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Centennial-320 a/b	11:00 AM	Ashley Wheeler	<i>Unraveled: A memory play with conversation</i>	<i>This workshop will delve into the mysteries of Alzheimer's and dementia through a short play. This piece combines the art of narrative storytelling, scientific research, and pastoral care. We will continue the workshop with intentional and thoughtful conversation on how to be the church in the midst of the chaos of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.</i>
Centennial-320 a/b	10:00 AM	Christine Emerson	Be Still and Know - Christ in the Present Moment	We live in a fast paced, schedule packed world where it can be difficult to be aware of even our surroundings at any given moment. Our ruminating about things that have happened in the past and what we need to do for the future often take our full attention each and every day. It can be daunting to simply be here now, just where we are, just this one breath God has given us and be aware of what is the only moment of time we ever only have – the present moment. Cultivating awareness of body, mind, spirit and even environment is the start to a prayerful approach of finding Christ in the now. The secular world calls this mindfulness, but just about all religions have their own practice on being still while looking for and experiencing the divine. The Christian tradition is ripe with ancient practices of mindfulness and presence. In this brief workshop, we will engage a bit into mindful practice of awareness and look for Christ in the godly moments as they come. No preparation is needed, no type of clothing or background in meditation is required to begin this practice. Just come.

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Centennial-320 a/b	1:00 PM	Dorothy Sandahl	Thomas Mass	Developed in the Scandinavian countries to make room in the church for doubters and people who wanted an alternative to the 'same old' service. People today want to determine how they worship, where God is in their lives and Thomas Mass provides an opportunity to seek God in many places. Come and hear, what works, what hasn't, what inspires some and not others.
Centennial-320 a/b	3:00 PM	Gail Sowell	Awake, My Soul: Making the Psalms Your Own	This is the title of a small book on Psalms which I wrote on my sabbatical in 2007 (which will be available for purchase for \$5). Each chapter is preceded by a mini-autobiography of how and why the particular psalms spoke to me in healing of life-long depression, faith challenges, and God's glory in creation. We'll do some responsive reading and some reading in unison and try to <i>experience</i> the psalms as they were used in worship originally.
Centennial-320 a/b	2:00 PM	Steve Meyer	Being a Visual Church	Images are powerful communicators, but they can distract as well as enhance the worship experience, depending on how they are used. This workshop will be a practical guide with dos and don'ts for using powerpoint, video and graphics in worship effectively. With an emphasis on how have high quality without spending a lot of money.
<b>Chancellors-311</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Lori Ruge Jones</b>	Lutheran Campus Ministry	Our synod supports 3 sites where leaders are doing ministry on campus on behalf of the church—Eau Claire, Stout, and River Falls. Students from each of these ministries will talk about their faith journeys, how campus ministry provides vital community and opportunity, and how it all fits together with the larger church to be Christ in the world.
Chancellors-311	11:00 AM	Bob Castro	Moving From Gutenberg to Google	Where are we? How did we get here? What in the world do we do now? Preaching to postmoderns in a post-truth culture.

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Chancellors-311	1:00 PM	Lori Wells	This isn't Grandma's Ladies Aid!	Join our SWO President, Lori Wells, to learn more about today's Women of the ELCA and the changes coming your way.
Chancellors-311	10:00 AM	Michelle Pride	Do I have a Story to Tell!	Everyone has a story. Every congregation has a story. And when the stories of our congregations are told together, we see what an incredible impact God's work, through us, has on the world. Stories are meant to be shared, and it is our responsibility to retell those that we witness — not only for our own sake, but for the benefit of others. Stories change people. People are longing to hear the good news of Jesus in the world. Mission Tellers empower congregational members to feel connected to God's work in and outside the walls of our buildings. Learn how you can become part of the story.
Chancellors-311	2:00 PM	Paul Backstrom	What congregations should know about Mental Health First Aide	What do you know about Depression or Anxiety? What would you do in case somebody was thinking about killing themselves? This course is an over view of the 8 hour course that helps people demystify mental health issues and gives you a plan on how to respond. Pastor Paul Backstrom is a certified instructor for Mental Health First Aide, thanks to the United Way of St. Croix County, he will be offering to come to your congregation and help train anybody and everybody on how to view and to respond to mental health crisis. The cost for him doing this is simply mileage reimbursement.

