

BUILDING A STEWARDSHIP HOUSE: Tools For a Strong Foundation of Generosity

8/20/2015

Thursday, August 20th
Bethlehem Lutheran,
St Cloud

In-Person Event!

6:30-8:45 p.m.

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Thursday, August 27th
Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter
(Jackson Campus Center)

In-Person Event!

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Live Stream Event!

6:30-8:45 p.m.

The way the Spirit builds the Lord's House is dramatically changing! A strong foundation is needed, one that is laid in the ground amidst shifting priorities but also a desire to be generous. Through "TED style" talks--addressed especially to pastors, treasurers, stewardship and finance committees--our three gifted speakers will offer tools for laying a strong foundation of generosity.

ENGAGE "BIG IDEAS" WITH GIFTED FINANCIAL TEACHERS

➔ **Introduction by Bishop Jon Anderson, Southwestern Minnesota Synod**

➔ **Young Adults and Giving Practices: Investing in an Idea**

Many young adults are eager to give towards a particular cause or project, but less sure about traditional pledging. How might congregations respond to these changes in giving habits?

By Rev. Adam T. Copeland, Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary

➔ **Because anxiety makes us stupid...**

We often talk about abundance vs. scarcity in our church talk about stewardship. Behavioral finance and systems theory have something to teach us about generosity, especially if we want more of it! Where might we start to release the generous spirits of those who long to make a difference in the name of the gospel?

By Rev. Catherine Malotky, Director of Development, Luther Seminary

➔ **Surprise! Introverted Treasurers Positively affect Stewardship!**

Effectively understanding and communicating the parable of the church's financial life to the pastor, stewardship committee and finance committee helps build a foundation of generosity.

By David Antinson, CPA and owner of Antinson Thompson Accounting Services, Willmar, Mn

➔ **Crowdfunding the Church: What digital tools support ministry today?**

Does Kickstarter and Indiegogo have any utility for the church?

Learn about successful faith-related crowdfunding projects and the ease of launching a campaign in your context.

By Adam T. Copeland, Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary

➔ **Closing comments by Bishop Steve Delzer, Southeastern Minnesota Synod**

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Speakers:



Rev. Adam J. Copeland,

Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary

Adam J. Copeland teaches at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota where he is the new director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders. An ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he is editor of *Kissing in the Chapel, Praying in the Frat House: Wrestling with Faith and College* (2014) and author of several book chapters on ministry and culture. The Christian Century published a recent cover story of his on crowdfunding the church. Follow Adam at @ajc123 and visit his blog A Wee Blether.



David Anfinson,

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David Anfinson is the managing partner in Anfinson Thompson CPAs and a shareholder in Anfinson Thompson Financial Services and Insurance. David has served as a conference and convention speaker to large and small groups across the country on financial and tax issues. He is a former Treasurer of the SWMN Synod and currently serves on the Luther Seminary Board of Directors.



Rev. Catherine Malotky,

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Rev. Catherine Malotky is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, currently called to serve as Director of Development at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Over the course of her career, Catherine has written many youth and adult curricula through Augsburg Fortress. She edited the 2011 e-book, *How Much is Enough — A Deeper Look at Stewardship in an Age of Abundance*, was a contributing writer for the ELCA's "Competencies of a Well-formed Stewardship Leader" published in 2009 and has presented at the two most recent ReThinking Stewardship conferences at Luther Seminary. You can follow her regular column, "Amen," in the ELCA's women's magazine, *Gather*.



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REGISTRATION:

Please register online at www.swmnelca.org, events page. **Registration deadline is August 17/24.**

This event is sponsored by our ELCA's Southwestern & Southeastern Minnesota Synods. Congregations/persons in the SW & SE MN Synods may attend the in-person or live stream at no cost. Others who view the live stream on August 27th from Gustavus Adolphus College are requested to make a "free-will" offering through the SW MN Synod online donation page.