



Deepen your faith

Spiritual enrichment and theological understanding
for lay leaders in the ELCA

Mark 10:43: *Let the one who would be great among you be your servant (Greek: Diakonos).*

Diakonia – An Adult Education/ Discipleship Invitation

- Are you looking for a deeper faith life?
- Want to be better equipped for Christian Service?
- Curious about what God has planned for you?

Diakonia may be just what you are looking for....

Diakonia is a theological program designed for the laity of the Lutheran church. The full program consists of 12 courses taught over two years; each course explores independent topics to increase your faith through understanding of scripture, doctrine, tradition and mission. What can you expect? You will be joined with students and pastors from around the Synod to talk about the bible, Christian doctrine, Christian ethics, church and society, and other topics. Students are also given the opportunity to discern what spiritual gifts they may have. After graduation from the program you will be equipped for Christian Service. You will be prepared:

- To provide distinctively Christian Caregiving
- To confidently share your faith with others
- To use biblical principles to guide your life
- To boldly serve your family, congregation and the surrounding community

Each course is a 5-week study of a specific subject. You will read texts, participate in class discussions in small groups of 6-10 students, and explore your learning through short papers, presentations or projects. The 2015-2016 year will begin in September at two locations: Indianapolis and Bristol (NW Indiana). We hope to expand also to Louisville in 2016-17.

Year "A" (2014-15) – New Testament, Early Church History, Pastoral Care/ Visitation, Lutheran Creeds and Confessions, Christian Daily Life, and Christian Vocation (*5 weeks each*)

Year "B" (2015-16) – Old Testament, Communicating the Gospel, Christian Doctrine, Christian Worship, Differentiating Our Faith in American Context, and Christian Ethics (*5 weeks each*)

For more information on courses or program, check out this link:

<http://www.iksynod.org/Ministries/Diakonia/diakoniamain.html>

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