

## 33rd Annual Parish Nurse and Congregational Health Ministries Conference

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference! This year's gathering is based on Proverbs 3: 5-6:

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

We will serve our churches and communities in mind, body and spirit with God's guidance. God's "plan" and "purpose" indicate our path – one chosen for us, for which God has prepared. God's will is a constant presence in our congregational health ministries.

This annual national gathering of nurses, pastors, deaconesses, lay ministers, and others is a true blessing. It helps us all focus on our calling to share and tell the love of Christ, and to serve Him in all we do. It includes gaining knowledge, networking with peers, and sharing resources to help us all develop new programs and ministries in congregational health.

If you cannot attend, please pray for a successful conference and consider a financial donation. I hope to see you in May 2026 at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Mequon, WI.

Your sister in Christ,

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## Concordia University Wisconsin

CUW is located in Mequon, Wisconsin, 25 miles north of Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Go RiteWay shuttle service is available from Mitchell International Airport to hotels. Call 1-800-236-5450 to reserve transportation

**DIRECTIONS** – Traveling on Interstate 43:

Construction continues – plan accordingly

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take Exit 87 (Highland Rd.), and turn right on Highland to the main campus entrance.

**FROM THE NORTH:**

Take Exit 87 (Highland Rd.), and turn left on Highland Rd. until the main campus driveway.

**LODGING** within five miles of CUW; *(please make your own reservations): Mention Concordia to get better rates. Rates vary depending on room and bed size. Rates of Jan 7, 2025:*

- Hampton Inn & Suites  
1385 Gateway Dr., Grafton, WI  
262-474-1000: Daily \$119 dollars plus tax
  - Comfort Inn & Suites  
1415 N. Port Washington Rd., Grafton, WI  
262-387-1180: ask for Pat and corporate rate of \$96 dollars plus tax per day
  - TownePlace Suites  
1601 Gateway Dr., Grafton, WI  
262-618-8100; 127 dollars plus tax per day
- All hotels serve complimentary breakfast.

**PARKING** When arriving at CUW, park in Lots A and B, and enter Luther Administration Building.

**DISABILITY?** Concordia is wheelchair accessible!

### IN-GATHERING

Bring PRAYER SHAWLS and CARDS for our in-gathering!

## In Every Way, God's Path



## The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Nurse and Congregational Health Ministries National Conference May 14-15, 2025

Hosted by:  
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## Registration Form

Name (print clearly or paste address label here): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Nurse ☐ Clergy ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and address will be shared with participants.

### PLEASE CHECK DAYS YOU WILL ATTEND:

- ☐ Wednesday, May 14, 2025 \$95.00  
☐ Thursday, May 15, 2025 \$95.00  
☐ Special Clergy Rate – Full Conference \$60.00  
☐ LPNI Scholarships (*first-time attendees*): Four \$250 scholarships are available for parish nurses from any Lutheran Synod. Email Marcy Schnorr for an application: [marcyschnorr2009@gmail.com](mailto:marcyschnorr2009@gmail.com). Register for conference with full payment. Reimbursement after attending the conference.

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fee includes all materials and food. Make checks payable to **Concordia University Wisconsin** (no credit cards, please). Send check and this form to:

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Mequon, WI 53097

**CANCELLATION:** No refunds after May 1.  
Refunds will be from less than \$50 per day prior to May 1, 2025.

## Conference Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025: ALBRECHT TERRACE ROOM

- 8 AM Registration & Lutheran Parish Nurses International (LPNI) Auction
- 8:30 AM **Keynote:** Liz Deck, DNP, RN: Diabetes and 4Ms: What Matters, Medications, Mentation, and Mobility
- 9:45 AM **Break: Follow Signs to Chapel**
- 10 AM **Chapel** - Chapel of Christ Triumphant
- 10:45 AM **Keynote:** Philip Zimmermann, MD: Prevent and Heal Type 2 Diabetes with Thoughtful Fasting – Based Practices
- 12 PM Lunch & LPNI auction – sponsored by Concordia Plans
- 1:00 PM **Keynote:** Deaconess Tiffany Manor, D. Min Congregation and Family Care: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Disabilities Ministry
- 1:15 PM **Break – LPNI Auction Closes**
- 1:30 PM **Keynote:** Rev. Dan Paavola, PhD: Today is the Day for Wisdom: Proverbs 3: Directions for Peaceful Wisdom
- 2:45 PM **Closing & LPNI item distribution**

### THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025: LOEBER AND RINCKER HALLS

- 8 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM **Breakout Session 1**
- Session A:** Reflecting on Gratitude and Joy as Servant Leaders – Carmen Stephens, DNP **LO 110**
- Session B:** V.B.S. First-Aid – Deaconess Christie Hansard, PN, RN, **LO 112**
- Session C:** Lutheran Perspective on Well-Being – Deaconess Tiffany Manor, D.Min **LO 118**
- Session D:** All of Life and Life's Resources: A Study in Stewardship and Congregational Culture Change – Rev. Nathan Meador, PhD **R118**
- 9:30 am Break

#### 9:45 am Breakout Session 2

**Session E:** Really I'm OK, I Don't Need Help – Deaconess Christie Hansard, RN, PN **LO 112**

**Session F:** Renewing Nursing's Ethical Rich Traditions – Marie Wiegert, RN, MA **LO 110**

**Session G:** Advanced Funeral Planning – Mary Hume, RN, BSN, PN and Jamie Spikes, PhD, RN **LO 118**

**Session H:** Observing St. Luke's Day by Parish Nurses – Marcy Schnorr, EdD, RN-BC. **DCM R118**

#### 10:45 AM Snack – sponsored by LPNI

#### 11:15 AM Breakout Session 3

**Session I:** Building Community Through Shepherding – Heidi Then, BSN, RN **LO 110**

**Session J:** Supporting Others Through Mobility Changes – Kelly Menke, MSPH, HES **LO 112**

**Session K:** The Church's Path in Responding to Social Determinants of Health – Christine Blanke, MS, RN, CPH

**Session L:** Walking with God on the Path of Life Transitions from Home to Skilled Care – Dr. Carol Lueders Bolwerk, PhD, RN **R118**

#### 12:30 PM Breakout Session 4

**Session M:** Faith Community Nurses as part of the Interdisciplinary Team for Fall Prevention Education – Carmen Stephens, DNP, RN **LO 112**

**Session N:** Following God's Path to Alaska: The 2024 LPNI Study Tour – Darlene Rueter, Diploma, RN, PN **LO 118**

**Session O:** Aging with Grace: A Journey of Love – Marilee Tollefson, MSN, PN and Carol DeSchepper, MSN, PN **LO 110**

**Session P:** Showing Care and Comfort, Even When it is Awkward – Brenda Jobe, DNP **R 118**

*"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way: walk in'"*  
~Isaiah 30:21