
Workshops

Evangelism & Outreach

A01 Where Caring Ministries and Outreach Meet: Empowering the Whole Congregation for Pastoral Ministry

Come learn about a caring ministry that engages many and various people to "join the flow" of Christ-centered caring. See how it gains momentum and depth as this caring for each other stretches beyond the walls of the church membership. We will begin a visioning process that helps coordinate various ministries into one shared mission of caring. Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman

A05 Jesus for Every Generation: A Ministry Map to the Generational Geography

Participants will learn how to equip parish leaders with a four-fold understanding of generations for more effective evangelism, leadership, worship and stewardship. The session lays out how each of the four generations views God, church and the faith, including common misunderstandings and flash points between generations so leaders can avoid sore points and untangle snarls more effectively. Carl Eeman

A14 Christmas and Easter Power

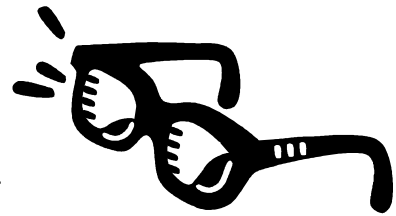
Easter and Christmas provide us with our most powerful times of outreach into the communities around us. How do we do this effectively? What are some of the more effective ways of advertising and inviting? How do we follow-up with the intent of seeing folks again? Resources and samples will be provided! Bill Gohl

B01 Location, Location, Location: When Mission Means Moving

Perhaps moving beyond the walls means literally moving the ministry out and into other spaces. We will explore what it means to worship in schools, extend to second sites and take up residency in other places of our culture. Included in our conversation will be the theological implications, the doctrine of the church, the unity of mission in the midst of diversity, and the power of the good news of Jesus Christ as it finds new and compelling expression. Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman

B05 Money Talks: How Generational Lenses Affect Vision for Stewardship

The way a specific generation understands and interacts with life affects how they approach stewardship. Which generational type is more likely to contribute each of these: time? talent? treasure? Which generation wants to beautify your church in both sight and sound? And which one would like to re-do the landscaping? In a capital funds drive, which generational type should be approached first? Which one last? And why? Carl Eeman



B11 Ministry in the Breach

Join keynote speaker Steve Bouman for very informal conversation around the issues of ministry "in the breach" (Isaiah 58). Questions, answers and conversation - drop by! Stephen Bouman, Bill Gohl

B14 Talking Together as Christians Cross-Culturally

Come explore why we are called to talk cross-culturally as a church. We will learn that this ministry matters in outreach and evangelism, social ministry, social justice and peace ministries, and partnerships with community organizations. Finally we will learn listening and talking skills that will aid us in this important ministry. Synod Cross-Cultural Mission Force

C01 Prayer Power

An interactive workshop around the Biblical theme of "covenanting" with one another for church growth. The Prayer Covenant is a concept introduced to our synod that has been powerful for congregations who want to grow the church from its best foundation - faith in Christ! Join us for a look at this simple but powerful work! Bill Gohl

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C05 Draw Near and Hear: Tell the Gospel Well to Each Generation

Knowledge about generational characteristics can help you be more sensitive to each generation in your congregation in speaking/preaching or teaching : Can different generations hear you? This workshop will help participants sharpen parish outreach. Which generation is this Web page for? As an added bonus: learn how to focus your newsletter phonebook ads and other print "pieces" to be inviting to all generations: Will a Boomer parent care about a yellow page ad like this? What's in the newsletter this time for the G.I. generation? Carl Eeman

C08 Hey! Guess What?

Children and youth are our best evangelists! This workshop will explore ways parents and Sunday school teachers can foster the natural tendencies of our young witnesses to invite and share their faith. Diane Monroe

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C14 The Other Side of Sunday Morning: Would Jesus Be Welcomed at Your Church?

Come and experience grace in its most practical form through role-play, discussion and discovery. Explore ways to be a more welcoming church. Elizabeth Marsh Cupino, Peg Marose

Workshop Leaders

Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, bishop, Metropolitan New York Synod ELCA. Bishop Bouman serves a multi-faceted, multi-lingual, multi-cultural synod that worships each week in over 20 languages and dialects. The synod embraces 236 member congregations with 8,000 members in the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, and several counties north and west.



Elizabeth Marsh Cupino, hospitality minister, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick, Md.



Rev. Carl Eeman is an ELCA pastor who has taught and spoken on the topic of how generational differences affect ministry since 1997. A workshop leader, keynote speaker, and author, his most recent book is *Generations of Faith: A Congregational Atlas* (Alban, 2002). Pr. Eeman is a 1975 graduate of Ohio State with a Bachelor of Arts in economics. He earned the Master of Divinity from Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in 1983 and the Master of Theology from the same seminary in 1984. From 1984 to 2000, he served congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Minnesota. He and his wife, the Rev. Heather Hammond, have a daughter Annelise and a son Marcus.

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Rev. William Gohl, synod coordinator for evangelism; pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Glen Burnie, Md.



Rev. Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman, Ordained in 1988, Kathy Vitalis Hoffman and her husband Mark Vitalis Hoffman

began their first call as co-pastors at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer, Minn. In 1992 the Vitalis Hoffman family moved to Fargo, where both served as pastors for a decade at Hope Lutheran Church, large congregation serving with a staff of six pastors and over 7,000 members.

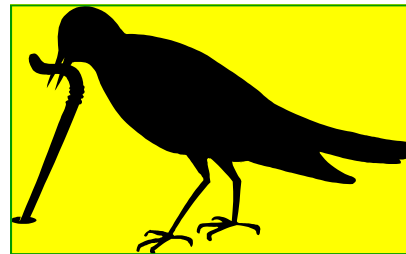
In 2002 Mark was called to be a professor in Biblical studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and Kathy began serving as interim pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. In August 2004, she was called as campus pastor and mission leadership coordinator at the seminary, where she functions as a pastor-in-residence attending to community life, leadership development and spiritual formation. The Vitalis Hoffmans have two daughters, Sarah, 14 and Amy, 10.

Peg Marose, Faith Stepping Stones facilitator, Journey Together Faithfully facilitator, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Frederick, Md.

Diane Monroe, associate director for youth education and confirmation on the ELCA Education Team of the Division for Congregational Ministries. She is a former youth staffer and has over 30 years' experience in Christian education and youth ministry with particular expertise in youth spirituality, confirmation, and social advocacy.

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