

Silent Prayer Retreat 2018

October 8-10
or
October 15-17

Rev. Pete Fischer
Retreat Leader

Both retreats will be identical in content.

Cost: \$140 for WNMD credentialed minister
(or \$85 hardship rate)
\$85 for spouse (If both minister and
spouse are attending this year)

Note: Couples will be housed separately.

Check in: Monday in the Retreat Center
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Lunch is on your own)

Retreat begins promptly at 1:30 p.m.
in the Retreat Center

Dismissal: Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Retreat location:

**Spencer Lake Christian
Center**
N1385 County Hwy E
Waupaca, Wisconsin

What is a Silent Retreat?

Effective ministers combine education and experience with a wide range of relational and leadership skills. In John 13 Jesus makes it clear that the primary ingredient for effectiveness is that the life of the minister follow His "pattern" --the minister must become an imitator of Jesus in all aspects of life. Chambers says: "The whole of our life inside and out is to be absolutely haunted by the presence of God." To retreat is to periodically step back for the purpose of examining one's actual "pattern" of living and to make any necessary adjustments.

Retreats for clergy were instituted in the 1500's by the Spaniard, Ignatius of Loyola. He believed that the "inner man" required periodic forays to a place of quiet away from normal surroundings, giving God the opportunity to examine oneself. Like Chambers, he saw silence as the "sign of His intimacy", a key state for the examination.

The format for the Wisconsin/Northern Michigan Ministries Network Silent Prayer Retreat is:

The director gives a series of five 30-minute messages about examining our past and prospective future in terms of following the "pattern" of Jesus in His public life, in His passion and death and in His resurrection.

In between messages attendees seek out their own "place" for three to four hours with God--A time for reflection, meditation, prayer and examination. (Voluntary suggested exercises are provided for use during this time.)

Retreat Information

This retreat is for all credentialed ministers of the Wisconsin/Northern Michigan Ministries Network and their spouse.

The nature of the retreat is such that there is only one person per room. Remember to bring your own bedding and towels. It is important that all attendees be present at the start of the retreat.

The cost is \$140 per WNMMN minister (\$85 if this presents a hardship) or \$225 per couple (even if you attend different weeks this year.) This fee includes lodging for the two nights and five meals.

Our director, Rev. Peter Fischer, one of our district ministers, has led these retreats for the past 25 years. Rev. Fischer has a passion for living and teaching the importance of ministers developing the habit of daily spending time alone and in silence before God.

Why Do I Go On Retreat?

Like most people, my day is normally filled with deadlines, meetings, interruptions of all kinds, and busyness. In that kind of environment it can be difficult to hear the "still small voice" of God. At the retreat we are encouraged to slow everything down, even our walking pace. In the relaxed silence I have heard God speak things to my soul that benefit me for the entire year ahead. I am grateful for the teaching of Pete Fischer and for the Ministry Network making this opportunity available.

Jerry Brooks
Oak Creek Assembly of God

Silent Prayer Retreat Registration

Please check the box for the dates you will attend

Oct. 8-10, 2018 Oct. 15-17, 2018

NAME _____

SPOUSE (if attending) _____

CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Retreat Fees

Minister	\$140
Hardship Discount Rate	\$ 85
Spouse (if both attending)	\$ 85

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to WNMD and send to:

SILENT PRAYER RETREAT
Wisconsin/Northern Michigan Ministries Network
PO Box 309
Waupaca WI 54981

Detach and mail this form OR
register online at

<https://wnmdag.regfox.com/silent-prayer-retreat-2018>

Detach here

What to bring:

- Bible and writing instrument
- Alarm clock
- Bedding and towels
- Various weather gear
- Attitude of one who seeks the Lord only

What **NOT** to bring:

- Tape player, radio, TV, etc
- Reading material other than Bible
- Personal or business work
- Snacks (these are provided)

*Very early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
Jesus got up, left the house
and went off to a solitary
place, where he prayed.
Mark 1:35 (NIV)*

Please register by September 19th

Contact Deb Kilcoyne
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