



NCD

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

December 2017 Zipline



**Merry Christmas
from the NCD
team.**

Have a blessed
celebration of Jesus'
birth.

Back row: Dave Linde, Jim Anderson, Glenn Olson, Kelley Johnson, Steve Austvold, Dan Moose

Front row: Brian Farone, Sharon Trucker, Mindy Warland, Jordan Hirsch

(Note: The NCD office will be closed December 25-January 1)

NCD Resources

Save the Date

2018 NCD Annual Conference - April 9-10, Constance EFC, Andover

Theme: *An Inexpressible & Glorious Joy*, A Conference for Pastors & Church Leaders

Speaker: Constantine Campbell, Professor of New Testament, TEDS

Planning a Sabbatical for Next Year?

So far in 2017, at least 15 pastors have taken a sabbatical leave. Since 2014, more than 35 pastors have had a sabbatical. This is approximately ten percent of the pastors in our district and represents almost a quarter of our churches. Is it time for you to think and pray about a sabbatical in 2018? For three sabbatical stories, watch [Henry Meyers](#), [Joel Preston](#), and [Coley Waataja](#). For counsel in planning a sabbatical, [contact Kelley Johnson](#), NCD Pastoral Care Director.



Pastoral Care - *What does a Sabbatical Look Like?*

Sabbaticals come in many shapes and sizes, but they all have a common thread running through them: Intimacy with God leading to passion for God. [Read more](#)

Missions Mobilization Update - *Ways to Encourage Your Missionaries*

This December please read about how your church can encourage your missionaries. [Read more](#)

Faith Community Nursing - ELIM Care's Foundations for Faith Community Nursing 12 week Online Course, January 10th-April 3rd, 2018.

This course explores the specialty practice of Faith Community Nursing that combines professional nursing and health ministry, emphasizing health and healing within the faith community and the larger community. [For more complete information and to register.](#) (40.5 CEU's for Registered Nurses)

Pure Desire Conference, February 23-24

Pleasant Valley EFC, 1363 Homer Rd., Winona, MN 55987

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](#)



Sexual Purity Resource: Breaking Free Virtual Summit

Click [here](#) for information about a remarkable virtual training event featuring an array of teaching from more than 40 men and women who are leaders in pointing Jesus' disciples to the path of sexual integrity in today's sexualized society. Although the real-time version of this summit has already begun, there is an option available to access the resources after-the-fact.

(Anti-virus or filtering software may block the link--if so, [try this link.](#))

Third Annual Church Security Conference - Umbrella Of Church Security

February 17, 2018, Constance EFC, Andover, MN. In light of today's headlines, this is a valuable opportunity for your church to attend. Cost: \$35.00, which includes continental breakfast and a full lunch. [To Register](#)



[NCD District Blitz](#)

April 27-29, 2018, Duluth, MN

We live in a social media-centered world. We live our lives online where we post, edit, filter, delete, follow, and ignore. No Filter is about living our lives for Jesus as it

was always meant to be lived-in truth, honesty, accountability, and biblically-centered relationships.

2017 Fall Teaching Conference Resources

If you are interested in Doug Huffman's teaching sessions on the book of Acts, please go to [NCDEFCA.org](#) to access the audio recordings and the powerpoint presentations.

For a visual recap, [check out the SWAY presentation.](#)

EFCA Resources



EFCA Theology Conference

The Gospel, Compassion and Justice, and the EFCA

January 31-February 2, 2018

Northeast Bible Church,

Garden Ridge, TX (San Antonio)

Recent events in our nation and world have made it clear it is both necessary and timely to address the topics of racial reconciliation and immigration. The gospel is being undermined and tarnished through the lack of reconciliation among believers, and the lack of concern for the immigrant. As Evangelicals broadly, and as the EFCA specifically, we are people of the Book. One of our EFCA mottos has been and remains, "where stands it written?" which addresses both the biblical truth of a doctrine and the practical outworking of that truth in life.

We are committed both to be grounded in the Scriptures and to live out the truths of those

Scriptures. "Christian Living," Article 8 of the EFCA Statement of Faith, declares our commitment as a movement.

Interact with fellow EFCA pastors and leaders during this conference as gifted presenters including Dr. John Perkins address "Christian Living" from biblical, theological, historical, and pastoral perspectives.

[For more information and to register](#)

Featured from EFCA Now - [The Best Leaders Take Time to Sharpen Their Blades](#) Team dynamics we don't usually talk about, Part 3
Bob Osborne, [September 22, 2017](#)



GROW!
**Leadership Conference for
the Rural and Small Town
Church**
March 3, 2018
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

God has strategically placed churches in rural areas and small towns in order to impact our culture for the Kingdom of God. This conference will provide pastors and board members of these churches information on how to minister effectively, encourage them to see their unique role in God's plan, and help them take the steps that can impact their world for all of eternity. EFCA President Kevin Kompelien is the keynote speaker. [Brochure](#)

Location:

Willmar Assembly of God
3821 Abbot Dr
Willmar, MN 56201

[For more information and to register](#)

(scroll down the page for all the information)

(Note: Registration rate goes up December 31, 2017)

Mark Your Calendars

- [EFCA Theology Conference, January 31-February 2, 2018](#). NE Bible Church, Garden Ridge, TX (San Antonio)
 - [Sabbath Rest Retreat, January 21-23, 2018](#), Timber Bay Retreat Center
 - [Third Annual Church Security Summit, February 17, 2018](#), Constance EFC, Andover, MN
 - [Pure Desire Conference, February 23-24, 2018](#), Pleasant Valley EFC, Winona, MN
 - [GROW! Leaders Conference for the Rural and Small Church, March 3, 2018](#), Willmar, 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
 - [PULSE Twin Cities, May 18, 2018](#), US Bank Stadium
 - [2018 EFCA Challenge Conference, July 2-6, 2018](#), Kansas City, MO
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District News and Updates

Credentialing Update

We recently completed 15 ministerial credentialing examinations in the fall round of councils and interviews. Women and men in a variety of ministries and ministry settings were recommended for an EFCA credential, some for licensing and some for ordination. We hope

to post a few stories after final approval is received from the national board. Till then, you can watch stories of previously credentialed individuals [here](#). Spring examinations will be held in May-June 2018. If you're interested in that round of exams, aim for March 1 as your target date for submitting your application forms and theological paper. Precise dates will be announced later. See our [website](#) for more information about ministerial credentialing.

Church News

- CrossCultural Church, St. Paul held their final church service on November 19th.

Senior Pastoral Transitions:

Moving from recent NCD ministry

- Dan Clausen, Milaca EFC
- Rick Stanghelle, Lakes EFC, Lindstrom

Beginning new NCD ministry:

- Jason Carlson, Lakes EFC, Lindstrom
- Bob Ahlberg, Milaca EFC, Interim

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