

POWER in the SPIRIT

July 14-16, 2022

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Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rundown!

POWER in the SPIRIT

Thursday, July 14

11:00AM	— 1:30PM	Registration in Colket Center
12:00PM	— 1:00PM	Lunch in Colket Center
	1:30PM	Gathering & Keynote Speaker in Olin Theater
	3:30PM	Break
	4:00PM	Bible Study in Olin Theater
	5:30PM	Dinner in Colket Center
	7:00PM	Evening Prayer in Colket Center
	8:30PM	Beer & Hymns

Friday, July 15

7:15AM	— 8:30AM	Breakfast in Colket Center
	8:30AM	Morning Worship in Meditation Chapel
	9:00AM	Bible Study in Olin Theater
	10:00AM	Break
10:30AM	— 11:45AM	Concurrent Sessions A
12:00PM	— 1:00PM	Lunch in Colket Center
1:30PM	— 2:45PM	Concurrent Sessions B
	2:45PM	Break
3:15PM	— 4:30PM	Concurrent Sessions C
5:00PM	— 6:30PM	Dinner in Colket Center
	7:00PM	Festival Service of Holy Communion at College Lutheran Church 210 South College Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153
	8:30PM	Reception at CLC—*Sponsored by Roanoke College Office of Church Relations*
	9:30PM	Evening Prayer outside CLC

Saturday, July 16

7:15AM	— 8:30AM	Breakfast in Colket Center
	8:30AM	Morning Worship in Meditation Chapel
	9:00AM	Keynote in Olin Theater
	10:00AM	Break
	10:30AM	Service Project & Thanksgiving for Service

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Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16).

What does it mean to be a leader in the Church and a follower of Jesus? The words of Saint Thomas reveal a disciple whose faith in Jesus makes him willing to go where Jesus goes, even when danger and death are real possibilities. For Thomas, it's better to be unsafe with Jesus than to stay behind as Jesus heads into dangerous places. For the Church today, we just may be called to a similar faith that goes with Jesus—even into danger.

At **Power in the Spirit 2022** we'll explore these themes, and more!

Leading our way is **Beth Lewis**, keynote presenter and CEO emeritus of Augsburg Fortress, publishing house for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and now known as 1517 Media. Lewis led Augsburg Fortress through a challenging time, and has wisdom to share with the Church rooted in her expertise and experiences.

We are also pleased to welcome **The Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse**, ELCA pastor, former seminary professor, and author of *The World Is About to Turn: Mending a Nation's Broken Faith*. Rouse will serve as our Bible Study leader, guiding us through ways the scriptures proclaim the theology of the cross.

Finally, we warmly welcome back **George Donovan** to lead our music! Director of Music for Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester, Donovan is a longtime member of the Power in the Spirit team. In addition to assembling a band of musicians from near and far, he'll also lead our conference choir.

Come and learn! Come for fellowship! Come to serve your neighbor! Come to Power in the Spirit 2022!

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders—teachers, organists and choir directors, choir members, committee or council members, family life consultants, deacons, pastors, and others—will find **Power in the Spirit** nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.

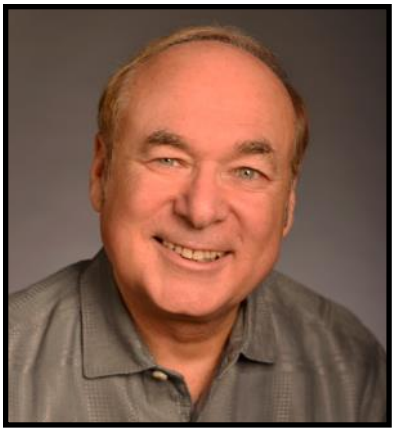
Special Guests



The Keynote Speaker!
Beth Lewis

Beth A. Lewis is the Principal for *Getting2Transformation*, through which she serves as an independent director for several boards, as keynote speaker and workshop leader, and she provides consulting for both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations on financial and cultural transformation, strategy and governance. She is also President & CEO Emeritus of 1517 Media, the ministry of publishing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), having served as CEO 2002-2018. In June 2015, the organization was named one of the Top Workplaces in Minnesota by the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. In 2015, she was recognized with the Women in Business Award by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*.

