Concurrent Sessions B: Friday, July 18, 1:30-2:45 PM



B1 Lutheran Theology and Confessions: A Review for SAMs and an Intro for Everyone- Rev. Dr. Wesley Smith, Zion Waynesboro (3-part series) **Olin: 231**

Session B takes a closer look at God's law and human sinfulness in the first two articles of the creed and the Ten Commandments. Because of human waywardness, Jesus Christ became flesh "for us and for our salvation." The reality of sin leads us to a discussion of Christ's person and work and the salvation he accomplished for all people on the cross.

B2 Building a Suicide Safer Community through Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK) - Cancelled



B3 From Crisis to Community - Maryn Olson, Director, Lutheran Disaster Response; Keynote Presenter **Colket Center: Pickle**

Being prepared for disasters helps prevent casualties, reduces damage, builds community support, and expedites recovery. Yet, according to FEMA's annual preparedness survey, only 51% of Americans believe they are prepared for a disaster. Are YOU prepared? Find out how disaster impacts families and communities through this interactive simulation journey, and learn how you can equip your household, congregation, and community.



B4 Women's Voices: Lives and Words that Embody Gospel Faith - Rev. Judy Cobb, Serving St. Timothy, Norfolk **Olin: 230**

Learn about women in American history whom have embodied love of neighbor, willingness to risk self for the good of another, a vision of what could be. Share conversation about them and be inspired by the actions of faith.



B5 Exploring Dinner Church - Rev. John Wertz Jr., Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission, Virginia Synod **Olin: 240**

Christians have often gathered for worship and learning over meals. In the last few years, a Dinner Church movement has emerged as a fresh expression of Christian worship and life. Come learn about this fresh expression and discover if it might be a good fit for your context.





B6 ELCA Sumud and WiS MENA: Advocacy, Awareness, and Accompaniment for Justice in Palestine and Israel and the wider MENA region- Maddi Froiland, Program Director for ELCA Sumud and Sasha Ghosh-Siminoff, Program Director for Middle East and North Africa Policy for ELCA Witness in Society **Olin: 232**

Learn about two parallel initiatives within churchwide:

1. The Sumud program, which is an initiative of the ELCA committed to working for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel and;
2. The ELCA Witness in Society MENA policy work helps mobilize and empower advocacy in the ELCA on behalf of justice in the Middle East and North Africa region, including the Holy Land. Together, these ministries bring you and your ELCA community tools and resources to fulfill our calling as followers of Jesus to disrupt oppression and injustice and amplify partners on the ground in their lived experiences.