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## September 2017 Zipline

### On Our Hearts - New NCD Facebook Page

We have a brand new Facebook page to acquaint you with all the good things that are happening in the North Central District. You can find (and follow) us at <https://www.facebook.com/NCDEFCA/>



### Fall Teaching Conference October 3-4, 2017 (Tuesday-Wednesday)

You are invited to join others from churches across the district for two days of teaching on the book of Acts by Doug Huffman and fellowship with fellow church leaders at Camp Shamineau.



[Doug Huffman](#)

[Download the brochure](#) for the full schedule and information:

[Registration:](#)

Cost: \$85/person on-site housing  
\$75 off-site housing

The conference begins with registration at 11:00 and lunch at noon.

#### **Tuesday**

1:15 Session 1 - *Luke-The Man and his Message*  
6:45 Session 2 - *Special Issues with the Book of Acts*

#### **Wednesday**

9:30 Session 3 - *Luke's Focus on the Community of the Church*  
(Acts 2:42-6:7)  
1:30 Session 4 - *Luke's Focus on the Unity of the Church (Acts 15)*

## NCD Resources

## Missions Mobilization Update - Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey has created a lot of problems for Texas. [Read](#) how you and your church can make a difference with EFCA Crisis Response in Texas.

## Pastoral Care - Discipleship: Directed Growth

[It started as a volunteer vine...](#)

## Faith Community Nursing - EFCA-Elim Care Faith Community Nurse Workshop

**November 8, 9:00 am at New Hope Church**

4225 Gettysburg Ave N, New Hope MN

**Theme:** *Dark Night of the Soul-Depression in the Church*

Cost is \$25, which includes 3 CEU's and lunch. There will be no charge for pastors who register to attend.

[Brochure and registration information](#) or contact Joanne Hall [Joanne.hall@elimcare.org](mailto:Joanne.hall@elimcare.org)



## EFCA Resources

The EFCA Communications Team has made a video available for the local church called [We are the EFCA](#). Please take a look and consider sharing this 2-minute video with your congregation.

## Christian Investors Financial (CIF)

We are a catalyst for the Kingdom of God. We help EFCA and like-minded churches maximize their potential by providing:

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## EFCA Theology Podcast Feature

Earlier this year, EFCA pastors and church leaders gathered in Austin, Texas for EFCA One, our biennial national conference. The focus of the conference was on EFCA's "foundation stones," which are the essential values that have guided our family of churches from the very beginning. This month, [check out a conference message](#) by EFCA President Kevin Kompelien on Abiding in Christ, a foundation stone of the EFCA.

You can find the EFCA Theology podcast in any podcast app by searching "efca theology podcast" or subscribe by email [here](#).

## Trinity International University announces scholarship program

A \$17,000/year scholarship is available to children of EFCA Pastors (ordained or not) and full time leaders in ministry in our churches. This is a major step in making TIU more accessible to students in EFCA churches. [For more information about TIU.](#)



## Gather together for the Fall Pastors Summit on September 28, 2017!

Pastoral leadership teams are invited to gather together for lunch at the Fall Pastors Summit.

Together you'll worship God, pray for the Twin Cities and dive into details about what's ahead this fall as PULSE Twin Cities approaches May 18, 2018 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

**Thursday, Sept 28 - 11 am- 1 pm**

**New Hope Church**

4225 Gettysburg Ave N

New Hope, MN 55428

[For more information and to register](#)

## **Pure Desire Conference, November 10-11**

**Grace Church - Eden Prairie, MN**

The PD-U is a two-day conference designed to equip men, women, and students with an understanding of the factors that create and reinforce addictive sexual behavior. It also provides a comprehensive understanding and the tools required to develop a ministry to men, women, and students.

**For more information, [click here](#)**



## **Sexual Purity Resource**

Irv Woolf of Hopewell Counseling is one of the professional counselors recommended in our district purity resource [Project Purity](#). Starting in October, Hopewell will once again be offering a purity group led by Irv. This group is for men who desire to become sexually pure, receive a high level of accountability, and develop great friendships with other men. The purity group will go through two phases with phase one lasting 7 weeks and phase two lasting 18 weeks for a total of 25 weeks.

