

## 2019 Grow in Grace Courses PNW District

Brothers:

This summer we enjoy a continuing education conference in place of the usual district conference. The details below allow you to make some initial plans or in some cases look for good airfare deals. We'll meet June 10-13 at Evergreen Lutheran High School. PNW District teachers will meet over those same days at the same location. ELS brothers, you are invited to join us.

**Lodging** – Most people make their own arrangements with hotel deals or Airbnb, stay with friends, or go camping (that was Kenley Mann). We decided not to reserve a block of hotel rooms. If you prefer that we do make such an arrangement, let me know.

**Meals** – The conference will provide coffee and snacks and one meal, the lunch. Most people likely will get breakfast at the place they stay. When our sessions end in the afternoon, most people will go wherever they please for dinner. We will collect a conference fee to cover costs for the coffee, snacks and meals.

A while ago you received a beautiful color brochure from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Look on page 5 for the details of the courses listed below. Or look at [wls.wels.net/grow-in-grace/courses](http://wls.wels.net/grow-in-grace/courses)

### Choice of Two Courses:

*Pastoral Ethics from the Pastoral Epistles.* Instructor: Dan Leyrer. 1.5 credits

*"Threads": Connecting the O.T. and N.T.* Instructor: Brad Wordell. 1.5 credits

### Proposed Schedule:

Seminary: *it is necessary to have 15 hours and we recommend no more than 5 hours each day.*

**Monday, June 10** – 2 hours

6 – 8 pm

**Tuesday, June 11** – 5 hours

9 am to Noon

1 -3 pm

**Wednesday, June 12** – 5 hours

9 am to Noon

1 -3 pm

**Thursday, June 13** – 3 hours

9 am to Noon

### Notes from the Seminary:

The seminary handles registration/fees for their courses.

They do not handle room and board/conference fees. Our district will collect those fees.

All pastors attending will need to register through the seminary registration system for one of the courses. Currently they have registration scheduled to be opened on March 11, 2019 and closing on May 20, 2019.

The honorarium is covered through the course fees.

Continuing Education courses cost \$250 a credit. During Summer Quarter/Winterim/online courses pastors are then allowed to apply for financial aid which could cover up to half the cost of the course. Instead of doing that, we simply cut the cost in half for everyone (bulk discount). So instead of paying \$375 (1.5 credit course), pastors pay \$185 to take the course for credit. If they would like to audit the course (something we don't offer on campus) we have cut the cost in half again so it would be \$90. Retired pastors are welcome to audit any course free of charge. If they would like to receive credit, then they would need to pay \$185 like an active pastor would.

We also usually offer travel assistance to those traveling to campus for Summer Quarter. We have decided to continue offering that at our satellites, but ONLY to those who take a course for credit AND travel more than 400 miles round trip from their home to the satellite. Pastors can apply for that reimbursement after the satellite is complete and will be reimbursed at a rate of 50% (by the cheapest mode of transportation available). See the attachment.

We will not provide any livestreaming assistance as far as technology is concerned. If however, you already have the technology and resources (and staffing) to livestream a course, then you are welcome to do so. When we livestream courses on campus the pastor is asked to pay the same amount as if he were attending in person. So to make things consistent we will offer the same thing to you for satellites. If a pastor is livestreaming and wants to receive credit (and also does the work to receive credit) he would be asked to register and pay \$185. If he wants to livestream and simply glean the wisdom without receiving credit it will cost him \$90. Whether they livestream or attend in person they will still need to register through our system. *—information from Sarah Zondag, WLS Grow in Grace*

Shalom!

Pastor Joel Nitz