

# Leadership Academy Program Goals

## Lay Worship Leader

*Students will be able to...*

1. Bear witness to an active faith life and commitment to Christ.
2. Demonstrate a basic ability to interpret the Bible.
3. Begin to articulate a greater awareness of who they are and the unique gifts and challenges they bring to ministry.
4. Craft and preach a sermon that is faithful to the biblical text and reflects Lutheran theology.
5. Communicate more effectively both orally and in writing.
6. Lead various types of worship services that are consistent with the Gospel and Lutheran theology.
7. Distinguish Lutheran theology and practice from other common theologies and practices.

## Synod Authorized Ministers

*While building upon the LWL competencies, SAM students will additionally be able to ...*

8. Demonstrate a deeper spiritual awareness along with an ability to listen and to provide care and concern for others.
9. Understand congregational dynamics and how to navigate congregational life.
10. Exhibit an insight and curiosity about life and ministry along with an ability to solve problems.
11. Identify and gather appropriate resources for ministry and utilize them in congregational leadership.
12. Demonstrate a fundamental knowledge and appreciation of the ELCA as one church in three expressions— congregation, synod, and churchwide organization—that work together for the sake of mission.