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Registration Form 2026 – 2027
Lay School of Ministry, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA

I am registering for ____ Year 1 ____ Year 2 ____ Continuing Education

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (Cell) _____

Email _____

Congregation _____ City _____ Mentor _____

Pastor _____ Email _____

Year 1 Only – Why do you wish to participate in the Lay School of Ministry?

Year 1 Only – How do you live out your baptism in your home, congregation, and community?

Tuition for the Lay School of Ministry is \$475 per year. Books used for the first two years cost approximately \$250. Please ask your home congregation if they can provide congregational support for your education. While the Lay School of Ministry program offers scholarship support to members of the NW Synod of Wisconsin to encourage participation, it also encourages congregations to support their participation. Please include your tuition deposit of \$100 with your application.

You can register and make payments by credit card on-line at the NW Synod of Wisconsin website ([Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Lay School of Ministry](#)). PLEASE forward your on-line payment receipt to Vicki Fankhauser, Registrar, at fankhauser0889@charter.net so she can properly credit your payment. You can also mail in this registration form and check payable to Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and send to:

Vicki Fankhauser, 2210 Priddy Street, Bloomer, WI 54724

What will the 2026 - 2027 school year look like?

Onsite classes will be held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield St, Chippewa Falls, WI.

First and second year students will have the opportunity to learn with their covenant groups monthly onsite September through May. If unable to physically attend, or if the weather makes travel hazardous, students are able to participate each month through Zoom.

Continuing Education students will meet on site, September – November, and March – May. Winter months of December – March will be via Zoom. Please note that attending virtually will also be available during the months of onsite learning. September, October and November of 2025 and March, April and May of 2026 will be in-person at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1300 W. Mansfield, Chippewa Falls. Zoom will also be an option, but in-person attendance is encouraged! The most challenging winter months of November through March will be Zoom only. If April brings us bad traveling weather, Zoom will replace in-person learning.

_____ I am planning to come to the in-person sessions

_____ I will attend (in-person) classes via Zoom

We also seek several people to help with Zoom technology during the sessions. _____ I am Zoom proficient and can help during the sessions.

Will a meal plan be offered?

Yes. Friday night suppers will be catered again this year, September – November, and March – May. Pricing for the meals will be provided before the first session in September. If you prefer to bring our own meal, please come and enjoy the lively Friday night fellowship prior to classes starting. Covenant groups are encouraged to plan some meals together.

How about housing for out-of-town students?

_____ Do you know of someone locally you can stay with?

_____ Do you need to be hosted?

_____ Are you local and able to host on Friday evening?

We look forward to another great year of learning and fellowship!

SIGNATURE OF THE PASTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO SERVE AS YOUR MENTOR:
