

## Class Schedule

October 29-30, 2022 at Lakeshore Center

- Polity with Pam Prouty

Winter 2023 Practicum (Feb 6- March 13)

- Pastoral Care with Lisa Watson

April 2023 by Zoom

- Formation for Mission with PMA staff

July 2023 at Synod School

- Old Testament with Cameron Howard
- Spiritual Development

October 2023

- Preaching

Winter 2024

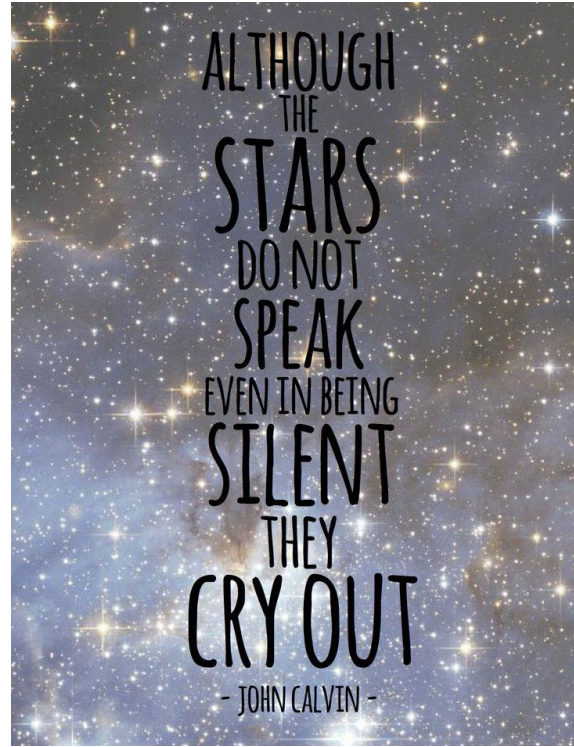
Worship and Sacraments

Spring 2024

- Leadership 101: Deb DeMeester

Synod School 2024

- New Testament
- Reformed Theology
- Church Leadership and Administration – Loren Shellabarger



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

- Presbytery of East Iowa
- Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys
- Presbytery of Missouri River Valley
- Presbytery of North Central Iowa
- Presbytery of Northern Waters
- 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?

Each summer two classes will be offered 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 retreat center

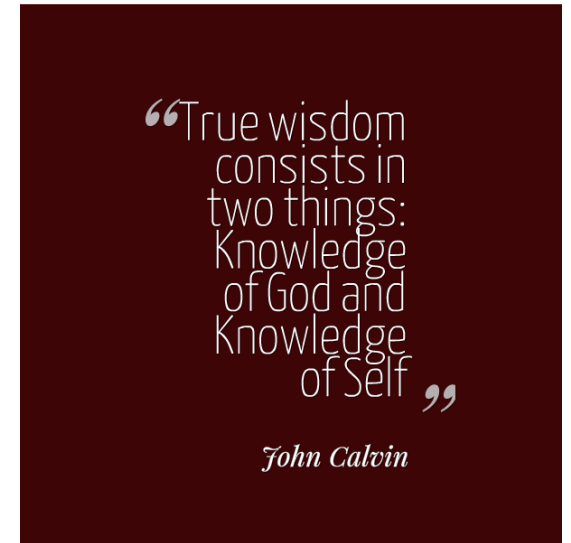
In the winter each year there will be a practicum that will include some lecture content online but a lot of hands-on experiences and conversations with pastors.

## 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 \$175.

**Other expenses.** Each participant will purchase required books, pay annually for room and board at Synod School (approximately \$280/double or \$350/single), as well as travel and

room/board expenses for Fall and Spring classes. The Synod of Lakes and Prairies will waive Synod School tuition (\$100) for Academy participants.



**To register for the whole program:**

<https://lakesandprairies.regfox.com/the-academy-full-registration>

**For more information or to get the link to register for just one class:**

<https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/the-academy/>

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