Beth is a popular keynote speaker and teacher in Lutheran, ecumenical and corporate gatherings on a wide variety of topics to assist leaders in faith-based and secular organizations: from turnaround strategies for faith-based organizations to strategic thinking to effective use of technology for congregations.



The Bible Study Leader!
Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse

Rev. Dr. Richard W. Rouse serves as a parish consultant working with ELCA congregations across the country in the areas of strategic planning, spiritual discernment, stewardship, and missional leadership. Formerly Executive Director of Church Relations and Continuing Theological Education at Pacific Lutheran University, he has also served as adjunct faculty at Luther Seminary and at the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest. Rouse is a member of the Board of Directors for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

A certified Spiritual Director and ordained Lutheran pastor for 45 years, Pastor Rick has served congregations in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington. Rouse is the author of numerous publications including most recently *The World Is about to Turn: Mending a Nation's Broken Faith.* Past works include *Beyond Church Walls: Cultivating a Culture of Care; A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation; Go Make Disciples;* and *Fire of Grace: The Healing Power of Forgiveness.*



The Band!
Led by George Donovan

George Donovan returns to lead music at Power in the Spirit! Director of Music at Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester, George has been involved in Power in the Spirit since 2012 when our worship was led by the Bethel Worship Ensemble. George has led workshops, directed the conference choir, and serves on the planning team.

George's philosophy of worship has inspired congregations to move beyond worship labels and create solid music using the gifts of the assembly. Drawing from all styles and traditions, he aims to create music that uplifts community and draws all closer to Christ.

George grew up in Winchester but has served as a worship leader for various denominations in Florida, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia. He studied music at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida and Shenandoah University in Winchester.

Kids Welcome!

Power in the Spirit is an event for all ages! Children are invited to attend with their parents or guardians, and children ages 3 to 10 have the choice to join in special activities just for them while their grownups attend keynote addresses and workshops. Older kids and teens can help with the younger children, or attend the rest of Power in the Spirit. Children and their grownups will be together for housing, worship, and meals. Contact Pastor David Drebes with questions at **pastordrebes@gmail.com** or (540) 389-4963.



Service Project!

Supporting Ministry with those Experiencing Homelessness

The Virginia Synod is a partner in an Ecumenical Worshiping Community in Fredericksburg called Micah Street Church to address the spiritual needs of those without permanent housing.

With the help of leaders from Micah Street Church, a mission project is being developed that will provide much needed supplies to this community and hopefully other ministries with those experiencing homelessness around the state.

On Saturday morning, you will be invited to join other participants at Power in the Spirit and the Synod Gathering to help pack items into kits which can be distributed as needed.

As we get closer to Power in the Spirit, details and particular items that may be needed will be shared with the Synod.

Conference Choir Returns!

The Power in the Spirit Conference Choir, directed by George Donovan, will share messages in song for the Thursday evening and Saturday closing worship gatherings. All voice parts are needed, especially men. This is an excellent opportunity for singers, directors, and musicians from our Synod to join together and connect. The choir will practice outside of the workshop times. Rehearsal schedule will be announced at opening on Thursday afternoon. Won't you join us?! ***Sign up as you register!***

The Little Free Library: "Take a Book, Share a Book."

We will have space available for you to share books that touch on matters of faith, and to pick up a book or two for yourself. This is a good way to get a new home for the books you have finished. And, you may find something new to read. Our Little Free Library will be for all ages, so think about picture books, novels, and non-fiction works that address matters of faith and spirituality. All books will be available to Power in the Spirit participants even if you don't bring a book to exchange.

Concurrent Sessions A: Friday, July 15, 10:30 — 11:45 AM

□ A1 Best Practices for Church Councils & Boards (Offered Twice)

Having served on and chaired multiple Councils, Boards, etc. for both not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, Beth Lewis, President & CEO emeritus for 1517 Media, Chair of the Thrivent Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, and member of the Northwest Washington Synod Council, has become a student of the "best practices" that make these leadership groups a success. From identifying and selecting members with diverse experiences and perspectives to on-boarding them to managing the group dynamics and critical work of this leadership team, you'll walk away from this workshop with valuable specific actions to incorporate into your church/synod council or board.

