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Zoom Classes Forming

Several synods are forming classes using the Zoom online platform! They are open to students from any synod.

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Memorial Service for Gordon Straw

The family of Gordon Straw invites all to celebrate his wonderful life together on Saturday, February 9th at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

Gordon worked as an associate professor of Spiritual Formation and it what he was most proud of - it was his dream job.

There will be a pre-service gathering from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The service will be from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. with a reception and refreshments afterwards.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Soto Straw, and their daughter Amanda.

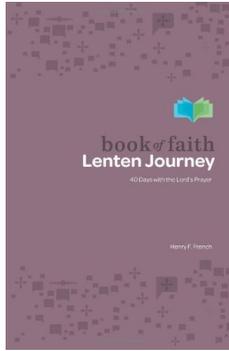


The Greater Milwaukee Synod 2019 diakonia retreat will be held on Saturday, March 23 at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis, Wisconsin from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The topic will be "Faithful Innovations: Blurring the Lines Between Church and Community" and our leader will be Pastor Matthew Short from the GMS Synod office.

This retreat will offer the opportunity to re-think where the church and community intersect, and how the changing structure of our churches and society will shift how we are "church" and how we "do church". Some of the topics that will be explored: God inside; God outside? Membership; Discipleship? Working For;

Being With? The day will challenge the way you think about church.

Contact [Diane Roznowski](#) for more information.



Good Reads

Title: The Book of Faith 40-Day Lenten Journey

Author: Henry F. French

The [Book of Faith 40-Day Lenten Journey](#) is a devotional resource connecting 40 personal daily readings and weekly worship with the study of Scripture. The devotional readings included are structured around seven key petitions of The Lord's Prayer.

We Need You!

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