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LEAD

Living every day as disciples

Resources for Ministry

What is the [10-Minute Toolbox](#)? LEAD offers 40+ downloadable videos designed to help ministry leaders grow deeper in their own faith while acquiring skills to enhance their congregational leadership. Questions for reflection and further discussion are included.

Epiphany: Chalking the Door.

[Building Faith](#) offers a how-to and a why for this spiritual practice. Do it at church and at home as a yearlong connection between faith active in both places.

Read about it [here](#).



Online Diakonia Program Available!

The Indianapolis Diakonia program is continuing its online learning curriculum in 2018, using the Zoom Conferencing Software.

Instructors and students from programs across the country are invited to participate. The following classes will be offered based on interest and instructor availability:

- Daily Life of a Christian

- Lutheran Creeds and Confessions
- Practical Ministry II
- Christian Ethics

The following **tentative** schedule is based on a 5-week session. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 7-10 pm Central. We may modify the schedule based on instructor availability and interest.

Daily Life of a Christian

Tuesday evenings: Jan 23 – Feb 20

Thursday evenings: Jan 25 – Feb 22

Lutheran Creeds & Confessions

(2 weeks off for Holy Week and Easter; classes will not meet between March 25 – April 8)

Tuesday evenings: Feb 27 – April 10

Thursday evenings: March 1 – April 12

Christian Ethics

Tuesday evenings: April 17 – May 15

Thursday evenings: April 19 – May 17

Practical Ministry II

Tuesday evenings: May 22 – June 19

Thursday evenings: May 24 - June 21

For more information, to enroll, or apply as an instructor, please [email Kim LaSalle-Hiaft](#). Or visit the Indiana-Kentucky Synod [website](#).

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Good Reads



NEW LIFE THROUGH
SHARED MINISTRY
Moving from Volunteering to Mission
Foreword by Robert M. Schwartz

Title: New Life through Shared Ministry: Moving from Volunteering to Mission

Author Judith A. Urban

Judith Urban creates a pathway for building a shared ministry system. She assists readers in transforming their congregation into one where members are invited into volunteer ministry; people are matched according to their gifts and interests with ministry opportunities; volunteers are offered support, training, and appreciation; and all grow to spiritual maturity through that ministry. [This comprehensive guide](#) is based on Urban's consulting, training, and planning with shared ministry directors and teams the past 12 years, her experience building a shared ministry system in a congregation, and her own studies in the field of volunteer management.



“Just this. Just now.”

Listen to the [Christmas message](#) from the ELCA presiding bishop, Elizabeth Eaton.

We Need You!

Are you interested in being featured in or submitting a **Servant Story** for a future issue of **TheTool Box**? Are you an instructor who would like to share a bit of yourself in "Instructor Focus?" Are you a site coordinator who would like to give us a peak into your program? Do you have observations to share from your a class?

We can all learn from each other's journeys before, during and after the program.

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Blessings for 2018!

