

## Concurrent Sessions B: Friday, June 14, 1:30-2:45 PM



### **B1 Worship Music and the Liturgical Year - Michael Benschish, Musician** **Antrim Chapel**

From the time of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Orgelbuchlein" to today's online scripture-guided hymn and song choices, the music for the Lutheran liturgical year has been a central part of our worship offerings. In this workshop, we'll explore possibilities for every liturgical season, looking at their scriptural roots as well as traditions within the church. Even as we "sing a new song", with new instruments, vocal stylings, and compositions, the core of our worship music remains timeless.



### **B2 Literary Letters of Faith - The Rev. Robert McCarty**

**Olin Room 232**

From the Apostle Paul, to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr, letters have given witness in a private way to a public faith. This workshop will take an introductory look at the contributions of women to the letters of faith with particular attention given to Flannery O'Connor and Jane Austen.



### **B3 Digging Deeper: Modeling Esther's Risk Taking - The Rev. CeCee Mills, Bible Study Leader**

**Lucas Hall Room 125**

Participants will be led through Esther-based exercises that will help them identify practical opportunities to risk in their own discipleship journey. They will leave with a method to discern and discover where and how God is calling them to lead.



### **B4 Strong Connection Conversations (for Laity) - Bishop Phyllis Blair Milton, Virginia Synod**

**Olin Room 231**

Have you ever wanted to contribute to the conversation about the vision/mission of the Virginia Synod? Have you ever said to yourself, "If I were Bishop . . ." Here is your opportunity to join in the conversation to explore how the Holy Spirit might be calling you to envision how the vision/mission of the Virginia Synod is lived out "on the ground" in your context and through the ministries of the Synod.



### **B5 This Fall is Going to be E.P.I.C!- The Rev. Liz Radtke, Director for Congregation and Leadership Support, Virginia Synod**

**Olin Room 240**

E.P.I.C., which stands for Effective Practices for Innovative Congregations, are four one-day Leadership Developments that will be held regionally throughout the Synod this coming fall. Join Pastor Liz Radtke for an interactive and informative preview of the EPICs. We will explore some Evangelism tools, Fellowship tools, Sacramental art, and other Innovative practices in anticipation of the EPIC events.



### **B6 Discover the Virginia Synod Tapestry Ministry - Sister Phyllis Cox, Virginia Interfaith Power and Light; and George Donovan, Bethel, Winchester**

**Trout Hall Room 106**

Come learn about the Tapestry Ministry. Tapestry's mission is to empower congregations in the Virginia Synod to be boldly inclusive in matters of diversity and inclusion, walking with God, and guided by the Holy Spirit to bring healing, reconciliation, and justice. Tapestry provides resources, facilitates conversations, and fosters networking across the Synod to advocate for God's desire to weave a rich and diverse Body of Christ!

