adult Catechumenate

5 Sundays in Lent

February 26, 2012

March 4, 11, 25 and April 1, 2012

To be held in at least 2 of our synodical conferences

At the heart of the Catechumenate is the Paschal mystery, the mystery of crossing over from death to life - Christ's passing over at Easter and ours in Holy Baptism.

The Paschal mystery leads us as God's people into a life-long journey where we are immersed into the living water of Christ to walk wet in the world. Formation then in this Paschal mystery, in the Christian faith, involves the whole person – body, mind and soul. Thus, participation in the Adult Catechumenate will emphasize the central disciplines of worship, prayer, scripture study and ministry in daily life.

This 5 session Sunday evening course will culminate with and give great meaning to those who then choose to reaffirm their faith and the promises of Baptism during an Easter Vigil liturgy on Holy Saturday, April 7 2012.

Course Descriptions

Old Testament

Study the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings...explore the rich history, culture, and beliefs of the Jewish people. Favorite writings, including the stories of creation, the exodus, the divided kingdom, and the psalms, as well as the lives of Moses, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, prophets, kings, and many others are discussed. The origins and authors of the books are considered.

New Testament

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are studied, compared and contrasted. The life and teachings of Christ are explored. The parables are considered in their historical context and their emphasis on the Kingdom of God. The writings of Paul, Peter, and other New Testament writers are discussed in their historical contexts and in relation to the Gospel message.

Luther's Catechism

The Small and Large Catechisms are considered, with emphasis on Luther's teachings on the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Baptism and the Eucharist are also discussed.

Lutheran Confessions

The Book of Concord is the basis for this study, including the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Formula of Concord, and review of the Small and Large Catechisms. Its various writers are discussed.

Luther and the Book of Romans

Martin Luther writes, *“This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word for word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.”* Need we say more??

Liturgy and Liturgy Practicum

The history of liturgy in the Lutheran Church is taught with emphasis on the continuity and change of worship over time. The relationship of music, word, and action to the teachings of the church are considered, along with the sacraments and symbolism used in worship. How to conduct a worship service is the main focus of the practicum classes. The liturgy is reviewed and practical examples for use of various worship spaces are shared. Each student will lead a worship service, including the liturgy and readings.

Stewardship as a Spiritual Discipline

Our entire lives belong to God, and this course emphasizes that sharing our lives with others is our ministry. Yet giving our time, talent, and financial resources are only some of the ways stewardship can be lived out in our lives. Practical examples are used.

Being Church vs. Going to Church

What is God's vision for the church today? The world around us has changed so much! Our congregations look very different now than they did just a decade ago, so what does it mean for us to be the church in this time and place? Come explore the possibilities!

Noah's Ark – Animals in Ministry

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! How about dogs and cats and bunnies and donkeys? If as the song says, *All God's Critters Got A Place in the Choir*, then how might we incorporate our furry friends into Sunday School, Bible School, Christmas programs, Animal Blessing services, nursing home and shut-in visits, etc?..

The Shepherds and the Wise Guys

We have such a vivid image of the Nativity, yet what do the scriptures really tell us about our Lord's birth? Study and reflection will prepare participants to enter into the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas with a new appreciation for our holiday traditions and for God's most precious gift of Jesus.

Program Fees

Saturday Classes

Length of Class	Fee
A one session class (6 hrs)	\$30
A two session class (12 hrs)	\$60
A three session class (18 hrs)	\$90
A four session class (24 hrs)	\$120
Entire Year for Lay Worship Leader Participants (at least 13 class sessions)	\$350

Please note: for those who have financial need, your home congregation may have leadership training funds to help offset the costs. DYD scholarship monies are also available. Contact the synod office for more information.

Registration forms and fees payable to 'DYD' can be sent to the Allegheny synod office.

Sunday Evening Classes

Length of Class	Fee
A two session Sunday evening class (3 hrs)	\$15
A three session Sunday evening class (4.5 hrs)	\$23
The five session Adult Catechism (7.5 hrs)	\$38

Would you like to:

- ❖ Increase your knowledge and understanding of Scripture?
- ❖ Review the catechism?
- ❖ Learn more about the Church and Lutheran doctrine?
- ❖ Deepen your faith? Strengthen your prayer life?
- ❖ Share the Word in preaching and lead worship for congregations in transition?
- ❖ Uplift your own spirit so that you may encourage others?
- ❖ Learn about resources to enhance your ministry in the Church and daily life?
- ❖ Be encouraged and supported by others on your faith journey?
- ❖ Better serve your congregation, the community, and your neighbors in need?

Then...

DISCERNING YOUR DISCIPLESHIP... LIFE-LONG LEARNING FOR ADULTS MAY BE FOR YOU!

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