

## Seminar Leaders

**Rev. Amy Bertschausen, M. Div., BCC**  
Amy is a board certified chaplain and serves as the Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley. Amy has been trained in family systems and how it is experienced in the church through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Amy has a special interest in spirituality and spiritual formation and serves as a spiritual director.

**Robert Johnson, MS, LCSW**  
Bob Johnson is the Executive Director of American Foundation of Counseling Services. The original mission of the agency was to train clergy in clinical pastoral skills. These services have grown to include clergy coaching and congregation consultation. Bob has taken the lead in the development and delivery of these services since 1998.

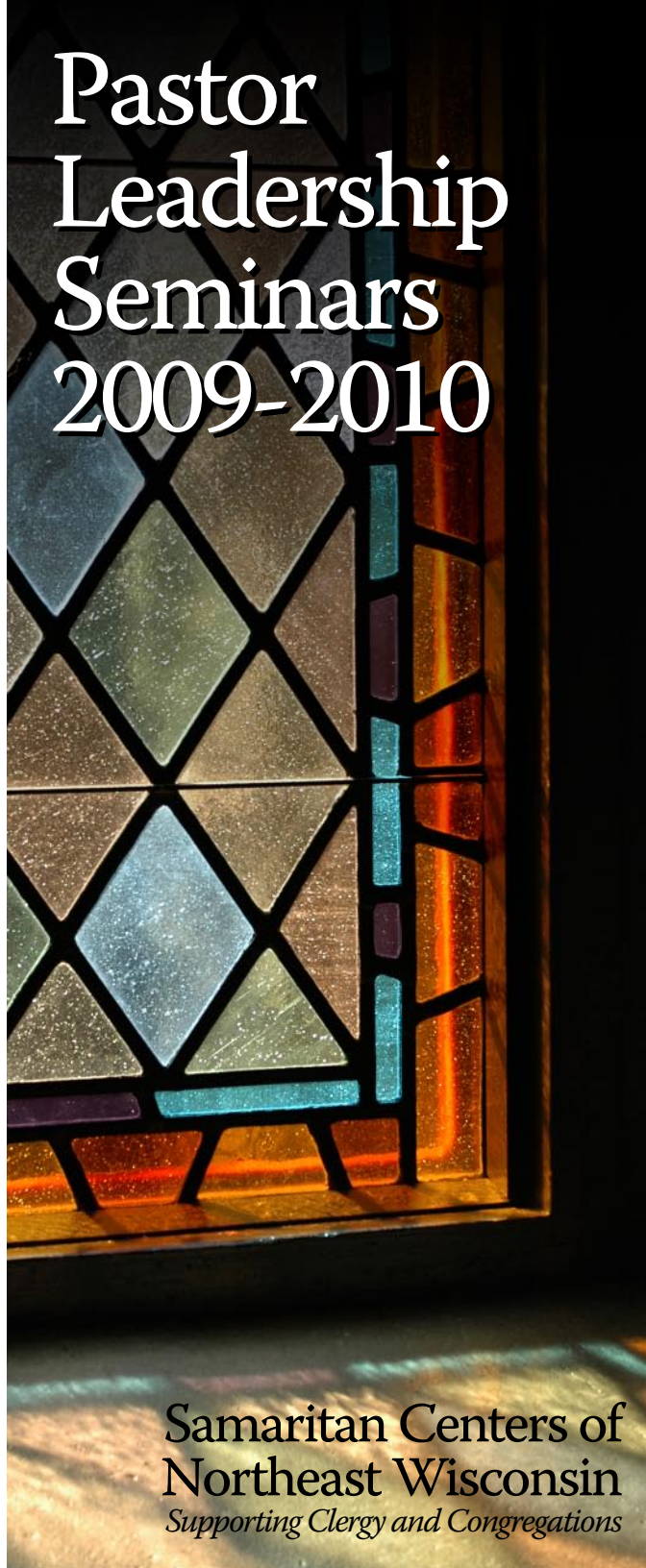
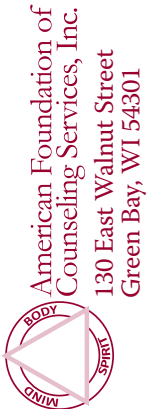
**Rev. Conrad J. Kratz, O. Praem.**  
Fr. Conrad is Director of the Norbertine Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abbey. He has also served as administrator, pastor and teacher at St. Norbert College in his roles as Pastor of the College Church and Director of Campus Ministry. Fr. Conrad is the founding pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in De Pere, WI and has done extensive study in spirituality and faith formation. He is an effective and popular speaker and retreat director for parish and congregational faith renewal.

