



Licensed Lay Ministry Academy

Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA

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Cost per class:

Academy Students \$125.00

For those seeking certification or licensing as a Licensed Lay Minister for SEMI Synod

Audit Only Students \$50.00

For those seeking a deeper dive into specific topics or courses held as part of the Licensed Lay Academy of the SEMI Synod

Ministry Academy Class Schedule 2025 - 2027

Classes are generally held on five (5) consecutive Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m.- 12 noon, unless decided upon differently by the instructor and class members. The dates listed are subject to change.

****only for those who have completed the classwork and are seeking a ministry license.***

*****open to any participant of the Licensed Lay Academy, including current students completing coursework.***

****** Continuing Education courses, intended for current LLMs who desire to serve as pulpit supply for the synod***

2025

January 11 - February 8	Practical Ministry / Spiritual Care w/ Rev. Darryl Moore, Greater Southern Baptist Church/Detroit
February 22 – March 22	Teaching the Word w/ Pr. Scott Seeke, Holy Cross Lutheran Church/Livonia
Feb 22 – Mar 22	Liturgy Planning for LLMs w/ Pr. Jen Kiefer, A2B for Worship***
April 5 - May 3, 2025 (4 sessions only)	Christian Worship w/ Pr. Elizabeth Friedman and Pr. Matthew Bode
June 21	Annual Interviews for Licensing*
September 13 - October 11	Church History w/ Pastor Ken Grant, Genesis /Detroit

Updated November 2025

October 25

October 11, 18 + November 1, 8

November 1 – December 6

Annual Retreat **

*Preaching 2.0 w/ Bishop Don Kreiss****

Lutheran Confessions w/ Pr. Matthew Bode
Zion/Ferndale

2026

January 10 – February 7

Issues in Lutheran Ethics (zoom only) with Denise Rector, Ph.D., Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

February 21 - March 21

Introduction to the Old Testament w/ Pr. Joel Brandt
Spirit of Christ/Clawson

April 18 – May 16

Christian Discipleship

May 29-30

SEMI Synod Assembly

June 20**Annual Interviews for Licensing***

Sept 12 - October 10

Introduction to the New Testament

October 17**Annual Retreat ****

October 31 – December 5

Proclaiming the Gospel / Preaching

2027

January 9 - February 6

Family Systems (TBD)

February 13**Special Event - What are our Synod Resources ****

February 20 - March 20

Systemic Theology

April 3 – May 1

Practical Ministry / Spiritual Care

June 12**Annual Interviews***

September 11 - October 9

Teaching the Word w/ Pr. Scott Seeke, Holy Cross Lutheran Church/Livonia

October 16**Annual Retreat****

October 30 - December 4

Christian Worship w/ Pr. Elizabeth Friedman and Pr. Matthew Bode