

Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Lay Leader Ministry

5th Year Lay Leader Network Intensive Series



October 2023 – April 2024 - 4 sessions + Annual Gathering February 17

(Oct/Apr in person in Duluth & Brainerd - Nov/Feb via Zoom + in-person options)

Oct 21/28 Brainerd/Duluth Nov 18 Zoom Feb 3 Zoom Apr 13/20 Brainerd/Duluth

Cost: \$230 + books (Scholarships available; call Synod office)

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Lay Leader Network is designed to educate and train lay people for leadership in the congregation, the community and in the Synod. It is intended to refine theological knowledge and leadership skills in addition to stressing personal enrichment, spiritual growth and the development of ministry skills.

The 2023-24 LLN Intensive Series curriculum consists of

- A deep dive into the Gospel of Mark also following the A lectionary plus a support text *Spiritual Landscape of Mark* (Thurston).
- Lutheran theology is viewed via **Reformation Roots** a series exploring the abundance of Christian denominations including the dramatic and turbulent times of the Reformation.
- **Kingdom Come** (McNeal) discusses why it's crucial to realign the church's mission with God's ultimate Kingdom agenda – and help lead the Kingdom movement currently underway.
- **Jesus and John Wayne – How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation** (Kobes-DuMez). A sweeping account that reveals how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism.
- **The Open Secret** (Newbigin): Newbigin offers a fresh and vital perspective for how the church might enter more fully in sharing the good news in a very pluralistic and radically secular culture.

The 5th year Intensive Series promises to be impactful and life-changing.
Join us and spread the word!



The Gospel according to Mark

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