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Building & Believing

A weekend of
leadership growth



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Give your capital stewardship effort
an added boost with a

Building & Believing WEEKEND

Lutheran Church Extension Fund's Capital Funding Services (CFS) is proud to make available a team of renowned and inspiring speakers from which partner congregations can choose for a weekend of leading, teaching, and preaching.

(Now included with most CFS Capital Stewardship Campaigns.)

What's involved in a Building & Believing Weekend?



FIRST, the selected speaker will provide a Saturday morning workshop touching on an area of ministry with which he has extensive experience, making it applicable to the congregation's situation. The audience for this workshop is the congregation's pastor(s) and leaders. The congregation could also invite pastors and leaders from nearby congregations to participate.

SECOND, the selected speaker will offer a Sunday morning Bible study to enlighten, edify, and inspire congregation members in support of their capital stewardship campaign.

THIRD, the selected speaker will preach the Good News of the Gospel in weekend services, giving special emphasis to the stewarding lifestyle and relating it to the congregation's capital stewardship effort.

Who Are the Available Speakers, and What Are Their Respective Workshop Titles?

The speakers and topics available to your congregation are listed in alphabetical order:

SPEAKER: Dr. Stephen J. Carter

TOPIC: *Witness to the LIGHT: Opportunities and Approaches for Outreach in Daily Life*

Workshop content includes:

- Opening your eyes to daily witness opportunities in family, neighborhood, place of work, and in the context of church
- Witnessing in natural settings using well-known Scripture and Confessions of Faith
- Developing and telling your faith story
- Developing and implementing your personal mission

SCHEDULING: *Any time during your capital campaign.*

SPEAKER: Rev. John H. Kieschnick

TOPIC: *How to Develop Excellence in Giving*

Using models from the Old and New Testaments, participants will examine the methods and motives for pursuing excellence in sharing their financial resources for the greatest cause in the world—the cause of Christ and His church. Real-life stories and numerous practical applications abound!

SCHEDULING: *Best used early in campaign or during Fulfillment Phase.*

SPEAKER: Rev. Thomas P. Krause

TOPIC: *Making a Difference: Keys to Moving a Ministry to One of Significance*

Using the principles found in Proverbs 3, and 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, Rev. Krause will challenge participants to use God's plan to move from the "ordinary" to the "extraordinary." These principles give clear direction to those desiring to move from success to significance, and are applicable both to individuals and congregations.

SCHEDULING: *Any time during your campaign.*

SPEAKER: Rev. Randolph H. Raasch
TOPIC: *Finding Your Ministry Niche*

Rev. Raasch will help your congregation members understand that the Lord has blessed them with unique abilities that can work for the Kingdom in effective ways. Rather than trying to adopt and/or adapt every new ministry fad that hits the market, unlock your congregation's DNA and enjoy the mission and ministry the Lord provides.

SCHEDULING: *Best used week after the Commitment Event or week before Commitment Dedication Sunday.*

SPEAKER: Rev. Stephen A. Wagner
TOPIC: *Leading with Passion and Purpose*

Rev. Wagner offers three options under the topic of church leadership from which congregations may pick two. Each could be done in a one-hour to a one-hour, 15-minute timeframe.

- Leadership in the Style of Jesus—sets the context for thinking of leadership through the life of Christ. Speaks to leading with a sense of vision and mission.
- The Context of Leadership Today—deals with the phenomena of leaders as focused on the future. Describes the dynamics of “managing from the future.”
- Thinking Like a Leader—entails essentially a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis in which each participant works through regarding his context for ministry.

SCHEDULING: *Any time during your campaign.*



When would our congregation conduct its Building & Believing Weekend?

As noted above, certain workshops fit best at particular points in your campaign. Your CFS consultant can help you determine when a particular workshop should fall in your campaign calendar.

About Building & Believing Speakers



DR. STEPHEN J. CARTER

A 1966 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Dr. Stephen J. Carter served as a parish pastor in the Midwest for 15 years and a seminary professor and administrator in Fort Wayne for five. He then joined Concordia Publishing House for 15 years, first as vice-president of editorial content and then as president. Steve's latest devotional book, *Witness to the Light* (2006), written in support of the Synod's *Ablaze!* movement, reflects his passion for being pointed to

Christ and daily reaching out to others. He and his wife, Gail, have three children and seven grandchildren.



REV. JOHN H. KIESCHNICK

A Stewardship Consultant and Pastor Coach with Lutheran Church Extension Fund's Capital Funding Services, St. Louis, Rev. John H. Kieschnick delivers on-site consulting and mentoring services to LCMS congregations and their pastors. A graduate of Concordia Teachers' College (now Concordia University Chicago), River Forest, Ill., John served two years as teacher/principal/youth director before

entering Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill. (now Fort Wayne, Ind.). John served as senior pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston, Tex, from 1974 to 2007. During that time, John helped found the Samaritan Counseling Center in Houston and served as a founding member of the Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) Board of Directors. John has served on a variety of synodical and district boards and committees. Presently he serves on the Board of Regents of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He is the author of numerous stewardship Bible studies and programs, including a "Christian Money Management Program." His most recent book is "The Best Is Yet to Come." John and his wife, Elaine Trimble, have three children.



REV. THOMAS P. KRAUSE

Rev. Thomas P. Krause of Overland Park, Kan., served in parish ministry for 36 years in Kansas and Texas before moving in August 2008 to serve other ministries. Tom and his wife, Miriam, were blessed to serve Lutheran parishes of all sizes, from a small congregation in East Texas, to a midsized congregation with a school on Galveston Island,

Tex., to large congregations in Austin, Tex., and Leawood, Kan. (Kansas City area). In addition, Tom helped birth three congregations, two as daughters and one as a church plant. Among his current ministries are travel (leading and arranging tours to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan and Germany), supporting pastors in small towns and rural settings, and mission and pro-life ministries. Tom and Miriam have four children and eight grandchildren.



REV. RANDOLPH H. RAASCH

Rev. Randolph H. Raasch is senior pastor of First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, Wis., where he has served for 20 years. Randy also serves as the first vice president of the South Wisconsin District and as chairman of the district board. He has been an adjunct professor of theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, since 1990. Randy has served on a variety of boards and committees in the area of evangelism and missions. He and his wife, Diana, have two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah.



REV. STEPHEN A. WAGNER

Rev. Stephen A. Wagner serves as executive leader of the Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) located in Dallas, Tex. PLI is a learning organization offering pastors and their wives leadership training and missional formation. In addition, PLI focuses on spiritual, personal, and family nurture and development. Before his current position, Steve was senior pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Carrollton, Tex., for 28 years. A 1973 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St.

Louis, he has completed additional graduate work at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Steve is the author of "Heart to Heart: Sharing Christ with a Friend" and "Great Commission Stewardship," and contributed to several other writings. In addition, Steve taught a doctoral course at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has served as delegate and presenter for numerous international conferences, been chaplain for several major league sports teams, and received numerous awards and recognitions. He and his wife, Rita, have two adult children.

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Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for speakers/topics and weekend dates:

Speaker/Topic

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___ Rev. Thomas P. Krause/*Making a Difference*
___ Rev. Randolph H. Raasch/*Finding Your Ministry Niche*
___ Rev. Stephen A. Wagner/*Leading with Passion and Purpose**

- *Pick two: Leadership in the Style of Jesus
 The Context of Leadership Today
 Thinking Like a Leader

Weekend Dates

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Congregation Name, City and State (Please PRINT)

Authorized Church Leader or Representative Name (Please PRINT)

Phone Number

Signature of Authorized Church Leader or Representative

Date



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