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Council Oak-260	2:00 PM	Barbara Solsaa	Clergy Life Coaching	Coaches are being utilized more and more in the ELCA for pastors, churches and even committees, providing support and accountability for the work they are trying to do, helping them to move forward by asking the questions that help them to think outside of the box and to create concrete plans moving them forward in the direction they are wanting to go. Barbara Solsaa (Clergy Life Coaching, LLC) clarifies what coaching is and how a pastor, congregation or other entity might want to utilize a coach.
Council Oak-260	1:00 PM	Chequamegon Conf	Chequamegon Conference Annual Meeting	
Council Oak-260	3:00 PM	Durk Peterson	Alternative Pathways to Giving	we will explore the wide range of financial giving opportunities for congregations...iPad stations, online, texting, etc...participants are invited to share their resources and experiences as well
Council Oak-260	10AM to NOON (Participants will attend both sessions)	Ramie Bakken	Called to Lead-God's Call, Your Vocation	This 2 session workshop invites you into reflection on your call to ministry. God calls all the baptized into a life of witness and service, and God calls some to specific ministry as a pastor or deacon of the ELCA. Using the ELCA resource "Called to Lead", we will introduce discernment about your gifts for ministry and how you might continue listening for God's call in your life. This workshop is designed for inquirers into ministry and pastors or other congregational leaders who walk alongside them.
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Ho-chunk 320e	10:00 AM	Aaron Sturgis	Social, Digital and all other Medias	Move your church into the 21st century! Learn about how your congregation can implement cutting edge technology to enhance your ministry.
Ho-chunk 320e	3:00 PM	Amy Fondroy Eich	Suicidal Desperation	Suicide in Wisconsin is at the highest rate it has ever been. Suicide in rural areas is skyrocketing” (Wisconsin Agriculturist article, 1-18-2019) God offers hope and connection to those impacted by Suicidal Desperation. When someone dies of suicide a whole community is impacted. What many do not know, is the community was already filled with people who were currently struggling with thoughts of suicide, those who had lived through a time of suicidal thinking, and others who had loved ones die of suicide (called suicide survivors). Receive a list of scripture talking about suicide. Hear how to help open hopeful community conversations to break down the isolation and stigma around suicide. Hear hopeful stories to know you are not alone in how you have been impacted by Suicidal Desperation. Begin to build skills to ask a Child of God (at any age), “Are you thinking about suicide?” Find out about Soul Shop, AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention), Living Works, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 and Crisis Text Line text HOME to 741741

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Ho-chunk 320e	1:00 PM	Barbara Solsaa	Healthy Start	Healthy Start is a facilitation process for congregations who are welcoming their new pastor. Research has discovered that clear mutual expectations as early as possible between a new pastor and the lay leadership is a crucial factor in preventing conflict down the road taking advantage of the excitement and energy that comes with a new chapter in a congregation's life. This early involvement not only clears up any potential misunderstandings and mistaken assumptions; it also provides a way to build on this natural excitement to identify and achieve goals that are mutually established.
Ho-chunk 320e	11:00 AM	Brad Peterson	No Shame Fundraising by having No Shame (Incentive Based Fundraising)	Kissing farm animals. Having water balloons chucked at you by members of all ages. Doing the Hula in a grass skirt. Scooping up horse poop. All of these and more (so much more) have been done in the quest to raise funds at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyceville. Join Pastor Brad Peterson as he talks about the crazy things they have done to raise money and encourage participation in events and learn some ways you can be creative in your fundraising (and have a little fun too!)
Ho-chunk 320e	2:00 PM	Mark Palma	Jumping in the Deep End of the Pool-Creating a Community Outreach Effort within your Church	This session will be a case study of several successful (and unsuccessful) projects undertaken by one small church to look beyond its own needs and become a resource to a broader series of needs throughout the community. Mark Palma, the speaker, is a lay person who promises an entertaining look at looking past the parking lot. Through this talk maybe you can find a few ways to engage your members into wanting to come to church, give their time (and some money) and bring some new energy into the group.

