

Word Play

Adult Spirituality Retreat 2026

Come play with words with Pastor Holly Johnson, an ELCA pastor serving at Spirit Garage in Minneapolis. Pastor Holly spent her recent sabbatical reclaiming a creative writing voice, and has some ideas to share if you also love to write (or think you might love to write) but can't always come up with the time, energy or anything to write about. Our sessions will be spent exploring different ways to play with writing, mostly focused on poetry and memoir, using ideas gleaned from Maggie Smith, Julia Cameron, Jeff Tweety, Sue Monk Kidd, Lauren Winner and more.

In addition to sessions with Pastor Holly, explore God's creation at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, with worship, devotions, Sauna, labyrinth, and time to relax in your own ways.

Join us for a wonderful April get away!

CEU Credits available. Open to all adults, 21 and over. Clergy, LPA's, and Lay people. A great retreat for church council members to explore their call to serve in their daily life and mission and their role in the church.



Holly Johnson is a pastor in the ELCA, but she wasn't born that way. She grew up in the midwest (Minnesota, Illinois, and Nebraska) and "Pastor" was not in any part of any dream she had of what she would be when she grew up. Instead, her career dreams included: Singer in a band, teacher, nurse, and admissions director. In various ways, she has covered those things, except the nursing part.

Holly found Spirit Garage during what she thought would be a break from church after years of youth ministry. She says: "But before I quit, I had to go check out this church I had heard about called 225, 'Spirit Garage' in Minneapolis. I went by myself. I hoped no one would talk to me. I walked in, and the guy who leads music was standing in the lobby. He offered me coffee and said, 'Hey, they're just getting started in there, so go ahead and get your coffee and sit anywhere you like.' He explained that they have been doing a series on 'experiencing God through the senses,' and today was taste day. They sang Sarah McLachlan's song 'Ice Cream;' I heard that song in a new way, I thought about communion in a new way, and I went back every week to see what would happen next. I never took that break from church."

Holly likes good music, good poetry, good wine, good food, brunch, The Breakfast Club, and all things that blend sacred and secular.

April 12-14, 2026

Cost: \$225 / person

includes all meals, snacks, sessions etc

Registration Deadline: March 27, 2026

\$100 Non Refundable Deposit Required

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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # (☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Other) : _____ Email: _____

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A list of what to bring and a schedule will be sent to you prior to the retreat.

