

Older Adult Ministry Forum

Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Faith Community

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | 1–3 PM | Open to the public

Held at Living Waters Lutheran Church (865 Birch St., Lino Lakes, MN 55014)

■ Welcoming & Supportive

With a growing awareness of the challenges posed by dementia, faith leaders, staff, and lay people are beginning to explore ways to make their communities more dementia friendly. Faith communities want to be welcoming places where people who are living with dementia, and their caregivers who share their journey, can continue to nurture and grow their faith.

■ Why Focus on Dementia?

Today, 6.5 million Americans age 65+ are living with Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, up to 13 million will have the disease.

–Alzheimer's Association

■ Faith Communities Bring Hope

By honoring and building on the strengths and gifts of those living with dementia, faith communities can find ways to meaningfully engage those with dementia and their caregivers, so that they continue to feel loved, valued, and welcomed.

Fee: \$10 per person.

Registration required. Space is limited, so register early.

To register, contact Cyndy Rudolph with Lyngblomsten Community Services at (651) 632-5330 or communityservices@lyngblomsten.org. Mail payment to: Lyngblomsten Community Services, 1415 Almond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. *Please mark "DFFC presentation" on the memo line.

This forum will help you champion the efforts of becoming a dementia-friendly faith community.

Learn about:

- **The basics of Alzheimer's** & other dementias
- **Tips for raising awareness** to become more welcoming & dementia friendly
- **Ideas for providing spiritual support** to people with dementia
- **Action resources** for getting started in becoming a dementia-friendly faith community

This event is open to people of all faiths.

Presenter: Carolyn Klaver, RN, Community Dementia Care Specialist, Lyngblomsten

Carolyn has two decades of experience working with individuals who have memory loss, their families, and their caregivers. She is certified as a Dementia Capable Caregiver Coach, Family Memory Care Consultant, and REACH Coach.



Lyngblomsten is a Christian nonprofit organization providing healthcare, housing, and community-based services for older adults since 1906.

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