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Menomonie-320F	10:00 AM	Donna Rutten	An Intergenerational Maundy Thursday Agape Feast Experience recognizing “Nones” and “Dones” followed by stripping of the Altar <i>(Based on John 13)</i>	This workshop will provide ideas and entire liturgy prepared for an Agape Meal Maundy Thursday worship experience in your fellowship area followed by the evening ending in your sanctuary with liturgy to strip the altar done by the youth. No sermon or foot washing is planned for this experience. Start your Maundy Thursday worship experience in your fellowship hall and serve a simple meal of bread, olives, nuts, dried fruit, honey, simple salad, cheese and wine/sparkling juice. No coffee, no butter, no silverware and served with dimmed lights or ideally candlelight. Dinner begins with a liturgy said from a solo empty table prepared in remembrance of the unchurched, recognizing the Spiritual but not Religious, the “Nones” and the “Dones.”. Communion is served person to person following dinner and the evening ends in the sanctuary ideally with the youth stripping the altar done with liturgy and the altar guild receiving the stripped items. People depart in silence.
Menomonie-320F	3:00 PM	Greg Kaufmann	Our Synod Lay School of Ministry – It’s for You!	Begun in 1993, hundreds of people just like you have participated in our synod’s Lay School of Ministry. Why attend? It helps you engage the faith, with your frontal lobes fully developed, so that you can more confidently live it out in your daily life. As Luther is thought to have said: “How soon not now becomes never!”
Menomonie-320F	11:00 AM	Laurie Skow Anderson	An optimist, a pessimist, and a realist walk into a bar... a helpful way of thinking about the ministry called Appreciative Inquiry.	The questions we ask in church about ministry matter and tend to focus in a particular direction. Many questions are deficit based: What’s wrong? What needs to be fixed? What are the challenges? <b>Appreciative Inquiry (AI)</b> refocuses the attention on what works. What is the positive core? What do people really care about? What is the <i>useable past</i> that will help move us forward into God’s future? Come to my workshop and learn about this positive philosophy applied to ministry. You will go home with your glass half full!

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Menomonie-320F	2:00 PM	Mary Ann Bowman, Larry and Lois Guthrie	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Find out how a congregation in a village of 400 people helped pull the greater community together by building beds for kids in Trempealeau County who were sleeping on the floor. Come hear our stories of hope. Let us inspire you start a chapter of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" in your county so kids don't sleep on the floor in your hometown either!
Menomonie-320F	1:00 PM	Randy Olson and Brad Peterson	One Goal with Many Roads: Becoming a Rostered Leader	Today there are many different ways to become a rostered leader in the ELCA. Join Synod Minister Randy Olson and Candidacy Committee Chairperson Brad Peterson as they help you navigate these new paths. The conversation will be especially helpful for anyone who feels the call to ministry or anyone who is encouraging someone to follow a call to ministry.
<b>Ojibwe A/B (330 a/b)</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Joanne Sorenson and Rod Scofield</b>	How to Plan a Great Mission Trip	Want to plan an interesting service trip for your church? Get people motivated for outreach? Maybe your church has done a number of trips, but are looking for new ideas, or ways to make the experience more meaningful... Pastor Joanne Sorenson has much experience planning trips- "In Our Hands" can help you with the right type of trip for your group. Rod Scofield and his ministry "Be The Tool" have led building trips all over the country. Come to be inspired and filled with new ideas!
Ojibwe A/B (330 a/b)	10:00 AM	Bishop Bvumbwe	Malawi Bishop Talks about our Companion Relationship	
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Ojibwe A/B (330 a/b)	2:00 PM	Laura Ramlow	You're the Tree to My Hammock!	For anyone who serves as a leader in Children, Youth and Family or Faith Formation ministry...this NEW opportunity is specifically for YOU! <b>Power of Two</b> , an ongoing leadership retreat, is designed to provide training/continuing education, connect you with supportive colleagues, and leave space for helpful conversations about various ministry themes, all in your own "backyard!" We will accompany and encourage one another, strengthening our gifts for ministry together!
Ojibwe A/B (330 a/b)	1:00 PM	Sam Campeau and Quinn Stone	Bible Camp Ministry	Bible Camp and Faith, How Outdoor Ministry Nurtures Faith for All Ages
Ojibwe C (330C)	3:00 PM	Bishop Bvumbwe	Malawi Bishop Talks about our Companion Relationship	
Ojibwe C (330C)	11 am and 1 pm	Colleen Bernu	The Blanket Exercise	The Blanket Exercise is a powerful, interactive, group experience that raises awareness of the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the United States. Designed to increase knowledge about the laws, policies, and programs used during nation building, the Blanket Exercise literally walks participants through our shared history with a different perspective. During this experience, there is opportunity to form a common memory and begin conversation about how we can build intercultural bridges together.
Ojibwe C (330C)	10:00 AM	Erin Nelson	How to Ride a Backwards Bicycle and Be Church in the 21st Century	We all know that our world is changing fast and our churches are not keeping up. We know that less people are engaged in faith communities less people are joining us as we seek to live out our baptismal callings in the world. So what now? Come to learn about the Faithful Innovation Network (or FIN), a joint process with the 6 Synods of Wisconsin and the UP as we find out how to move together toward vital and viable congregations and reconnect with our call from Jesus Christ.

