

Class Schedule

July 21-26, 2019 at Synod School

- Old Testament:
- Spiritual Development with Gary Neal Hansen

October 5-6, 2019 at Lakeshore Center

- Preaching with Tom Long

Winter 2020 Practicum

- Worship & Sacraments

March 21-22, 2020 at Lakeshore Center

- Leadership 101 with Deb DeMeester

July 26-31, 2020 at Synod School

- Reformed Theology with Cambria Kaltwasser
- New Testament with Sarah Henrich

October 2020 at Lakeshore Center

- Polity with Pam Prouty

Winter 2021 Practicum

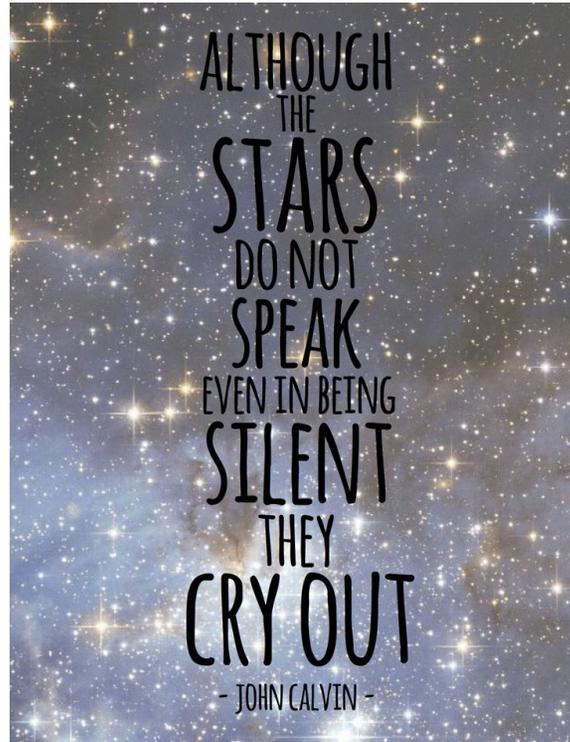
- Pastoral Care

March 2021 at Lakeshore Center

- Formation for Mission

July 2021 at Synod School

- Leadership & Church Administration



The Academy is a joint effort of and underwritten by the following entities:

- Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys
- Presbytery of North Central Iowa
- Presbytery of Prospect Hill
- Synod of Lakes and Prairies

The Academy



**Deepening faith and
encountering Christ in a
new way**



There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.

-John Calvin

An Invitation

Would you like to

- grow in your faith and knowledge?
- grow as a leader?
- have more opportunities to serve God as needed in your area?

We invite you to consider joining The Academy, a unique, cohort-based learning community.

What is The Academy?

Simply put, it is a series of 11 courses designed to develop well equipped, thoughtful people to better serve councils in a variety of capacities. For

some this may lead to becoming commissioned ruling elders (CREs) while others delight in learning and growing as a leader. We are lining up some of the finest instructors we can find!

Where will this be held?

A new Academy group will begin each summer at the Synod School of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA.

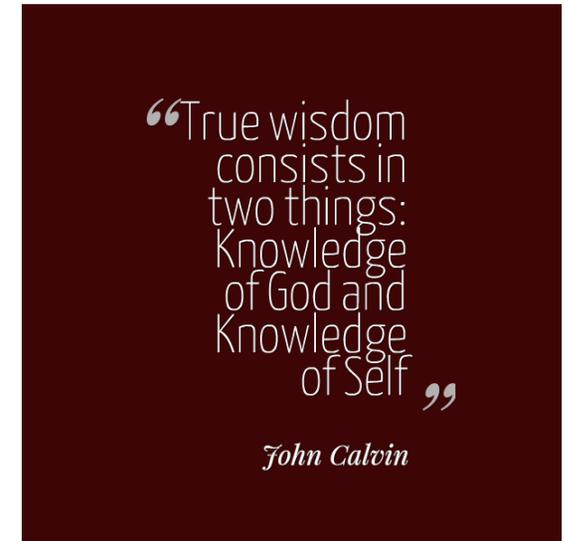
Each fall and spring a weekend class will be held at Lakeshore Center on Lake Okoboji in NW Iowa.

In the winter each year there will be a practicum that will include some lecture content online but a lot of hands on experiences and conversations with pastors to eliminate the need for mid-winter travel.

What is the cost to me?

Tuition: If you are a member of a participating presbytery, the tuition is \$1,375/person for all 11 courses (which will fulfill the educational requirements to become a CRE). If your presbytery is not a partner, each class will be \$150 or \$1,650.

Other expenses: Each participant will purchase required books, pay annually for room and board at Synod School (approximately \$260/double or \$310/single), as well as travel and room/board expenses for Fall and Spring classes. The Synod of Lakes and Prairies will provide a Synod School scholarship of \$100/summer for Academy participants.



To register, go to: <https://cvent.me/LwAlm>