

# DISCOVERING HOPE

## Building Vitality in Your Congregation

### A Conference for Small Membership Congregations

*Sponsored by the Congregational Vitality Team, ELCA Domestic Mission*

*Spencer, Wisconsin*

*February 3, 2018*

**Saturday, February 3 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

*9:30 am: Registration, Gathering & Coffee*

**Location: St. John's Lutheran Church**

B3750 State Hwy. 13, Spencer WI 54479

*Pastor Nancy Nyland, the event leader, served multiple rural and small-town congregations in South Dakota and Nebraska for 21 years before joining the Domestic Mission Unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2011 as the Director for Evangelical Mission in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. As a former ELCA evangelism partner and member of the Discovering Hope initiative leadership, and now as a member of the ELCA Vitality Team, Pastor Nancy speaks at many state and regional conferences to bring a word of HOPE to small congregations.*

#### **Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018**

*Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/DiscoveringHope>*

#### **Topics:**

- Prayer: Letting Go and Letting God
- Worship: Building Community and Hope
- Making Disciples: Learning to Live Jesus' Way
- Evangelism: A Way of Life
- Caring Ministries: Serving as Jesus Served
- Leadership: Who's Driving the Tractor?
- Discovering the Gift of Place
- Mission: Possible — Discovering Hope for the Future

#### **Participants:**

*Each participating congregation is asked to send a team, including the pastor and at least two lay people or at least three lay people if the pastor is not able to attend.*

**Registration Fee: \$35/person, \$60/team of two, \$75/team of three**

**Add \$5 for each additional team member (four or more)**

*Lunch is included in the registration fee.*

**Registration Fees:** Please make checks for total registration fees payable to **La Crosse Area Synod** and mail to: La Crosse Area Synod, *Attn:* Rev. Libby Howe, 2301 South Avenue, La Crosse, WI 54601.

**For questions, including overnight lodging information, please contact:** Rev. Jean DeVoll-Donaldson, Director for Evangelical Mission, East Central Synod of Wisconsin, at [Jean.DeVoll-Donaldson@elca.org](mailto:Jean.DeVoll-Donaldson@elca.org) or 920-734-5381.