If you struggle with sexual purity and want the accountability of other men, this is your group. Perhaps you are walking in purity and just want the fellowship and accountability of other men in your life. This group is for you too. To register, contact Irv by [email](#) or by cell phone (612-499-3744) and let him know that you want in. Maximum of 12 men. Cost is \$200/phase + materials. Limited financial help is available. The first meeting will be **Tuesday, October 3, 2017** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All meetings will be at the offices of Kingdom Business, 11236 86th Ave. No., Maple Grove, MN.

*No shame, no condemnation. Just help, hope, and healing. Come join us!*

## **Faith-Work-Economics Opportunities**

The Made to Flourish pastors' network is hosting various events and opportunities in the coming months.



First up is a chance to hear **Tom Nelson** (EFCA pastor, Christ Community Church, Leawood, KS) in person. He'll be in town to discuss his forthcoming book, *The Economics of Neighborly Love*.

**An Evening with Dr. Tom Nelson**

**Wednesday, September 13 | 6-8:30 pm**

Freehouse

701 N Washington Ave., Ste 101

Minneapolis MN 55401

\$15 suggested donation

[Learn more and register](#)

Make plans to be at an event featuring **Dan Mead**, former CEO of Verizon Wireless, and **Dan Nold**, lead pastor of Calvary Church. Discover how these leaders came to personally understand the intersection of work and faith.

**Pastors and Marketplace Leaders Seminar: Bridging the Gap between Work and Church**

**Tuesday, October 10 | 1-4 pm**

Bethel University Underground, St. Paul

\$29 by September 26; \$39 thereafter

[Learn more and register](#)

## **Equipping Business Owners in Your Congregation**

Right Now Media for Work offers a variety of video resources that business owners can provide to their employees. These tools give a business owner the opportunity to care for the company team, develop leaders, and connect faith and work. For more information, including a three-minute introductory video, click [here](#).

**Simeon Trust Expository Preaching Workshop** is a 3-day workshop (for preachers, pastors, and men training to teach from the Bible) is aimed to encourage and equip you in better opening up God's Word.

The Minneapolis session is **Oct. 4 - 6** at the Bethlehem Baptist North site. Registration cost is \$124, which includes all instruction, plus breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday. [www.simeontrust.org](http://www.simeontrust.org). The conference begins with registration at 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 4 and concludes at noon on Friday, October 6.

## Mark Your Calendars

- **[Fall Teaching Conference, October 3-4, 2017](#)**
- (NOTE: Tues-Wed) Camp Shamineau. Speaker: Doug Huffman, Talbot School of Theology
- **[EFCA Pastors' Wives Get-Away, October 22-24](#)**, Reeds Lake, Waterville.
- **[Worship Leader Network Gathering, October 23-25](#)**, Crosspoint Church, Bloomington
- **[EFCA Elim Care Faith Community Nurse Workshop, November 8](#)**, 9:00 am at New Hope Church, New Hope.
- **Third Annual Church Security Summit, February 10, 2018**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **EFCA History & Polity Class, March 12-13, 2018**, EFCA National office
- **2018 District Conference, April 9-10**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29**, Duluth, MN

## District News and Updates

**Rev. LaReau Thorwall** passed away August 3, 2017. LaReau served as the District Superintendent for the NCD from 1986-1992 [Obituary](#)

Wanda Merle Thorwall

c/o Brent Thorwall, 168 Marian Parkway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Congratulations to **Rev. Mark Mathes** (Riverside Chapel, Forbes) and Maija Shirley on their recent wedding.



Congratulations to **Jeff McCourt** (Worship, New Hope Church) on his ordination on August 20th.

### New FCMM President Named

Following a thorough search process and much prayer, FCMM is pleased to announce the selection of **Rev. Richard (Ric) Stanghelle** as president starting January 1, 2018. Ric is intimately familiar with FCMM, having served as a trustee member and board chairman. (Ric is the senior pastor of Lakes EFC, Lindstrom, MN. He has served there for more than 30 years. Congratulations, Ric, on this new sphere of ministry!)



## Senior Pastoral Transitions:

**Moving from recent NCD ministry...**

- Scott DeWitt from Bethel EFC, Fairmont
- Phil Geoffrion from Albion EFC, Cokato
- Brandon Zieske from Pleasant Valley EFC, Winona

### **Beginning new NCD ministry...**

- Joshua Jenson to Kost EFC, North Branch
- Don Riegstad to Lincoln EFC, Cushing
- Dave Wick, Interim at Kerkhoven EFC
- Steve Anderson, Interim at Thief River Falls EFC

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