



LIVE PROJECT OFFERINGS

Retreats & Courses | 2026-2027

“Called to be Human”



FALL | 2026

WHAT IS LIVE?

**A Networked Learning
Community for Lay Leaders**

*Theologically Thoughtful,
Culturally Responsive, &
Communally Engaged.*

LIVE (rhymes with "give"):
a lay ministry of the NW WA
Synod- ELCA, forming Christian
leaders able to make sense of
our place in God's world.

LIVE: is a hybrid-style learning
community, including: in-
person retreats, courses and
cohorts via zoom.

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FINDING OUR VOICE: SHARING OUR STORIES

One-Day Retreat | Sat Oct. 3, 9am-3pm

In-Person & Online via Zoom | Location: TBD

Collaboration between LIVE & EO (Evangelical Outreach) Team

Before we can talk about how we are called to show up in the world, we must first remember that God is already showing up in our lives. Our stories matter. The particularity of our days are not separate from faith but often the places where God is at work. This retreat invites us to slow down, to listen attentively, and to share our stories in the company of others. As we share our stories, we honor the experiences that have shaped us and create space to recognize God. Our lived experiences are the place for deeper awareness, greater compassion, and connection. To show up as a whole human being in the world is to engage our stories with curiosity and courage, trusting that God is continually present and moving within them.



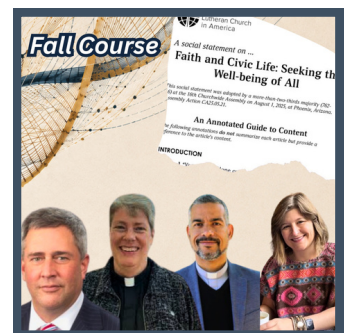
FAITH AND CIVIC LIFE: FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL

Online Course via Zoom | Wednesdays 7pm-8:30pm, (Sept 30th - Nov 11th)

Facilitators/Social Statement Team Members:

Dr. Laurie Jungling, Dr. Kyle Pasewark, Dr. Carmelo Santos, and Dr. Samantha Bise

Our first online course, Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-Being of All expands our personal stories, and the natural next question, how does our humanity connect to the voices of others? This course considers the ELCA social statement on Faith and Civic Life and asks what does it mean to bring our whole selves into public and civic space, and not to retreat from a world, nor also to be absorbed by it. If our Fall retreat asked us to tell our story, this course asks us to bring that story into the room where our neighbors' well-being is also included.



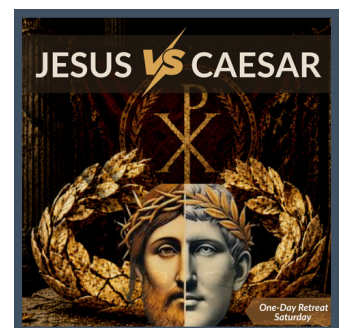
JESUS VS. CAESAR:

One-Day Retreat | Sat Nov. 14 from 9am-2pm

In-Person & Online via Zoom | @United Methodist Church (Edmonds)

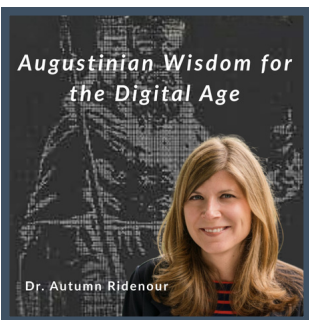
Facilitator: Dr. Joerg Rieger

Our second retreat, Jesus v. Caesar: For People Tired of Serving the Wrong God, explores the ways our lives have become intertwined with the empire of Capitalism. We end up serving false gods, of nation, of party, economy, and to the endless exhaustion and demand. This retreat is for anyone tired of quietly serving gods and looking for something practical to do as people of faith. Dr. Rieger introduces us to the practice of solidarity circles, and with neighbors and communities, and where we can build power for resistance in the temptations to follow the Caesars in our day.





AUGUSTINIAN WISDOM FOR THE DIGITAL AGE



One-Day Retreat | Sat Feb. 6 from 9am-3pm

In-Person & Online via Zoom | Location: TBD

Facilitator: Dr. Autumn Ridenour

If Caesar's Roman empire is the classic case for systems of domination and subjugation, another empire most of us live inside today is digital, algorithmic, attention-hungry, endlessly forming our desires whether we notice or not. Augustine spent a lifetime thinking hard about rightly ordered loves, about what happens to a soul that loves the wrong things and in the wrong order.

We turn to his wisdom not as a historical archive removed from our world, but as a genuinely practical, and deeply theological approach, for living faithfully inside a digital world that never stops demanding our attention, our time, and our loyalty.

BETWEEN MYSTIC & PROPHET

A Lenten Journey with Søren Kierkegaard & Howard Thurman



Online Course via Zoom

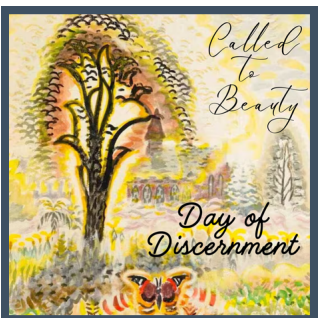
Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm, (Feb 11th - Mar 18th)

Facilitators: Dr. Angela Parker and Dr. Carl Hughes

This year's Lenten course, *Between Mystic and Prophet: A Lenten Journey* with Søren Kierkegaard and Howard Thurman, slows us down to reflect on how we can strengthen resilience to live resistant to the empires around us. Two companions, each in their own century and particular experience, found ways to be human in light of their Christian faith.

Kierkegaard's fierce insistence to resist following the crowds that deny our particular individuality and Thurman's deep well of contemplative, prophetic presence, and reclaiming of subjugated identities. Together they both point to a life in Christ where we can balance interiority and public faithfulness all in the same body. This is Lent we will deepen an understanding for what it means to give up something by setting aside the powers clamoring for our attention, and to welcome a renewing life only God in Christ gives.

CALLED BY BEAUTY. A DAY OF DISCERNMENT



One-day Retreat | Sat April. 17 from 9am-3pm

In-Person & Online via Zoom | Location: TBD

Our fourth retreat, *Called by Beauty: A Day of Discernment*, invites us to remember that life comes through movement and creativity. We close our LIVE program year not with more analysis, but with aesthetics. Beauty is God's way of calling us back to ourselves without demanding anything first. In this final retreat we celebrate our callings in the beauty of music, art, dance and poetry. Leaders throughout our synod will share their gifts of creativity in a variety of artistic mediums.

We will celebrate how the Spirit brings them, and each of us, to life. This Spring retreat is not an ending, but a sending. It is an opportunity to recognize and discern our various gifts of beauty God is calling from us, and continue to fill and sustain us with joy for the journey. What is your gift?

WAYS TO ENGAGE

Lay Leaders have multiple ways they can participate in this ministry and grow faithfully

→ One-day Retreats

Curated In-Person retreats to communally engage with one another and learn together

→ Multi-Week Courses

Approx 7 week long series on a given topic lead by rotating facilitators/ speakers. 1 Fall Course and 1 Lenten Course

→ Cohorts

Groups that meet regularly around one of three affinities listed below...

→ Lay Ministry Formation (LMF)

2-year cohort-based, certification program for lay leaders.

REGISTRATION:

Individuals:

Attend courses & Retreats, for \$50 each.

Congregational Bundle:

For just \$500 for the whole year, ALL congregants can attend unlimited courses/retreats for the 2026-2027 course year.

Can be paid in bi-yearly installments of \$250. If this cost is prohibitive email for financial aid.

