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Zoom Classes Forming

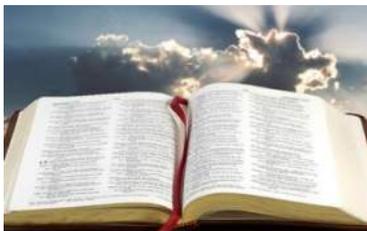
Several synods are forming classes using the Zoom online platform! They are open to students from any synod.

Find out more [here](#).

Synod Spotlight

DIAKONIA OF THE NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD

Check out the Northwestern Ohio Synod Diakonia [website](#)!



Storytelling That Builds Faith

Read about how [Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church](#) in the Southwest Pennsylvania Synod turned an ordinary Bible study into a Bible storytelling adventure!



Faith and Leadership

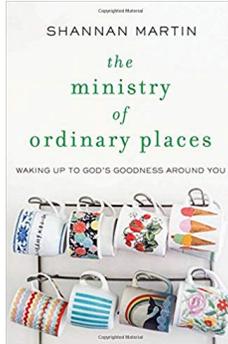
Margaret Benefiel, Ph.D., Executive Director of the [Shalem Institute](#), has served as Chair of the Academy of Management's Management, Spirituality, and Religion Group. She writes an excellent [blog](#) that explores faith in the business setting, especially for those in leadership/executive

roles.



ELCA Presiding Bishop Responds to Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting

Read Bishop Eaton's message [here](#).



Good Reads

Title: The Ministry of Ordinary Places: Waking Up to God's Goodness Around You

Author: Shannan Martin

Our nonstop consumer society seduces us into forsaking the ordinary. Even as Christians, we are prone to aspire to do ministry that garners headlines and warrants photo ops. The author calls us to reclaim the sanctity and significance of ordinary places. Through personal stories, theology, and Scripture, she helps us discern God's call upon our lives right where we are.

Available from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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