

Concurrent Sessions C: Friday, June 14, 3:15-4:30 PM

Lucas Hall Room 125



C1 The Reign of God - Right Here! Right Now! - The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministries of Leadership, Formation, Belonging, & Justice, VA Synod

Jesus said: "Don't you see? God's kingdom is already among you." (Luke 17.21b CEB)

We pray often, in the Lord's Prayer: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven." Have you ever wondered, though: what is the kingdom of God? Pastor Kelly invites us into conversation with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, as together we explore the Spirit's work to bring forth the reign of God: God's vision of salvation and hope. Right here! Right now!



C2 Decoupage Craft Project - Maribeth Ocock, St. Mark, Yorktown

Olin Room 240

Using a oyster shell or a smooth rock...create an amazing decoration that will look hand painted...apply a unique napkin from an exclusive European company to your item using high gloss ModPodge...(which has been around for many years) After drying it will look beautiful sitting on desk or table to remind you of the beauty of God's creations. Theme will be the lavender bloom.



C3 Embodying Inclusion in Community - The Rev. Colleen Montgomery, Director for Digital Ministry, Virginia Synod

Olin Room 231

Having conversations about embodying LGBTQIA+ inclusion in a community is difficult. Hospitality, signage, language in worship, pastoral care, and relationship building are all contextual. In this workshop, participants will learn some guiding principles for how to have these conversations as well as discuss case studies.



C4 AMMPARO, a Holistic Call to Action on Migration - Giovana Oaxaca, Program Director, Migration Policy, ELCA

Olin Room 232

The message of Psalm 46:1 is at the heart of the ELCA's response to human mobility. AMMPARO is a holistic, whole church commitment by the ELCA, as a church in the world, to accompany migrant children and families. In the Americas we work across congregations and synods, with secular and religious partners, and local migrant community organizations in region to support youth, women, and families and to address the root causes of migration. Join Giovana Oaxaca, Program Director for Migration Policy to explore the unique challenges and opportunities of migration through the four "A's" of AMMPARO: Accompaniment, Articulation, Awareness-Building, and Advocacy.



C5 The Church's Coloring Book: Liturgy and the Season of the Church Year - The Rev. Wes Smith, Zion, Waynesboro

Olin Room 230

Color is one of the many things that contribute to the structure, understanding, and theology of the church year. The choices of blue or purple in Advent, the use of green during Pentecost, and the presence of white or red on certain festival days is neither arbitrary nor unimportant. Rather, these colors help reveal the meaning of our worship and reflect the different ways that liturgy and the church year answer Jesus' question, "who do people say that I am?" Join us for an exploration of the way Scripture, liturgy and theology color the church.

Continuing Education Credits

Rostered Ministers, Lay Preachers, and SAMS who attend will receive 10 CEUs. If a certificate is needed you can contact Lenae Osmondson at osmondson@vasynod.org.