2025 North Central District Conference

April 7 & 8, 2025

Constance EFC - Andover, MN

NCD
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

NCD Conference Schedule 2025

Monday, April 7

(*****repeated both hours)

11:00—1:00	Registration	Lobby
11:45—12:45	Lunch	Community Room
1:00—2:30	Session #1: *Focusing on Our Walk with God*	Auditorium
2:45—3:45	**Workshops**	
	*****Why People are Leaving Church	Auditorium
	*Collision of Worlds	Loft 321
	At Risk Families	Loft 323
	*Your Ministry Marriage on Mission	101 A/C
	*Expositional Preaching	101 B/D
	Family Finances, Faith, Health, Strategies	113A
	How to Become an Interim Pastor	114A
	Raising Up Pastors—Residencies	Outbuilding 1
	Affinity Groups	
	Associate Pastors	113B
	Church Planting	205
	Disability & Special Needs	106B
	Latino Ministries	106A
	Missions	116A
	Pastors' Wives	Outbuilding 2
	Youth Workers	114B
3:45—4:15	Break	Hallways
4:15—5:15	**Workshops**	
	*Why People are Leaving Church	Auditorium
	*Collision of Worlds	Loft 321
	Teaching Teens/Gospel Shaped Sexuality	Loft 323
	*Your Ministry Marriage on Mission	101 A/C
	*Expositional Preaching	101 B/D
	Stewarding God's Money	113A
	Assessing Your Church	114A
	Churches Planting Churches	Outbuilding 1
	Affinity Groups	
	Care Ministries	106B
	Children's Ministries	114B
	Rural Ministries	116A
	Women in Ministry	Outbuilding 2
	Worship Leaders	113B
5:15—6:30	Dinner	Community Room
6:45—8:15	Session #2: *Focusing on the Word of God*	Auditorium

Tuesday, April 8

8:00	NCD Family Time & Business Meeting with breakfast	Community Room
Break		Community Room and Hallways
10:45—12:00	Session #3: *Focusing on the Work of God*	Auditorium
12:15—1:15	Shamineau Ministries Lunch	Community Room

Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 North Central District Annual Conference. We are grateful that you are with us, and hopeful that our God will use these days to strengthen and encourage you. During the next few days, we are praying that God would this time together to turn our hearts toward Him in worship, toward one another in fellowship, and toward growth in Christ as we study the Scriptures together. Toward that end, our NCD team is praying that you will take this opportunity to renew relationships with trusted ministry peers as well as welcome and meet new ones. Likewise, we pray that the parts of the conference, from the main sessions to the breakouts, from the time together during breaks to the business session, would refresh you in Christ and build you up for life and ministry. Please know we are here for you. Our NCD staff is available throughout the conference to connect, listen, encourage, and pray with you. Godspeed and much grace during these days together!

Our Hosts

Our thanks again to Constance Church for hosting this year's conference. Pass your thanks on to Pastor Randy Discher, the Constance staff, and the many church volunteers for assisting us. Their hospitality enriches our conference. We would ask that you help us be courteous guests by avoiding spills, keeping lids on any beverages, notifying staff of any mishaps, etc. Thanks for your attention to this.

Book Table

We welcome Aaron Uran with the NextStep Resources table in the exhibitor area.

Conference Booklet & Annual Reports

The booklet that you are holding is available electronically to download and take notes within the pages provided. You can either use the QR code here or type in https://ncdefca.org/2025-conference/ to be directed to our NCD website to download this booklet and to view the Annual Reports.

Business Meeting Matters

Join us for our annual NCD Business meeting Tuesday morning. To enhance your business meeting experience, we will provide a hot breakfast. You must be a duly authorized conference delegate to be eligible to vote. Conference delegates have a green dot on their nametag. Only individuals with a green dot on their nametag will be able to vote. If you have not yet registered as a delegate, please do so at the registration table by 7:00 pm on Monday. The business meeting will be held during the breakfast session at 8:30 am on Tuesday.

Shamineau Lunch

The annual meeting of Shamineau Ministries will follow our last conference session on Tuesday. If you registered for this meal, it is indicated on your nametag with a yellow dot. If not, talk to Shamineau staff at the Shamineau display to determine if there are any extra lunches available.

Enjoy!

If you have questions or needs, see us at the NCD Registration/Office table. Keep praying throughout the conference for the Lord's protection, instruction, and transformation.

