



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
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**Western Iowa Synod, ELCA**

**July 25, 2018**



**Dear Pastors and Congregational Leaders;**

As we uphold from scripture and in our Lutheran baptismal liturgy: the mission and ministry of Christ's church is a partnership among the priesthood of all believers. We know how busy parish ministry can be; so we would like to work with you in helping to strengthen the partnerships of ministry within your own congregation.

Since its beginning over 10 years ago; the Western Iowa Synod Discipleship Academy, (formerly known as WIS Lay School), has been devoted to building disciples through a 2-Year standard, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Year elective program of study and self-discovery for Lay-Adults throughout our Western Iowa Synod. Throughout these years, the program has continued to develop as ministry needs arise in the changing world and Christ's church in which we serve together.



**READY TO KNOW MORE?**

Join us for either part or all of our Annual August Retreat, August 24 and 25, 2018 at Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

**OPTION 1 - COME TO A DISCIPLESHIP ACADEMY DISCOVERY EVENT**

**+++Saturday, August 25 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall at Lutheran Lakeside-2491 170<sup>th</sup> Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa, for:**

- \*Morning refreshments and conversation about the Discipleship Academy Program;**
- \*Presentations by Wartburg Theological Seminary Professors**
- \*Lunch and Sending Blessing**



**The Rev. Dr. Troy M.  
Troftgruben**  
Wartburg Seminary  
Associate Professor of  
New Testament  
Year 1 Discipleship  
Academy Advisor



**The Rev. Dr. Nathan C.P.  
Frambach**  
Wartburg Seminary Professor  
of Pastoral Theology  
Year 2 Discipleship Academy  
Advisor

**\$10.00 per person or \$50.00 PER CAR LOAD (up to 7)  
FOR SATURDAY ATTENDEES**

**TO REGISTER ONLINE [click here](#) or  
CALL THE SYNOD OFFICE AT 712-732-4968  
BY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>.**



**READY TO GO!**

**For those wishing to attend the Discipleship Academy:**

+++ Complete the online registration form [click here](#)

**OR CALL:**

The Western Iowa Synod Office  
712-732-4968.

*Registration deadline is August 8, 2018.*

Tuition Cost is \$350.00 per semester, for all classes payable to the Western Iowa Synod Discipleship Academy. Church congregational scholarship support for half the tuition fee is encouraged and financial arrangements with the WISynod are available).

**(Learning begins at the Summer August Retreat)**



**Note: Parish Pastors: We need your help in encouraging your church members to enroll for growth and learning in the WIS Discipleship Academy! Please share the attached flyer for more info.**

**\*ALL REGISTERED STUDENTS: THE ENTIRE AUGUST RETREAT IS FREE, WITH TUITION:**

Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>-5:00 p.m. Registration at Lutheran Lakeside Camp Dining Hall  
6:00 p.m. Welcome and Supper  
7:00 p.m. Worship  
8:00-9:00 p.m. Fellowship and Refreshments

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>- 8:30 a.m.- Discipleship Academy Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.- Welcome and Morning Devotion  
9:15 a.m.- Introduction to Discipleship Academy  
9:30 a.m.- Meet DA Instructors  
10:00 a.m. -Noon - Professors' Presentations  
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.- Lunch  
1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.- Signups and Scheduling  
1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.- Sending Blessing



***"We All Are One In Mission-  
We All Are One In Call"***

(ELW Hymn #576)

*"We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world." -ELW page 231, baptismal service.*