

Registration

Register online at
nisynd.org/women-leaders-retreat
or fill out the form below and return with your
payment to Nancy Corey, Lutheran House,
3400 7th Avenue, Rock Island 61201.

Registration Deadline is January 30, 2012

Cost is \$105

First Name

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Congregation

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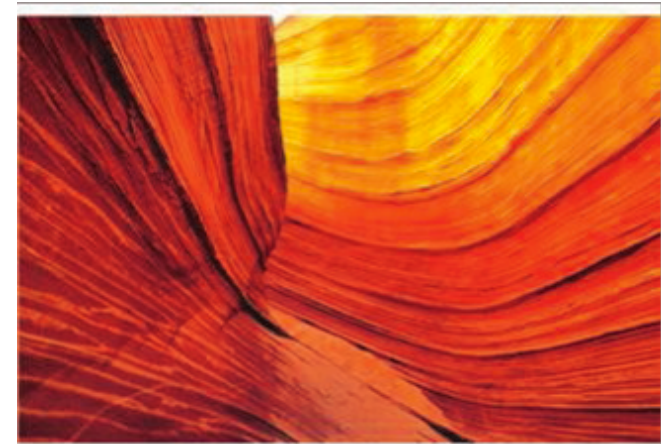
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Northern Illinois Synod
103 West State Street
Rockford IL 61101

NIS Women Leaders Retreat

February 6-7, 2012
Bishop Lane Retreat Center





Experience prayer with the grace of nature

*“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone but also on trees,
and in the flowers and clouds and stars.” Martin Luther*

The tremendous treasure of the book of scripture and the book of nature guide us to a more intimate and contemplative relationship with God.

During this retreat we will focus on prayer through the four elements of nature: wind and Spirit, fire and Spirit, water and baptism, earth and communion.

Based upon the book, *Water, Wind, Earth & Fire, The Christian Practice of Prayer with the Elements* by Christine Valters Paintner, each element offers

us a unique way of understanding God: water flows and cleanses; the earth roots us and nourishes us; fire represents the burning of love and passion; and wind expresses freedom, breath, and unpredictability.

The heart of God pulses through all of nature to connect us to the grace and presence of God.

We will engage through art, music, meditation, and reflective readings as we explore and reflect on the spiritual connection of God and nature.

Schedule	
Monday, February 6	
11:30 am	Registration
12 noon	Lunch
1–1:30 pm	Worship
1:30–2:30 pm	Introductions/Sharing
2:30–4:30 pm	Retreat Leader: Esmé Peterson – Elements 1 & 2
4:30–5:30 pm	Free time
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30–7:45 pm	Retreat Leader: Esmé Peterson – Element 3
7:45–8:00 pm	Break
8:00–8:45 pm	Evening/Devotions
8:45 pm	Snacks/Sharing/Free time
Tuesday, February 7	
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00–11:00 am	Retreat Leader: Esmé Peterson – Element 4
11:15–12 noon	Worship and Eucharist
12 noon	Departure