



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



God's Beloved Community Educational Retreat: *Fostering a Synod Where Trust Can Thrive* First Call Clergy, Synod Authorized Ministers, and Pulpit Supply

March 15-17, 2026 Central Time Zone

The Dakota Event Center & Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, SD

3216 7th Ave SE. Aberdeen, SD 57401 t: 605.262.2600

Presenter: Deaconess Valerie Webdell

Chaplain: Pr. Shadoe Hanson

Sunday March 23

4:00-6:00 PM	Arrival and Check-in at Cedar Shores Conference Center
6:00-7:30 PM	Dinner at Dakota Event Center
7:45 PM	Opening Worship
8:15 PM	Announcements
8:30 PM	Fellowship

Monday March 24

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast/Coffee Available
8:30-9:00 AM	Morning Devotions and Bible Study: Pr. Shadoe Hanson (Exodus 18.13-27)
9:00-10:00 AM	Session I – You Can't Do It Alone – Deaconess Valerie Webdell
10:00-10:30 AM	Break
10:30-12:00 PM	Session II – Healthy Community – Deaconess Valerie Webdell
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch (deadline for one-on-one signups)
1:00-2:15 PM	Session III – Emmaus Walk
2:15-6:00 PM	Sabbath Time: (optional board games/puzzles/social time)
3:00-5:00 PM	Individual Conversations available with Synod Staff and Presenters 30-minute slots offered with: Jonathan Vehar Renee Splichal Larson Kathy McHenry Joel Pakan Kari Webb Deaconess Valerie Webdell Pr. Shadoe Hason

6:00-7:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM **Evening Devotions and Bible Study:** PR. Shadoe Hanson
7:15 PM Fellowship (games/puzzles/social time)

Tuesday March 25

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast / Coffee Available
8:30-9:00 AM **Morning Devotions and Bible Study:** Pr. Shadoe Hanson
9:00-10:30 AM **Session IV – Everything Isn’t Terrible** - Deaconess Valerie Webdell
10:30-11:00 AM Break
11:00-11:30 AM Q & A with the Bishop
11:30 - Closing Worship
12:00 PM Lunch