Beth Lewis,
Getting2Transformation

□ A2 The Healing Power of Forgiveness

In this seminar, we explore the radical and transforming nature of God's grace. Now more than ever our world needs to hear a message of forgiveness and reconciliation. Pastor Rick Rouse shares a personal and moving story of how an arsonist and a Seattle area congregation were forever changed—using a short film about this incredible event, "Forgiveness: A Miracle of Love." Participants will explore the five stages of forgiveness that include: 1) denial, 2) anger, 3) bargaining, 4) depression, and 5) acceptance; and learn how to apply this process to their own lives and faith communities.

The Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse,
ELCA Parish Consultant

□ A3 Unconscious Bias (Offered Twice)

How do we know what we do not know? Unconscious biases can impede healthy relationships within the Church. In this workshop, we will raise awareness so that we can better relate from diverse backgrounds.

The Rev. Heidi David-Young
& the Tapestry Team of the Virginia Synod, ELCA

□ A4 Know your Noah: A Lutheran Scientist Looks at the Story of Noah's Ark

If we "do the math," consider the sciences of anthropology, biology, geology, and meteorology, and examine some nautical engineering, there is much to learn about the time that God put all of creation in jeopardy. How well do you know the story of Noah and the global flood? What might have spawned its telling?

Dr. Bill Franz,
Professor and Provost Emeritus,
Randolph-Macon College

□ A5 Biblical Storytelling

Listen to stories and learn how you can become a Biblical Storyteller. Learn the methods used to tell stories by heart and how to use BST in your own congregation.

Judy Wilfong & Kathy Thompson,
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg

□ A6 Baking Bread and Breaking Bread

We discuss bread and its many incarnations over the years in the church, followed with a demonstration and opportunity to get your hands into the dough. Kid-friendly, and the bread we make will be served later in our worship.

Jennifer John,
Christ Lutheran Church, Richmond

□ B1 Best Practices for Church Councils & Boards (Offered Twice)

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□ B2 Supporting Immigrants and Refugees in Virginia

Mission partner enCircle helps support children and adults who have fled violence and poverty in their home countries and are coming to Virginia to start a better life. Learn more about enCircle's services for unaccompanied children and adults who are seeking asylum, as well as how we are working to provide culturally-sensitive support to those in our programs. Find out how you can help welcome new neighbors in your community.

EnCircle and the Rev. John Wertz Jr

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□ B4 The Sad Story of King Saul in 1 Samuel

The sad story of King Saul in 1 Samuel is liable to diverse and contradictory interpretations. Is it just a cut-and-paste job of pro-monarchical and antimonarchical perspectives? Is it a tragedy in which a fatal flaw in Saul foredoomed him? Is it a comedy in which an incompetent King Saul is replaced by an emergent hero, David? Or does a jealous God, whom the Israelites have rejected as their king, set up Saul for failure? Is Saul the anti-type of the New Testament Saul who became Paul the apostle? Take the time to read 1 Samuel in preparation!

The Rev. Dr. Paul R. Hinlicky, Tise Professor of Lutheran Studies, Roanoke College, and Docent, Evanjelicka Bohoslovecka Fakulta, Univerzita Komenskeho, Bratislava, Slovakia

□ B5 Shakespearean Love: What the Bard and the Bible Teach Us about Relationships and Romance

We will explore the connecting themes of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, and the Gospel of Luke; The Taming of the Shrew and the Book of Ruth; and Much Ado About Nothing and As You Like It as compared respectively to the marriages of Jacob and the Book of Esther.

The Rev. Jeniffer Tillman,
Apostles' Lutheran Church, Glocester

□ B6 Coping with the Pandemic: Stress, Change, Loss, & Opportunity

In this workshop, we will consider questions like the following: What changes did people experience during the height of the pandemic? What did we learn about ourselves & others during this time? How did we grow? How are we still being affected? How can we support others? Can stress & loss lead to opportunities like growth and stronger faith? Where is God in all this?