## The Help You Need

Leading congregations is a sacred calling. It is also an increasingly difficult calling as congregations experience significant conflict and anxiety, as more clergy burn out and as more faith communities struggle to live together in faith and love.

It can be said, with gratitude, that most clergy find their vocation and work rewarding and meaningful. The greatest challenge to clergy's job satisfaction and effectiveness is not the demands of the content of work, as much as it is the increasing demands of their time leaving little or no opportunity for personal prayer, reflection and learning.

Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley, American Foundation of Counseling Services and the Norbertine Center for Spirituality extend an invitation and a heartfelt plea to the clergy of Northeastern Wisconsin to consider one of the Pastor Leadership Seminars offered this fall. You and your vocation are gifts to our community which deserve, and require, regular care and nurturing.



# Pastor Leadership Seminars 2009-2010

**Samaritan Centers of Northeast Wisconsin**  
*Supporting Clergy and Congregations*

# TableTalk:

Prayer... Community... Learning

## Dates

Tuesdays—Includes lunch

Nov 10 | Dec 08 | Jan 12 | Feb 09  
Mar 09 | Apr 13 | May 11 | Jun 08

## Time

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

\*Attendees are encouraged to “come early and stay late” as the Spirit moves them.

## Location

Center for Spirituality  
St. Norbert Abbey  
1016 N. Broadway  
De Pere, WI, 54115

## How To Register

Call: 920-337-4315  
Email: [norbertinecenter@yahoo.com](mailto:norbertinecenter@yahoo.com)  
Web: [www.norbertines.org](http://www.norbertines.org)

## Deadline

The Friday prior to each date

## Cost

Recommended donation of \$20 per session



In the quiet reflective space of the Spirituality Center at St. Norbert Abbey, and using Henri Nouwen’s *In the Name of Jesus* as our guide we invite you to...

## Prayer

The program will start with an hour of prayer which will emphasize and encourage an extended opportunity for personal reflection and meditation.

## Community

The second hour will be for sharing a simple meal and relaxed fellowship with your clergy colleagues. This will be a time for informal conversation to catch up on friendships, exchange information, and discuss current trends and concerns for pastors and their congregations.

## Learning

The third hour will be a short presentation based on Nouwen’s reflections on Christian leadership followed by group discussion designed to assist you to better serve your people as pastor, shepherd, teacher, healer, administrator, and leader.

## Facilitators:

Rev. Amy Bertschausen, M. Div., BCC

Fr. Conrad Kratz, O. Praem.

Robert Johnson, MS, LCSW

# Vessel of Self:

The Crucible of Leadership

## Dates

Thursdays—Bring Your Own Lunch  
(Lunch will be provided at the first meeting)

Nov 12 | Dec 10 | Jan 14 | Feb 11  
Mar 11 | Apr 15 | May 13 | Jun 10

## Time

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Location

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
2600 East Philip Lane  
Appleton, WI 54914

## How To Register

Call: 920-437-8256  
Email: [ccc@afscounseling.org](mailto:ccc@afscounseling.org)  
Web: [www.PastorLeadership.org](http://www.PastorLeadership.org)

## Deadline

November 5, 2009

## Cost

\$400.00  
(\$50 early bird discount prior to 10.15.09)

\*Scholarships available upon request



Just as important as having the right tool for the right job is having the right carrier for those tools.

As clergy, we know that our own good mental, physical and spiritual health is essential to healthy leadership.

This customized monthly seminar for 8 to 10 clergy will help develop a deeper understanding of self in pastoral leadership. We will study the application of family systems theory to church and congregations as developed by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Dr. Murray Bowen and Dr. Edwin Friedman. Case studies, peer consultation and the reading “Failure of Nerve” by Friedman will also be included.

In many congregations today negative forces are allowed to set the agenda for the church. The Pastor’s Leadership Seminar is designed to equip clergy to manage him or her self in order to respond to the presence or potential threat of anxiety in a congregational system in ways that prevent destructive conflict and help the church stay focused on its unique mission and purpose.

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*Clergy who regularly renew their personal and spiritual connection with their work become effective crucibles through which congregations and communities of faith can respond to God’s call.*