

## The workshop leader

Karen Stevensen, MSW, LICSW, M.Div.

## Education

BSW Augustana Lutheran  
College, Sioux Falls, SD  
MSW University of Illinois,  
Champaign, IL  
M.Div. Luther Seminary, St. Paul

## Background

A therapist for twenty-five years Karen currently has a private practice in St. Paul with a mixed caseload of individual and marriage counseling clients.

She has served as a consultant to The Episcopal Church in Minnesota in the Safe-Church Program teaching adult sexual harassment prevention and child sexual abuse prevention.

Karen has provided pastoral care for the Division for Global Mission of the ELCA since 1991, counseling with ELCA mission personnel both in the United States and abroad. She also has developed and presents pre-marriage workshops for Lutheran churches in the Saint Paul Area and Minneapolis Area Synods.

Karen served as an associate pastor at St. Luke's, Bloomington.

She and her husband, Grant, and their five children live in St. Paul. They enjoy scuba diving, motorcycling and working on their 100-year-old home.

## Schedule

8:30 a.m. Registration & coffee  
9:00 a.m. Workshop Part I  
12:00 noon Lunch on your own  
(there are a variety of restaurants within a few blocks)  
1:15 p.m. Workshop Part II

## Cost

**\$45.00 per person** Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is **Thursday, April 8**. Please make checks payable to Saint Paul Area Synod.

## Directions

Immanuel Lutheran is located on Snelling Avenue in St. Paul about one mile south of Interstate-94. For directions, please visit the church's website at [www.immanuelstpaul.org](http://www.immanuelstpaul.org).

*"To support, empower and develop children, youth and family ministries to nurture discipleship for leaders and congregations."*

Mission of children, youth and family ministry of the Saint Paul Area and Minneapolis Area Synods

## TRAINING THE TRAINER

# Safeguarding God's Children

*A workshop for rostered and lay children, youth, and family ministry leaders in the Saint Paul Area and Minneapolis Area Synods*

Thursday, April 15, 2010  
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
104 Snelling Ave. South  
St. Paul, MN 55105



# Training the Trainer:

*Safeguarding God's Children*

## The workshop

*Safeguarding God's Children* is an in-depth educational and training program for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse in everyday life and in ministry. The materials include a training manual as well as two professionally produced DVDs; one for parents and congregations and one for clergy, employees and volunteers of churches and church organizations involved in youth ministries.

The workshop will train participants to use the *Safeguarding God's Children* materials (available through your synod offices) in their own training sessions.

Workshop leader, Pastor Karen Stevensen, LICSW, will speak on the implementation of a program for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse and will facilitate discussion surrounding those issues.

## Who should attend?

Rostered and lay Children, Youth and Family ministry leaders in the Saint Paul Area and Minneapolis Area Synods are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. Lay leaders and volunteers working with Children, Youth and Family ministries are welcome to attend.

## Why should I attend?

Rostered leaders and those who work in Children, Youth and Family ministries have the responsibility to insure that the youngest among us are allowed to learn and grow in an environment free from sexual abuse.

*This interactive workshop will:*

- Train participants to facilitate events for parents and others to raise awareness of child sexual abuse and consider ways to create the safe spaces needed by children and youth.
- Prepare participants to offer training about child sexual abuse prevention to volunteers in their congregations who are working directly with children and youth.
- Provide participants the opportunity to develop materials and create workshop presentations for their own settings.



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Congregation/Place of Ministry

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Phone (Include area code)

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Email

## To Register

Send this form and \$45 per person payment by **April 8** deadline to:

Saint Paul Area Synod  
Attn: Cyndi Berg  
105 University Ave. West  
St. Paul, MN 55103

Email Cyndi Berg at  
[cyndi.berg@spas-elca.org](mailto:cyndi.berg@spas-elca.org)  
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