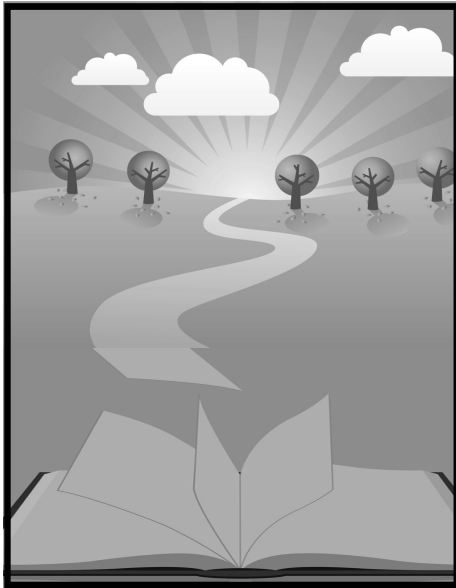


# Stephen Ministry Annual Retreat 2009

A time for renewal, recommitment, refreshment and community connection



## *Space for God: Hospitality, Story And Ritual*

**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church  
12312 S. 88th Ave.  
Palos Park, IL 60464

***All Lay Caregivers and Pastors Invited***

Time: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20.00

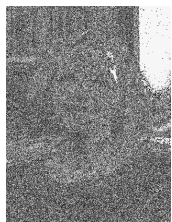
*Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.*

*Scholarship funds are available*

*Lunch: 12 noon*

**To register, please return the enclosed form with your check payable to Samaritan Interfaith for \$20.00 by Friday, March 20, 2009. For questions, please call Rev. Jane Carlton at 630 357-24256 x-24.**

This workshop will be grounded in a biblical, historical and theological understanding of hospitality as a means for creating sacred space, allowing for the presence of God in the journey of care-giving and care-receiving. Within this setting of sacred space participants will have opportunity to reflect of their own narrative story as it intersects with God's story and the stories of those in their care. Finally, we will look at the ways in which these stories may need of healing, and explore the role of ritual as a means for healing and honoring stories. Group interaction and individual reflection will be part of the experience of the day.



*The Rev. Dr. Rosanne A. Swanson currently serves as the Director of Field Education and Lecturer in Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Prior to coming to Chicago, she and her husband, Mark, served as missionaries of the Lutheran Church in Cairo, Egypt for 17 years where Mark taught at the Evangelical Theological Seminary and Roseanne was the associate pastor of St. Andrews United Church of Cairo.*

*In 1998 the Swansons returned to St. Paul, Minnesota where Mark taught church history and interfaith relations at Luther Seminary. Rosanne served in a variety of positions, among them was interim director for the Global Mission Institute at Luther Seminary, and associate pastor and director for pastoral care and prayer ministry at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey, Minnesota. The Swansons have three grown children.*