

## Class Schedule

July 23-28, 2017 at Synod School

- Lay Leadership 101
- Presbyterians and the Reformation with Dr. Beth Hessel

October 14-15, 2017 at presbytery sites

- Preaching with Tom Long

Winter 2018 Practicum

- Worship & Sacraments

April 14-15, 2018 at presbytery sites

- Old Testament with Cathy Young

Summer 2018 at Synod School

- New Testament with Sarah Henrich
- Spiritual Development

October 13-14, 2018 at presbytery sites

- Polity with Pam Prouty

Winter 2019 Practicum

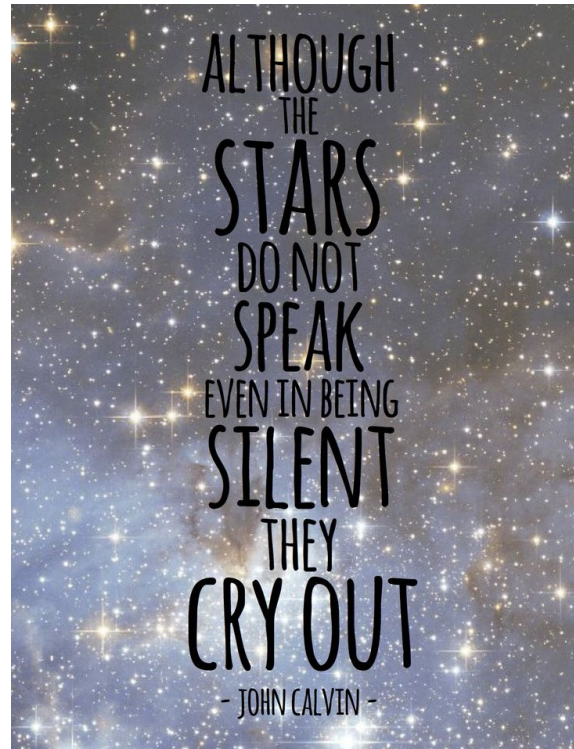
- Pastoral Care with Mark Sundby

Spring 2019 at presbytery sites

- Mission, Evangelism & Education

Summer 2019 at Synod School

- Church Leadership & 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**

July 2017-August 2019



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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?**

This is one of most exciting aspects of the Academy! A new Academy 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 a place to be determined within the bounds of each participating presbytery and the keynote presentations will be live-streamed to each location (Saturdays 9-5, Sundays 9-3). In each participating presbytery a facilitator will guide the conversations of the group in his/her presbytery. Those who prefer to travel to be with the instructor in person are welcome to travel to Lakeshore Center on Lake Okoboji.

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 \$1,000/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.

***Other expenses.*** Each participant will purchase required books, pay annually for room and board at Synod School (approximately \$250/double or \$300/single), as well as travel and room/board expenses as needed for Fall and Spring classes. The Synod of Lakes and Prairies will waive Synod School tuition for Academy participants.

“True wisdom  
consists in  
two things:  
Knowledge  
of God and  
Knowledge  
of Self”

*John Calvin*