



Licensed Lay Ministry Academy

Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA

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Program Registration: \$125

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 2026 - 2026

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***

2026

January 17 – February 14	Issues in Lutheran Ethics (zoom only) with Denise Rector, Ph.D., Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University
February 21 - March 28	Introduction to the Old Testament w/ Pr. Joel Brandt Spirit of Christ/Clawson + 1 session March 7 – “Watered Garden” with Dr. Ben Stewart at Holy Cross/Livonia
April 18 – May 23	Christian Discipleship w/ Dr. Denise Rector, zoom only
May 29-30	SEMI Synod Assembly
June 20	Annual Interviews for Licensing*
Sept 12 - October 10	Introduction to the New Testament w/ Dr. Denise Rector, zoom only

Updated May 2026

October 17

October 31 – December 5

Annual Retreat **

Proclaiming the Gospel / Preaching w/ Pr. Albert Leblanc

2027

January 9 - February 6

Family Systems (TBD) w/ Pr. Dana Runestad

February 13

Special Event - What are our Synod Resources **

February 20 - March 20

Systemic Theology w/ Pr. Beth Birkholz

April 10 – May 8

Practical Ministry / Spiritual Care

June 12

NO ANNUAL INTERVIEWS – SEE 2028*

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

2028

January 8 - February 51

Lutheran Confessions w/ Pr. Matthew Bode
Zion/Ferndale

Feb 12

Winter Retreat

February 19 – March 18

Practical Ministry / Spiritual Care w/ Rev. Darryl Moore,
Greater Southern Baptist Church/Detroit

March 25 – May 6

Sacramental Practices

Extended time to accommodate Easter break

June 17

Annual Interviews for Licensing*

September 9 – October 7

Church History
w/ Pastor Ken Grant, Genesis /Detroit

October 14

Annual Retreat **

October 28 – December 2

Issues in Lutheran Ethics