Concurrent Sessions A: Friday, July 18, 10:45AM-12:00PM



A1 Lutheran Theology and Confessions: A Review for SAMs and an Intro for Everyone- Rev. Dr. Wesley Smith, Zion Waynesboro (3-part series) **Olin: 231**

As Christians, we confess Jesus Christ, we proclaim the Good News, and, as the church, we act on behalf of our neighbor. As Lutherans, we teach and preach these convictions in light of the cross. Over the course of three workshops, we will explore these foundations of Lutheran preaching and teaching. (If you wish to take this course, you need to take all three sessions). Session A looks at how Law and Gospel inform how we stand before God; how we read the Bible; how we preach; how we live simultaneously as saint and sinner; and the necessity of self-critique.

A2 Building a Suicide Safer Community through Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK) - Cancelled



A3 Can the "Unspeakable" Psalms Speak for Us? The Intercessory Power of the Spirit When Our Sighs Are Too Deep for Words - Rev. Bobby Morris **Colket Center: Pickle**

John Calvin described the Psalms as "An Anatomy of the Soul" because of their ability to connect with all manner of the human experience. Yet, we rarely, if ever, hear some of the most poignant texts of this ancient collection in the church. In this workshop, discover the Spiritual power of St. Athanasius' statement: “Most of Scripture speaks to us; the Psalms speak for us.”



A4 Connecting with ELCA Advocacy & Coordinating a Letter Campaign - Alex Parker, Advocacy Coordinator for ELCA Advocacy, Washington DC **Colket Center: Kime**

In this workshop, you will learn about the work of ELCA Advocacy, where we operate, how we operate, and how you can create change beginning in your congregation. After a brief presentation, participants will be guided through one impactful and easy form of advocacy that begins at home with your fellow congregants - coordinating on issues and writing letters to your members of Congress.







A5 REVIVE! - Opioid Overdose and Narcan Education- Katherine Bays, Elizabeth Leap, and Adam Neal from Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare **Olin: 232**

Since 2016, there have been over 1,000 fatalities per year due to an Opioid Overdose. Do you want to learn how to identify and respond? Learn how to save a life from an Opioid Overdose. Join Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare’s REVIVE trainers to learn what you can do! After completing the training, participants will receive a complimentary REVIVE! Kit and Naloxone [Narcan].





A6 Climate change: What it is, Why it is, and What Small Things Can We Do to Make a Difference? - Sister Phyllis Cox & Dr. Bill Franz, Christ, Richmond **Olin: 240**

This workshop proposes to address in layman's terms how we have gotten to today's situation and what are some actions we can take as people, families, congregations, communities and Synods to make a difference. Dr. Bill will use his vast knowledge to help us as individuals to better understand how we got into the place we find ourselves. Sister Phyllis will explore ways that help us feel less like throwing our hands into the air and giving up.



A7 Establishing Small but Mighty Congregations - Rev. Jessica Darty, Trinity, Pulaski **Olin: 230**

The size of a congregation does not determine its health, vitality, or the strength of its ministry. However, smaller congregations must be more intentional about how they do these things to ensure longevity of their mission. We will examine some actions small congregations can take to work towards vitality and mighty ministry.