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Speakers

Brent Burckart

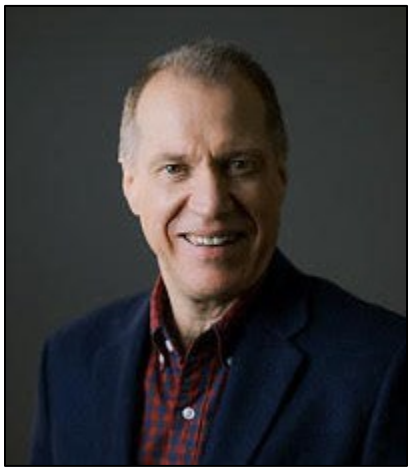
In 2001, Brent Burckart planted Cornerstone Community Bible Church, an EFCA church in southwest Houston, and served there for 21 years before stepping into his current role as District Superintendent of the EFCA Texas - Oklahoma District.

Brent received his Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry from Dallas Theological Seminary where he now serves as Adjunct Faculty in the Pastoral Ministries department, teaching in the areas of Church Health and Church Planting.

Brent and his wife Elvie have been married for 33 years and have two grown children, Caryssa, who is a Physician Assistant in the Houston area and Bryce who is a filmmaker in Virginia. Brent enjoys fishing, playing classical guitar, watching movies and NBA basketball, and spending time with his family.

His ministry passion is encouraging and equipping church leaders to remain spiritually vibrant, biblically sound, missionally focused, and strategically effective in these challenging and changing times.

Greg Strand



Greg Strand has two Masters' degrees and a Doctor of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He serves as Executive Director of Theology and Credentialing for the EFCA at the national office in Minneapolis, MN, a role in which he has served for over twenty years.

Greg provides oversight to the Board of Ministerial Standing, serves as chair of the Spiritual Heritage Committee (SHC) and the Theology and Missiology Advisory Council (TMAC), plans the Annual Theology Conference, and helps pastors, leaders and churches think through issues biblically, theologically, historically, and pastorally. He also serves as adjunct professor of Pastoral Theology at TEDS.

Greg is husband to Karen, father to three, father-in-law to three, and grandfather of eight. Greg is a member at Northfield EFC in Northfield, MN, and he likes to run, bike, hike, and camp.

Theme: Focus: Minding What Matters

As things speed up and the culture continues to whiplash around us, it is more important than ever to refocus on what matters most. There will always be a crowd of voices, from both within the church and outside it, calling us to do this, support that, invest here, and take action there. Some of these things will be good, some neutral, and some unhelpful (or worse). In the midst of this sea of opportunities, our district conference will focus on three key areas which are always important to pastors and church leaders. These are our personal walk with Christ, our submission to God's Word, and our ministry focus of making disciples. During the next few days, EFCA leaders Brent Burckart and Greg Strand will open God's Word for us, challenging and equipping us to "mind what matters."

Session Titles

"Focusing on our Walk with God" (Brent Burckart)
Cultivating our personal relationship with Christ

"Focusing on the Word of God" (Greg Strand)
Letting God's Word guide us in all things

"Focusing on the Work of God" (Brent Burckart)
Embracing our disciplemaking mission

Workshops

2:45 – 3:45 *(*repeated sessions)*

***Why People Are Leaving Church: Analyzing the Dechurching Trend and Finding Paths to Renewal – Sean McDowell** **Auditorium**

The spiritual landscape is rapidly changing in the U.S. More people have left the church in the last 25 years than everyone who came to Christ through the First Great Awakening, Second Great Awakening, and the Billy Graham Crusades combined. What are the primary reasons for people leaving the church? Is there much hope for future church growth in America? Sean will reflect on the great dechurching, share fresh research on Generation Z, and provide some of the most impactful steps we can take through the empowerment of God's Spirit in a seemingly unprecedented time of American history.

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***Collision of Worlds: Confrontations Between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Man – Rory Martin & Renee Carlson** **Loft 321**

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Empowering the Church to Strengthen At-Risk Families - a review of the first-century church practice – Maridel Sandberg **Loft 323**

There is historical precedence of the early church stepping into the needs of vulnerable families in times of crisis to help with temporary care for their children and strengthen families. The church has been replaced by the government in these roles. But the church is best equipped by God to step back into the places of need.

