

Learning opportunities



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<p>Tell Your Story: A Writing Workshop for Women</p>	Ms. Erin Strybis The Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller	•	•	•	•	232BC

You have a story to tell. You have memories to recount, wisdom to offer, and faith to pass on to your loved ones. Women’s stories have always been important to God and to God’s people, though our culture has at times undervalued or suppressed them. Stories have the power to move, heal, and change us, and by stewarding yours, you can honor God and leave a lasting legacy.

In this workshop we’ll celebrate stories only women can tell — coming-of-age stories, faith stories, love stories, motherhood stories, and more. We’ll study sample texts and then we’ll write, learning techniques to strengthen and bring clarity to our storytelling, whether for publication or for memory-keeping. And there will be time to share our stories with one another in small groups. You will walk away ready to pick up your pen, tell your stories, and discover the grace threaded through the very fabric of your life.

Please Note: Workshops listed with a blue background are available Friday or Saturday at 2pm or 4pm; they are not offered in all four time slots.

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Practices for Sabbath Keeping: How to Stop Working on Your Days Off and Come Back Re- freshed from Vacation	Dr. Crystal Hall	•	•	•	•	232A

Ever find yourself reading your emails on your day off? Do you tell yourself that if you don't respond you're not "really working"?

Do you take your laptop on vacation afraid that if you don't, you'll be so overwhelmed when you get back that the vacation won't have been worth it? If you're taking your work home with you or struggling to turn off, nothing has gone wrong.

You've been socialized by a culture that equates busyness with godliness. And taught that if you're not working, you're lazy and therefore bad.

Join this workshop on sabbath keeping for practical tools to stop working on your days off and actually come back refreshed from vacation.

You'll walk away not only with a deeper understanding of why you're feeling low level tired most of the time. You'll learn concrete skills to create truly restorative rest.

You're able to slow down to speed up and unwind to create deeper connection with yourself and others.



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Spotlight with authors of *Call to Allyship: Preparing Your Congregation for Leaders of Color*

The Rev. Angela !Khabeb, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, and the Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

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Join the Rev. Angela T. !Khabeb, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, and the Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, three authors of an inaugural book in a new series called Mouth House by Augsburg Fortress. They will share perspectives on writing chapters for the new book titled *Call to Allyship: Preparing Your Congregation for Leaders of Color*. Pastor Thomas-Breitfeld will read from her chapter on equity in compensation. Dr. Sherman-Conroy will read from her chapters on intersectionality and on calling non-rostered leaders. Pastor !Khabeb will read from her opening and closing chapters and will speak about the process of editing this book.

Through vivid (and sometimes painful) storytelling and profound insights, these leaders in the ELCA will invite participants into deeper conversation about the work that can be done by predominantly white congregations before calling a leader of color. Prepare to learn and understand more about your own call to allyship as an act of living out your baptismal calling.

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<p>Gathering our hopes and dreams through Katie's Fund</p> <p>Katie's Fund (the Katharina von Bora Luther Endowment Fund) enables amazing ministries in leadership development, global partnerships, and living theology. Hear the stories of what Katie's Fund made possible over the last 25 years. Discover what's in store for the future as a new application process is rolled out. Learn about the \$1 million campaign to grow Katie's Fund. Get the inside scoop on an online financial series beginning in October.</p>	Ms. Linda Post Bushkofsky, Ms. Rebecca Sundquist and others	•	•	•	•	222A
<p>Showing God's love by showing up: the ministry of LDR</p> <p>Did you know the ELCA has an amazing team of professionals who coordinate disaster relief, response, and recovery ministry on your behalf? In this interactive and conversation-driven workshop, participants will be introduced to the work of LDR and learn about some of the disaster responses LDR currently is supporting across the ELCA and around the world (thanks to the generous support of ELCA members!). Participants will have the opportunity to explore disaster as a justice issue and discover ways in which their local women's organization, congregation and/or community group could engage with this important and timely work.</p>	Ms. Maryn Olson and other LDR staff	•	•	•	•	222B



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<p>Just Love Connecting Women</p> <p>Just Love says women need each other and accompaniment and companionship with our global family is how we are to walk with each other. Come share time with our international guests representing many ELCA companion church relationships around the globe. Hear our sisters share their ministry stories. Learn how these relationships strengthen our plan to connect in strengthening ministry and witness here at home. Facilitated by Faustina Nillan Manyangu, National Director for Women and Children in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.</p>	International women’s panel	•	•	•	•	227AB
<p>Today’s Disciples: Modeling How To Just Love</p> <p>The presenter of this workshop believes that the only way that we can transform the hatred that is increasing in our world is through our local and global faith communities becoming intentional about modeling and sharing the love of God. This workshop will focus on highlights from the Women of the ELCA resource Lessons for Today’s Disciples and will also review how our baptismal promises guide us as we strive daily to grow in peace, love, and obedience to God’s will. The Rev. Brenda Smith will present this workshop.</p>	The Rev. Brenda Smith	•	•	•	•	228A

