

Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Lay Leader Ministry announces **Lay Leader Network Intensive Series**



Sept 2024 – May 2025 - 4 sessions + Annual Gathering February 22

(Sept 14 or 21/Apr 5 or May 10 in person in Brainerd & Duluth & Brainerd –
Nov 16/Feb 1 via Zoom)



Cost: \$230 + books (Scholarships available see [Synod website](#))

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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 2024-25 LLN Intensive Series will focus on the *being* and *work* of the Triune God with special emphasis on the Holy Spirit. Participants will develop a keener sense of the Triune God's work through the Holy Spirit in their personal lives, the life of the church and in the flourishing of the public good. Additionally, all will engage in practices for: thoughtfully engaging the Word, deepening their prayer life, theological reflection, personal transformation, and developing Christ-like character for the flourishing of the public good.

We will take the deep dive into

- The gospel of Luke and Acts
- The classic read, [Prayer](#) by the Norwegian Lutheran theologian, Ole Hallesby
- Richard Rohr's, [The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation](#)
- [Making Faith-Sense](#) by Robert Kinast
- [Public Faith in Action: How to Think Carefully, Engage Wisely, and Vote with Integrity](#) by Miroslav Volf and Ryan McAnnally-Linz.

Participants will be encouraged to choose a prayer/reflection partner (their choosing) for the year and choose a small group for session three reading either

- T. Martin's book (Tom is a past and current participant of the YIS!), [Fishing Buddies: A Spiritual Tale](#)
- Henry Nouwen's classic work, [The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming](#)
- Miroslav Volf's book, [A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good](#).

The Intensive Series promises to be impactful and life-changing. Join us and spread the word! To register or get info [Lay Leader Network - Northeastern Minnesota Synod \(nemnsynod.org\)](#)

