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February 2017

On Our Hearts - Transformational Influence Outside Our Four Walls

***Modeling* godly character, *making* good work, *ministering* grace and love, *molding* culture, a *mouthpiece* for truth and justice, and a *messenger* of the gospel*-six M's highlighting the significance of each person's unique contribution to society through vocational and volunteer work.**



"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." (Col 3:23)

Everyone is capable of doing excellent work and making a worthwhile contribution to society. And, as the Gospel impacts every area of life and its implications are realized, transformation occurs in individual lives, our communities, and the world. Good work brings health, safety, listening, maintenance, order, provision, and at times, reconciliation and restoration.

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Training/Enrichment Opportunities

Faith Work Economics

In October, Rock Hill Community Church in Duluth hosted "Faith@Work", a conference featuring 10 speakers, including local business owners, a medical student, a former mayor, a stay-at-home mom, and more. Rock Hill has made their short, TED-style talks available online, where the speakers wrestle with the meaning of work, finding their identities in their professions, influencing others for Christ in the workplace, and other faith-and-work related topics. Check out videos from the conference [here](#).

Further FWE video resources

Bethel Seminary San Diego has recently produced several videos about "work with purpose." Find them [here](#).

NCD Church Security Summit, February 18, Constance EFC

Church Security Ministries are among the fastest growing ministries in the country. That is a mainstream value on our church campuses. Join us Saturday, February 18th, at the *2nd Annual EFCA NCD Church Security Summit*, from 9 a.m. to 4 pm and learn from a team of experts on how to implement and/or expand this important ministry at your church. [For more details](#) / [To register](#).



2017 Annual District Conference Registration is open March 27-28

Theme: *The Church Today and Tomorrow*

Speaker: Kevin Kompelien, EFCA President

Location: New Hope Church, New Hope

[To Register](#)

[Download the Brochure](#)

[Conference Delegate information and forms](#)

GROW! Conference

We invite you to the Grow! conference
- **intentionally created for and by
small town pastors.**

Date: March 11, 2017
Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Location: Cornerstone Church
Litchfield, MN



[For more information, speakers, registration](#)

Israel Devotional Tour Trip Dates: April 19 - May 1, 2017

Pastor Roy Fruits of [Rockpoint Church](#) in Lake Elmo, along with tour guide Boaz Shalgi, a 7th generation conservative Jew born and raised in Israel, is leading another life-changing trip to Israel. Both the New and Old Testaments will come alive as we visit biblical locations in Israel. For more information on cost and registration, please contact htaucher@rockpoint.church.

Traverse Counseling presents A Four-Part Workshop Series for Faith Leaders on "Family Crisis in the Church"

WORKSHOP ONE: Advanced Strategies for Leading Distressed Families Through Couples Conflict

Friday, February 17, 2017
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

District 287 Conference Center
1820 Xenium Lane N.
Plymouth, MN 55441

Mission: Empowering and equipping faith leaders to minister and lead families and individuals in crisis.

Goals: To help faith leaders serve families and individuals who are quietly or visibly suffering and to create a network of faith leaders and professionals for personal and professional support.

For [more information](#) and [Registration](#)

Resources

Missions Mobilization Update - Short Term Missions Survey

Short-term missions is a key mission event for many churches. [Read](#) to find out how other churches are using short-term missions.

Pastoral Care - Suffering *In Christ*

"O Lord Jesu! Make it possible to me by grace, what is impossible to me by nature."
The Imitation of Christ, Thomas à Kempis, Book 3, Chapter 19

[Article](#)

Faith Community Nursing **"Mindful of Grace-Viewing Mental Illness through the Eyes of Faith "**

A Faith Community Nurse in your congregation can be a pastoral resource and support in many areas of ministry. One of those areas is that of mental health issues. [Read more](#)



EFCA Credentialing Resources:

Licensing-Certification-Ordination Examinations, Spring 2017

If you are thinking about applying for an EFCA ministerial [credential](#) and sitting for your interview or examination council, spring 2017, please note the following as you plan:

- Give us advance notice of your intent. Send [Sharon](#) an email expressing your desire and rationale for credentialing. This does not bind you to a timetable but helps us serve you better.
- Submit your paperwork, reading, and thesis **ten** weeks ahead of the examination dates listed below.
- If you prefer an interactive classroom experience to merely reading about EFCA history, consider taking the *EFCA History, Theology, and Polity Course*, taught by Greg Strand at the EFCA national office in Bloomington, March 13-14, 2017, 8:00 am - 5:00 PM. ([Email](#) to register)
- **Examination dates:** Metro region dates: May 17, May 31, June 7
Southern region dates: May 3, June 8
Northern region dates: May 2, May 11
West Central region dates: May 22, June 13

Pastors Praying Together for Harvest

In preparation for the [Pulse Twin Cities](#) outreach event at US Bank Stadium, May 13, pastors from across the region will be gathering at Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington on **Thursday, February 16th** from 11:30-1:30 pm for worship and prayer. Click [here](#) for more info.

Mark Your Calendars

- [NCD Church Security Summit](#), February 18th, 9 am - 4 pm, Constance EFC, Andover
- [EFCA History, Theology and Polity Class](#), March 13-14, 2017 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, EFCA National Office, Bloomington, MN ([Email](#) to register)
- [2017 NCD District Conference](#) - March 27-28, 2017, New Hope Church, Speaker: Kevin Kompelien
- [2017 NCD Youth Blitz Conference](#), April 21-23, 2017, Duluth, MN
- [Encore Spring Celebration](#), April 24, 2017, Trinity EFC, Lakeville
- [2017 EFCA ONE](#), June 20-22, 2017, Austin, TX
- [Encore Fall Retreat](#), September 11-12, 2017, Camp Shamineau
- [Fall Teaching Conference](#), October 3-4, 2017 (Tues-Wed) Camp Shamineau. Speaker: Doug Huffman, Talbot Seminary

District News

Transitions

- Mike Shields has retired from ministry at Trinity EFC, Lakeville.
- Ben Groen (Bloomington, Oxboro) moved from youth pastor to senior pastor January 1.

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