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<p>Indian 101</p> <p>The general population knows very little about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. Even the most basic topics are often rands mysteries. This is by design; for centuries, the colonial project has prioritized the complete erasure of Native people. "Indian 101" explains some of these basics to build a foundation for students to stand in solidarity with Indian people across the United States as we work together to dismantle longstanding systems of oppression.</p>	Mr. Vance Blackfox	•	•			231AB
<p>Introduction to Truth & Healing Movement</p> <p>The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has commenced its Truth and Healing Movement, inspiring us to grow in better and right relationships with Indigenous people and tribal nations on Turtle Island. This workshop will explore the truths we seek to learn and the healing we hope to experience, as well as how the movement began, among Indigenous people and within the ELCA. It will also explain the work the ELCA has done recently and how you can participate in this justice movement.</p>	Mr. Vance Blackfox			•	•	231AB

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<p>Book discussion: Love Without Limits: Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for a Love with No Exceptions</p> <p>How many times do you get to engage in a book discussion with the book's author? You can do that at the Just Love Gathering by joining Dr. Jacqueline Bussie for a discussion of her book <i>Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for a Love with No Exceptions</i>. All are welcome at this workshop; having read the book is not a prerequisite for attending the workshop. This workshop will focus on how we love across difference in these troubled and polarized times and will include lots of good conversation!</p> <p><i>Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for a Love with No Exceptions</i> won the Reader's Favorite Bronze Medal International Book Award for Christian Living, the 2020 IAN Outstanding Religion Book of the Year Award, and third place IAN Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award. Also, Publisher's Weekly named <i>Love Without Limits</i> "a must-read for all Christians interested in inclusivity for their communities." In August 2022, <i>Love Without Limits</i> was released in second edition paperback and also on Audiobook with Jacqueline narrating. It's the second edition that she encourages you to read in advance of the Just Love Gathering. <i>This workshop is facilitated by Dr. Jacqueline Bussie.</i></p>	Dr. Jacqueline Bussie	•	•			226BC

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<p>AMMPARO and Engagement in Migrant Ministry</p> <p>How can you and your congregation engage in accompanying migrants in your community? How is the ELCA accompanying migrants and refugees around the world? How can you effectively advocate for justice for migrants and refugees?</p> <p>The ELCA strategy as adopted by our Churchwide Assembly in August 2016 which currently includes work all over the Americas is expanding to include work all over the world. Come and learn about the amazing work that our church does to accompany migrants and refugees in ministries both internationally and domestically and see how you and your congregation can get involved in your community.</p>	Ms. Mary Campbell, Ms. Giovana Oaxaca, and Mr. Raed AbuJries	•				227C
<p>Love Transcends Borders: LIRS and the Work of Welcome</p> <p>We are called to welcome and love the stranger as Jesus shares this message still today with all disciples. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is at the forefront of this mission and vision in the ongoing work of welcome to Afghan Allies, Ukrainians fleeing war and violence and as we work for justice in reuniting children and families at the southern border. As the vision for LIRS moves forward with expanded outreach across the US and beyond, the partnerships and programs have grown with New American Cities, Welcome Centers, and expanded support for refugees in resettlement. <i>(Continued on next page.)</i></p>	Ms. Beth Nelson Chase		•			226A



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This interactive workshop will trace our 84 years of “welcoming the stranger” as made possible through many of the congregations of the ELCA and how many WELCA units, faith communities, and individuals can be involved today!

Talking Circle with Native American Urban Ministry

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Phoenix-based Native American Urban Ministry (NAUM) invites you to participate in a talking circle, an Indigenous communication practice and learn about NAUM’s ministries. During all that, you’ll hear of the joys and challenges of being an Indigenous Christian in the ELCA.

Many Indigenous people in the U.S. use talking circles as a form of communication, healing, prayer, or conversation. The talking circle prevents reactive communication and directly responsive communication, and it fosters deeper listening and reflection in conversation. This group intervention/ activity provides participants with a structure that promotes self-exploration in an empathic and supportive atmosphere. Through a talking circle, individuals foster respect, model good listening skills, settle disputes, resolve conflicts, and build self-esteem.