



Event Schedule

Sunday

4:00 - 6:00	Check In and Registration • The Lismore - 333 Better Way, Eau Claire, WI 54701
6:00	Dinner/New to the synod (since August 2026)
7:00	Evening Worship (Martin preaches)
8:00 - 9:00	Social Time (Hymn Contest-Prizes!)

Walkable Coffee Shops:

- ECDC
- Acoustic Cafe
- Phoenix Coffee
- Mr. Kitty's Cat Cafe
- Shift

Monday

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at the Hotel
8:45 - 9:15	Viewing: Jesus Was a Migrant
9:15	Discussion
10:00	Break
10:15-11:45	Session 1: Dr. Shauna Hannan
12:00	Lunch (<i>On Your Own</i>)
12:00	Lunch Options • Open Table, Connection Meal and Worship • See list for walkable restaurants
1:00 - 5:30	Afternoon Activity Options • Local Mural/Sculpture Scavenger Hunt (Prizes!) • <u>Local Trails</u> • <u>Golfing</u> • Reboot Social (food, board games, arcade, duck bowling) • <u>Local Art Exhibit at the Library</u> • <u>Beaver Creek Reserve</u> • Kayak/Bike Rental
4:00 - 5:00	Workshop: "Life, Leadership & Bad Luck"
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Neighbor to Neighbor Storytelling/Panel: (Rev. Ken Schmidt, Deacon Kari Allen, Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones)
7:15	Bishop's Time
8:00	Social Time (Storytelling Contest - Prizes)

Walkable Restaurants:

- The Informalist
- Reboot Social
- Phoenix Taproom
- The District
- Madden Ramen
- Thai Orchid

Walkable Treats

- Olson's Ice Cream
- Ramone's Ice Cream
- Acoustic Cafe

Walkable Local Shops

- Dotters Books
- Tangled Up in Hue
- The Local Store
- Hello Adorn
- Revival Records

Wine/Beer

- 2 Roots Wine & Art
- Infinity
- River Bend
- Phoenix Taproom
- The Brewing Projekt
- Lazy Monk
- Modicum

Tuesday

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at the Hotel
8:30 - 9:15	Check out of Hotel
9:15 - 10:45	Session 2: Dr Shauna Hannan
11:00-11:45	Closing Worship w/Communion/interactive prayers/conversation
12:00	Departure

Workshop Options:

1. Open Table Connection Meal and Worship Experience:

Join a small group for a shared meal and worship. Not only will we set the table and share the meal (and clean up), but we will share the worship, centered on a connected church, and guide each other in discussion. Monday 10/12 at Noon

(This will be limited to 12 participants)

1. Life, Leadership, and Bad Luck

You are living at the intersection of history, that's fun. You're navigating new territory without a map, AGAIN. Is this bad luck, or Divine intervention? Living out your Baptismal and Ordination vows couldn't be much harder than it is now. Let's explore how to help each other do the heavy lift, in today's dynamic world. Monday 10/12 at 4:00 at The Lismore Hotel

Contests:

Sunday Hymn Writing Contest:

1. Choose a hymn to use
2. Create 1-3 verses of alternative lyrics
(bonus points for humor!)
3. **Submit your lyrics (and the name of the original hymn melody) to Bishop Martin by October 1st.**
4. We will sing them together at the retreat
5. The top three songs will be our prize winners!

Monday Storytelling Contest:

1. Reminisce about your experiences in ministry....
2. Choose an extraordinary or humorous story, unexpected interaction, laughable mistake, anecdote with animals, or rouge children's sermon.
3. Prepare to share during evening social time
4. The top three stories will be prize winners!

Meet Dr. Shauna Hannan

The Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan (Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary) began her tenure as President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in July 2025. Prior to joining LSTC, she served as Professor of Homiletics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and as Core Doctoral Faculty for the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Her previous calls also include Professor of Preaching at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina; Associate Director of Admissions at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota; and parish pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead, Minnesota. Dr. Hannan is the co-author, with filmmaker Gael Chandler, of *Scripting a Sermon: Using the Wisdom of Filmmaking for Impactful Preaching* (WJKP, 2024). She is also the author of *The Peoples' Sermon: Preaching as a Ministry of the Whole Congregation* (Fortress, 2021) and co-editor of *Eco-Lutheranism: Lutheran Perspectives on Ecology*. Her scholarly work appears in journals such as *Word & World*, *Dialog*, *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, and *The Christian Century*. Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) since 1998, Dr. Hannan has served on numerous ELCA candidacy committees, including those in the Pacifica, Southwest California, and Caribbean Synods. She has also held various leadership roles on committees and boards and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Augsburg Fortress.

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