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Ojibwe C (330C)	2:00 PM	Jason Clifton	An Office Without Walls	Ministry in public spaces through community engagement.
Ojibwe Center Room	1:00 PM	Aaron Sturgis	Newspaper Ads are the worst idea ever...and other strategies for Marketing your Church.	It's a new technological world and there are so many awesome new ways to share your congregation's ministry with others! Learn what works and what doesn't when it comes to church marketing.
Ojibwe Center Room	3:00 PM	Diane Kaufmann, Angie Kutney, Gail Lando, Marcia Lindseth, and Mary Beth Meierotto	<i>What We've Learned in Ten Years of Racial Justice Work and What We Can Offer You</i>	Ten years ago, the first two of five women from the NW Synod of Wisconsin were trained as Racial Justice Advocates by the Women of the ELCA. As advocates, we have all presented to women's groups, community groups, youth groups, and confirmation groups. At this workshop we will share some of what we have learned on this journey and what you can expect from us when you invite us to present. A timely topic in today's world.
<b>Ojibwe Center Room</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Laura and Erin	Try Out Cross Generational Ministry!	The church is one of the last places in our society that all the generations gather together. Cross Gen Events are a great way to lean into this strength. Join us to participate in a mini Cross Gen event on Hunger and Homelessness and learn how you can utilize resources available to you to do this kind of event in your congregation.
Ojibwe Center Room	10:00 AM	Laura Ramlow	The Generosity Project G5: Growing in God's Grace Generation to Generation	From Gerber babies to goofy grandparents, God's generosity is given. As we gather together, glowing in the greatness of God's grace, we glorify Jesus with gratitude, grasp the abundance, and give our gifts with gratefulness. Get near and gander at the goodness! <i>(Come and check out this new curriculum &amp; Cross-Gen ministry opportunity...I promise not to speak with alliteration!)</i>

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Ojibwe Center Room	2:00 PM	Sarah Miller and Ted Bensen	Engaging Technology for Engaging Worship	From planning helpful orders of worship to developing esthetically pleasing slides to help guide the worshipping community. Proper acknowledgment of copyright, development of music slides, and helpful guidance for text size and selection to provide ease of reading for worship participation. Consideration of slides as an enhancement to the worship space and to the worship experience.
Woodland Theater-328	3:00 PM	Judy Meincke	What? Confirmation that works with sports? Jazzing up your Confirmation Plan	Come and learn how Confirmation at Mt. Zion/Hudson has caused excitement with the students. Lessons go from 4th grade to 12th grade, but with only 5 sessions per year per grade level. We have added a "Know Your Bible" lock-in for 4th and 5th graders, adult mentors for each student, and discussions of how the children can remain active in their Lutheran faith (prayer, stewardship, church missions and service.)
Woodland Theater-328	1:00 PM	Lynn Fering	A Journey to Consolidation	Hear how 2 Eau Claire churches came together to form Spirit Lutheran. Learn about the process and how you can do it too.
Woodland Theater-328	11:00 AM	Paul Tobiason	Growing Hope: Creating Lasting Solutions to Hunger	Come and learn how rural communities are helping farmers around the world by participating in projects that enable farmers to grow and sell crops and send the money out for projects globally.
Woodland Theater-328	2:00 PM	Ramie Bakken and Bridgebuilders	Keeping your Cool When Things Heat Up	Meeting the mission needs of the present day requires cool heads, creative thinking, and the ability to work through differences. This workshop will lead you through practical steps you can take in your congregation to foster civil dialogue and invite trust in the midst of differences.

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Woodland Theater-328	10:00 AM	Sue Eidahl	A Holy Failure...when we learn from our Mistakes	Traditional Sunday School is under a lot of pressure these days. Being an educator when Dr. Rich Melheim's book "Let's Kill Sunday School" came out, it had the hair standing up on the back of my neck. But deep down I knew that our present method of faith formation at Zion wasn't getting the job down. We needed a new plan, because we value families. Edu-Worship was our first experiment. What worked, what didn't and some words about why it failed will be shared in this workshop.