Maridel Sandberg is the President and Founder of Together for Good. She also served as a founding board member of the Christian Alliance for Orphans. She and her husband Bruce are the parents of 8 and grandparents of 19. Her theme verse is "Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves" Prov 31:8

***Your Ministry Marriage on Mission - Tom and Robyn Scott** **101 A/C**

Every marriage has a mission, a central purpose marriage is to be about, and ministry marriages are no different in mission. However there is a difference in influence. Come reconsider the mission of marriage and the influence of your ministry marriage.

Tom and Robyn married in 1995 and entered full-time ministry in 1997. They founded The Center for Biblical Living in 2017 because of their strong passion to help those already in or preparing for vocational ministry. Tom has an MA in Biblical Counseling from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served the local

church as staff or as an elder collectively for nearly 20 years. They have three adult daughters, two sons-in-law, one grandson due in June, and another son-in-law due in July.

***An Expositional Process for Biblical Preaching – Dr. Timothy Warren 101 B/D**

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Dr. Timothy S. Warren is Senior Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Ministries, having taught at Dallas Theological Seminary for forty years. Previously, he pastored Grace Bible Church in Canal Winchester, Ohio, from 1978 to 1984.

Family Finances: Faith, Health & Strategies – Tim Rowley & Jeff Englin 113 A

In this workshop we'll discuss trusting God and stewarding our finances now and in the future. We'll also look at methods to develop financial health, setting goals, and preparing for retirement.

Tim Rowley - Tim ministered in the local church for twenty-five years as a student ministry pastor and executive pastor, in a church plant in Colorado, and in Texas, seeing the church grow from a few hundred to over 2,000 in weekend attendance and multiple campuses. He has also served on the EFCA ReachStudents council and FCMM board, and worked in financial services with Northwestern Mutual, MassMutual, and Charles Schwab. He currently serves as President of FCMM.

Jeff Englin - Jeff is credentialed as an Accredited Investment Fiduciary and has served as a wealth management consultant with special attention to investment advising. For eight years, Jeff provided limited consultation to FCMM Retirement Plan members while advising other employers as well. In 2016, he joined FCMM full-time and exclusively advises FCMM participants at no charge.

How to Become an Interim Pastor – Tom Harris 114 A

Have you been thinking about your next season of ministry and is interim pastoring a possibility for you? If so, this workshop is for you! During this breakout, you will learn to follow you a step-by-step process to evaluate and decide if interim ministry is your encore career, and then how to become an interim pastor and maximize your performance in this role. Finally, the presenter will share the three levels of interim ministry: traditional interim pastor, intentional interim pastor, and interventionist interim pastor and the skills and strategies to optimize each of these different types of transitional pastor positions.

Dr. Tom Harris is a nationally recognized leader in the field of Intentional Interim Ministry. He has served 14 years as the President of Interim Pastor Ministries (IPM), a ministry begun in 1990 by six EFCA District Superintendents. Tom has helped over 675 churches receive an IPM Intentional Interim Pastor, successfully navigate their pastoral transitions and call their next pastor.

Raising Up Pastors Through Residencies and Internships - Outbuilding 1
Dan Moose and Brian Farone

Looking forward, the church needs more pastors. God surely has a leadership pipeline to meet this need. In light of this truth, the questions for churches like ours and leaders like us are simple. *How do we contribute to God's leadership pipeline (training and equipping pastors)?* and *how do we gather from God's leadership pipeline (calling and empowering pastors)?* There are many answers to these questions. From our experience and perspective, an essential answer that needs renewed investment is found in pastoral residencies and internships. In this breakout we will discuss the reasons, best practices, common pitfalls, and available resources for pastoral residencies and internships. We hope your church will come away

encouraged to consider doing new residencies and internships that will help pastors grow and find a place of service in our NCD and EFCA family.

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Teaching Teens a Gospel-Shaped View of Sexuality - Jennifer Kvamme **Loft 323**

Christianity has gotten a bad rap lately when it comes to its teachings on sexuality—particularly with young people. Many teens think the Bible's teachings on sexuality are outdated and oppressive, promoting needless rules and negative views of sex and the body. How do we communicate that there's so much more to the story? In this breakout session, we'll look at six foundations for teaching a gospel-shaped view of sexuality to young people. We'll discuss how we can communicate these truths to the next generation in a way that points to the bigger story of redemption and displays God's instructions not as just rules and limits but as a path to real freedom and joy.

