



LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission
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Greetings in the name of Christ, the Lord of the Church!

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission (RSTM) exists to support and encourage congregations in rural and small town settings in their work to engage their communities with the love of Christ. In partnership with the North Wisconsin District, RSTM invites your congregations to join us at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Green Bay St, Bonduel, WI, 54107-0395 on Saturday, October 15th at 8 am (registration) until 3 pm for the Engaging Your Community Event (EYC). We are thankful to the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bonduel, WI for allowing us to use their facilities in the North Wisconsin District for this training for professional and lay leaders.

This EYC is geared for single and multi-point parishes in rural and small town settings. Ideally, a pastor and three to four lay leaders will attend together. Congregational leaders will examine their communities and consider ways they can serve the unique needs of their particular communities. Participants will identify personal and congregational assets they have in place and make plans for utilizing their resources to engage their respective communities. One of the important themes of the event will be on building and strengthening partnerships as multi-point parishes and individual congregations explore ways to work together for the needs of their communities.

Many congregations today are concerned about shrinking membership and fewer children and families in worship. There is no "one size fits all" solution however congregational leaders will be encouraged as they see new opportunities for engaging their communities and are filled with hope for the future.

The North Wisconsin District and LCEF, along with Rev. Todd Kollbaum, RSTM Director, will assist each congregation present to go home with some practical approaches on engaging and touching the community with the Gospel. Each congregation will receive personalized demographics for their community. These studies are an invaluable resource. ***Register early so that there is time to prepare your congregation's demographics!***

The cost per-participant is \$25.00. If desired, please make your own overnight accommodations in the Bonduel, WI area. *Be sure to register for the Event by Friday, October 7th at:*
<http://www.lcms.org/rstm/engaging-rural-communities> *or call RSTM at 888-463-5127 or e-mail*
rstm@lcms.org.

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