The Rev. Cynthia Long,
ELCA Chaplain, Certified Grief Counselor

Concurrent Sessions C: Friday, July 15, 3:15 —4:30 PM

□ C1 Proclaiming Christ In the Midst of Crisis: Conversations with Our Bishop

Most of us at Power in the Spirit have a pew-or-pulpit-eye view of the Church, but Bishop Bob Humphrey has a view from the Virginia Synod Office of the Bishop! Come and hear what challenges and triumphs he has seen in recent years. Enjoy a conversation with our Bishop!

The Rev. Bob Humphrey, Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA

□ C2 Serving our Neighbors

Learn about ministries in our Synod that are making an impact by serving their neighbors.

The Rev. John Wertz, Jr., Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA

□ C3 Women in the Gospel of John

The Gospel of John is filled with stories of Jesus' encounters with women – Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Martha of Bethany; the Samaritan woman at the well; Mary Magdalene; and many others. From these experiences we learn much about Jesus (Martha tells us he is "the Messiah, the Son of God"!) and much about how Jesus calls us all to follow, to witness, and to lead (Mary Magdalene is the first to proclaim: "I have seen the Lord!"). Let's join God's story of salvation, through the stories of Jesus and these amazing women.

The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod

□ C4 All Creation Sings

Workshop participants will be introduced to the new hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings* and will have the opportunity to sing a sample of some of the best new hymns that are included. Whether you are a pastor, a musician, or a pew sitter, you'll benefit from learning how to incorporate these hymns into the worship life of your congregation.

Nancy Delaney, Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke

□ C5 Roanoke College Walking Tour

See the beautiful campus of Roanoke College, and learn some of its history! If you require mobility assistance, please contact Pastor David Drebes, Power in the Spirit coordinator, at pastordrebes@gmail.com.

Roanoke College Admissions

□ C6 Sharing Your Faith through Poetry

In this workshop we will learn several different types of poetry so we can share our faith through the written word. Our leader is a published poet, who has provided daily poems for past *Power in the Spirit* morning devotionals.

Edith Blake, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Portsmouth



In conjunction with Power in the Spirit, the Virginia Synod looks forward to gathering on July 15-16 to celebrate ministries of service from around the Virginia Synod, to gather together for worship, and to learn from one another. Here are a few helpful facts about the event to help you prepare.

Everyone can attend. Unlike an Assembly where the number of participants is limited, anyone in the Virginia Synod can attend the Synodical Gathering. Congregations are encouraged to send at least two leaders, but anyone who is interested can register.

When you register for Power in the Spirit, you are automatically registered for the Synodical Gathering. Since the Synodical Gathering will be happening in conjunction with Power in the Spirit and the schedules will overlap, everyone registered for Power in the Spirit will be registered for the Synodical Gathering.

If you only want to attend the Synod Gathering and Celebration of Service, you can register at:

https://vasynod.org/event/virginia-synod-gathering-and-celebration-of-service/.

Other Information

Contact
For questions, contact **Pastor David Drebes** at **(540) 389-4963** or **pastordrebes@gmail.com**.You may also call the Virginia Synod Office at **(540) 389-1000.** More information is available at **www.vasynod.org**.

Worship Planning
Special thanks to worship planners Pastor Michael Church, Pastor Paul Toelke, George Donovan, Cindy Henry, and Kitty Miller.

Meditation Chapel
Power in the Spirit provides a meditation chapel area dedicated to prayer and contemplation. Take time for prayer, reflection, and quiet. The meditation chapel will be available during workshop sessions and free times. Thanks to Janet & Gene Gomez for providing this ministry.

Golf Cart Transportation
The golf carts are back! They'll help you get around the campus. Thanks to Bob and Maribeth Ocock for organizing this service.

