

*death, resurrection and ascension 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.*

Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Allegheny Synod Office  
701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$90

**MAY 2018**  
**Liturgy and Practicum**

Pastor Walter Startzel  
*The history of liturgy in the Lutheran Church is taught with emphasis on the continuity and change in 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.*  
*+Liturgy can be taken without the practicum for enrichment*

Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Allegheny Synod Office  
*(Practicum will be held in a congregation to be determined)*  
701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$120

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The Education Ministry of  
the Allegheny Synod

*Ignite supports lifelong learning for adults through workshops, classes, and community engagement*

Anyone interested in learning more about Scripture, Lutheran doctrine, worship, prayer, and other aspects of our Christian faith is welcome to take a class.

**How does the Ignite program work?**

1. *You can take a class that interests you.*  
You can take one or more classes to explore how the Holy Spirit is working in your life, to enhance your current discipleship, ministry as a teacher, youth worker, musician, visitor, worship assistant, etc.
2. *You can take courses to become an Authorized Lay Worship Leader (LWL).*  
If you decide you would like to pursue this track, it typically takes one to two years to complete the program. Upon completion of the program, participants will be authorized to lead worship and preach at Services of the Word in our Allegheny Synod congregations, when and where there is a need.
3. *You can attend a workshop.*  
Workshops based on a theme will be held in different parts of the Allegheny Synod. Workshop days will consist of a keynote speaker and several workshops from which to choose.

After reviewing this year's course offerings you decide to take the leap and register for a class, complete the registration form and return it to the Ignite registrar. You will be contacted by the instructor prior to class with a list of reading materials and any other information you might need for the class itself.

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

*to talking about money, it's not easy topic for us Lutherans. We'll review various models for holistic approaches to congregational stewardship and hopefully become more comfortable in our discussions about the role of money in our lives and the life of congregation*

Saturday, February 24; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Allegheny Synod Office  
701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$30

**Mission**

Pastor Tim Knauss  
*Why do we do what we do as Christians? Looking at the biblical imperatives for mission, the many ministries of our congregations, the Allegheny Synod and the ELCA are presented.*  
Saturday, February 17  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Allegheny Synod Office  
701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$30

**MARCH 2018  
Preaching and Practicum**

Pastor Kevin Shock  
*This course addresses the task of preaching and gives practical advice on sermon preparation, including research, exploration of a text, and presentation. While designed primarily for those in the lay worship leader track, others will find the information valuable in exploring scripture. Each student will prepare and deliver at least one sermon for the class. +Preaching can be taken without the practicum for enrichment*

Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Allegheny Synod Office  
*(Practicum will be held in a congregation to be determined)*  
701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$120

**APRIL 2018  
New Testament**

Pastor Ralph Hamer  
*The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are studied, compared and contrasted. The birth, ministry, teachings,*

## JANUARY 2018

### Church History

Pastor Scott Schul

*The development of the church is discussed, from its beginnings after the resurrection of Christ, to the Reformation, and into today's Lutheran Church. Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders are studied*

Saturdays, January 6, 13; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Allegheny Synod Office

701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$60

### Spirituality

Pastor Paula Schmitt

How do you approach prayer? Do some aspects of worship really connect while others leave you a bit cold? Do your friends or family members seem to relate differently to God and the Bible? Is spirituality about what I think or what I feel, or both? The goal of the course is to aid participants in discerning ways of prayer and devotion that are suitable for them as individuals within faith communities, as well as some appropriately challenging ways to inspire further exploration.

Saturday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Allegheny Synod Office

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## FEBRUARY 2018

### Luther's Catechism

Pastor Ralph Hamer

*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.*

Saturdays, February 3, 10; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Allegheny Synod Office

701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$60

### Stewardship

Pastor Traci Marriott-Bowman

*Stewardship – it's not just about money, but when it comes*

## Where are classes held?

Classes listed in this brochure meet the requirements for Lay Worship Leader Authorization. Classes listed in this brochure also may be taken for personal enrichment. Classes are taught on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at a location chosen by the instructor – usually their home congregation or the Synod Office in Altoona. Other Ignite Sunday evening classes will be offered in various locations throughout the synod at varying times. Workshops will be scheduled at the convenience of speakers.

## Who administers the program?

The Education Committee of the Allegheny Synod administers the program, while The Rev. Paula Schmitt oversees the program through the Office of the Bishop. Faculty members are pastors and educators from within the Synod and surrounding area. Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Synod will officiate the Authorization Service of Lay Worship Leaders.

Along with this brochure, Ignite course information and registration materials are available on our synod website at [alleghenysynod.org](http://alleghenysynod.org) and by following our Synod Facebook page.

The opportunity to come together for life-long learning and faith formation is a blessing. It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will ignite your heart through faith.

## Requirements for Lay Worship Leaders

### Saturday Classes

Old Testament	[3 session class]
New Testament	[3 session class]
Liturgy & Practicum	[4 session class]
Spirituality	[1 session class]
Church History	[2 session class]
Luther's Catechism	[2 session class]
Lutheran Confessions	[3 session class]
Preaching & Practicum	[4 session class]
Stewardship	[1 session class]
Mission	[1 session class]

### Other Requirements

2 classes for personal enrichment

**Additional notes:**

The most current schedule will be presented at the beginning of course year orientation, posted online and shared within the Allegheny Synod's Lutheran Letter and Facebook page. The class schedule is subject to change.

Please 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 any changes or cancellations.

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.

The document, *Operating Principles for Authorized Lay Worship Leaders in the Allegheny Synod*, provides details of the ongoing requirements necessary to maintain authorization.

**Program Fees**  
Saturday Classes

1 session class	6 hours	\$30
2 session class	12 hours	\$60
3 session class	18 hours	\$90
4 session class	24 hours	\$120
Entire year of classes for Lay Worship Leader Training		\$350

*Please note: for those who have financial need, your congregation may have leadership training funds to help offset the costs. Ignite Scholarship monies are also available. Contact the Synod office for more information.*

Registration forms and fees payable to 'Allegheny Synod DYD' can be sent to the Allegheny Synod Office, 701 Quail Ave., Altoona, PA 16602

	Sunday Evening Classes	
2 session class	3 hours	\$15
3 session class	4.5 hours	\$23
4 session class	6 hours	\$30

**Class Schedule and Descriptions**

*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's personal enrichment requirement.*

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

**Lutheran Confessions**

Pastor Greg Harbaugh  
*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*

Saturdays, September 30, October 7, 21; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Allegheny Synod Office  
701 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA ..... \$90

**NOVEMBER**

**Old Testament**

Pastor Traci Marriott-Bowman  
*The Old Testament is presented as the "Hebrew Bible," studying the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. The rich history, culture, and beliefs of the Jewish people are explored. 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.*

Saturdays, November 4, 11, and 18  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
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