Graphic Designs by: Mary Delaney

Accommodations
Housing on campus will be handled as conveniently and as efficiently as possible. Construction continues, but every effort will be made to meet individual needs. Dormitories are often chilly, so pack accordingly. *Consider bringing your own pillow and an extra blanket for your comfort!*

For participants who choose to stay off-campus rather than in the Roanoke College dormitories, we provide the following information on local accommodations:

- Hampton Inn (I-81, Exit 137): (540) 389-2424
- Comfort Suites (I-81, Exit 137): (540) 389-7171
- Howard Johnson's (I-81, Exit 137): (540) 389-7061
- Super 8 (I-81, Exit 137): (540) 389-0297
- Days Inn (I-81, Exit 141): (540) 986-1000
- Holiday Inn Express, Salem (I-81, Exit 141): (800) 345-8082
- La Quinta Inn (I-81, Exit 141): (540) 562-2717

Do you play an instrument?

This year, we offer new opportunities for involvement in music at Power in the Spirit with a goal of connecting musicians from around our synod.

Join the worship band! Instrumentalists who play at a high school level are invited to join the band for worship—winds, strings, brass, guitars, and more! Please contact George Donovan by **June 1st** if you would like to participate. Music will be provided in advance and rehearsal time will be coordinated.

Beer & Hymns Pickup Band! A fun fellowship opportunity is our Beer & Hymns gathering. We will sing a variety of hymns and songs. **There's no rehearsal**. There's no order. We just get together, sing random songs, and share Jesus in a unique way! Bring a guitar or other instrument and join us for this exciting gathering!

To sign up, or to ask questions, contact George Donovan at **george@bethelwinchester.com.**

Get Your T-Shirts!

The 2022 Power in the Spirit shirt features this year's logo. See registration form for pricing and sizes. The shirts will be available for pickup upon your arrival.

(Photo not available for print deadline. Visit www.facebook.com/powerinthespirit and www.vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit for the latest updates!)

Registration—*One Form Per Person*

Name: _____ Email: _____

Congregation Name: _____

Congregation Location: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

☐ I plan to sing in the Conference Choir: ☐ Soprano ☐ Alto ☐ Tenor ☐ Bass

☐ I Require Special Assistance: _____

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Dormitory Accommodations: ☐ Single ☐ Double

Name of Roommate: _____

Fees

Resident Package Prices

Includes registration, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners

Power in the Spirit Adult Resident Package: $255 $_____
Planning Team Adult Resident Package: $105 $_____
Resident Scholarship Package (By Permission): $25 $_____
Youth (11 to 17 years old) Resident Package: $40 $_____
Child (3 to 10 years old) Resident Package: $20 $_____

Commuter Package Prices

Includes registration, two lunches, two dinners

Power in the Spirit Adult Commuter Package: $195 $_____
Planning Team Adult Commuter Package: $45 $_____
Commuter Scholarship Package (By Permission): $25 $_____
Youth (11 to 17 years old) Commuter Package: $20 $_____
Child (3 to 10 years old) Commuter Package: $10 $_____

Power in the Spirit T-Shirt: $10 each

Child ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL $_____
Adult ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL $_____

Late Registration Fee (After July 1): +$25 $_____

Total **$_____**

Payment

☐ Check payable to Virginia Synod
☐ Expenses Covered by Virginia Synod

Complete Both Sides of This Form and Mail with Payment to:

Virginia Synod—Power in the Spirit
PO Box 70
Salem, VA 24153

Remember, your registration is not complete until payment is received.

VISIT WWW.VASYNOD.ORG/POWER-IN-THE-SPIRIT/ TO REGISTER ONLINE!

Workshop Registration

Name: _____ **Congregation**: _____

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Concurrent Session B: Friday, July 15, 2022, 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM

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For Children & Youth

Children ages three to ten are welcome to attend workshops with their parent or guardian—or they can participate in activities just for them. Older kids and teens are welcome to serve as junior leaders with the children's program, or can attend the rest of Power in the Spirit under adult supervision.

☐ Check this box if this is your child's registration form, and if your child will participate in the children's program.

Media Release

Power in the Spirit may take photos of our children's program for promotional purposes not limited to publications and e-newsletters within Virginia Synod communications. Please sign here to grant consent for the use of such photos. *Signature of parent/guardian*: _____