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Stewarding God's Money- Investing, Church Financing & Campaign Options - Russ Zimmerman **113 A**

What is Impactful Investing at CIF? What are the other stewardship principles I should consider when selecting a savings vehicle? What is laddering? Should our church apply for a loan or can we raise enough money with a campaign? How much could our church afford to borrow? Get some answers to these questions and more during this breakout!

Russ Zimmerman was a missionary with a campus ministry for 27 years before joining Christian Investors Financial (CIF) in 2022. He is passionate about people coming to know and follow Jesus and loves using his God-given gifts and talents to partner with church leaders in his current role as Senior Relationship Manager with CIF. He has been married to Di for 25 years and they have three daughters, Elianna (23), Ember (21), Evian (15).

The Blessing and Benefit of Assessing Your Church - Garry Abbott **114 A**

The Church faces many challenges: 4000 churches close every year, 38% of pastors are actively considering leaving ministry, only 21% of pastors describe themselves as flourishing, all while evangelism rates continue to decline. Yet, Jesus made it clear that the Church was his plan A for reaching people with the gospel (Matthew 16:18, Acts 1:7) and in Revelation 2 and 3 Jesus speaks both affirmation and admonition to churches to bring clarity, purpose and hope.

In this session we will discuss the blessing and benefit of assessing your church starting with the question, "What is the Spirit saying to your church?" Asking this question of your congregation allows for both a mirror into current reality and a map forward towards God's preferred future with: **1.** An understanding of deeper issues facing your church. **2.** Increased engagement from the congregation. **3.** Unity in the direction God is leading .

Before joining the VitalChurch Ministry team in 2024, Garry Abbott served for almost 14 years in a variety of executive level pastoral roles at Summit Church (a multi-site church located in Orlando, Florida). Garry and his family now live in Southern Indiana and are a part of a local church in their downtown community.

Churches Planting Churches: 7 Keys to an Effective Church Planting Strategy for your Church – Brent Burckart **Outbuilding 1**

Why should planting daughter churches be part of your church's disciplemaking strategy? What are the seven key questions your church must answer in order to do it well? How can you adopt a church planting strategy that fits the current size and season of your church? These are among the practical questions we'll wrestle with in this workshop that explores the joys, challenges, and best practices of becoming a church planting church.

Brent Burckart is the district superintendent of the EFCA Texas- Oklahoma District and our conference speaker this year.

Affinity Groups

2:45-3:45

- **Associate Pastors** **113B**
- **Church Planting** **205**
- **Disability and Special Needs Affinity** **106B**
  Discussion on theological, cultural, and practical issues related to church life alongside those affected by disabilities
- **Latino Ministries** **106A**
- **Missions** **116A**
- **Pastors' Wives** **Outbuilding 2**
- **Youthworkers** **114B**

4:15-5:15

- **Care Ministries** **106B**
  Hospitality, connection, and care are all needed in our churches. Come learn from one another how a welcoming and caring church is strengthened through a vital hospitality and connection focus.
- **Children's Ministries** **114B**
- **Rural Ministries** **116A**
- **Women in Ministry** **Outbuilding 2**
- **Worship** **113B**

Exhibitors

Organization	Contact	Website / Email
Broken Strength	Paul Klassen	pklassen@apathtopurity.org www.apathtopurity.org
Cassia	David Juve Matthew Crawford	david.Juve@cassialife.org matthew.Crawford@cassialife.org
Center for Biblical Living	Tom & Robyn Scott	tscott@cbl.org
CIF Christian Investors Financial	Russ Zimmerman	russ@christianinvestors.org christianInvestors.org
Crossroads Resolution Group	Patrick Drury	revpatrickdrury@gmail.com https://www.crossroadsresolution.com/
EFCA All People & Disability awareness	Ben Johnson Al Zderad	ben.johnson@efca.org
EFCA Credentialing	Dani Richards	credentialing@efca.org
EFCA Prepared Ministries	Gloria Grell	gloria.grell@efca.org
EFCA ReachGlobal - Justice Initiatives	Kathy Austvold	kathy.austvold@ncdefca.org
EFCA ReachGlobal /NCD Mission Mobilizer	Steve Austvold	steve.austvold@ncdefca.org
EFCA ReachGlobal /NCD Missionaries	Dave Bliss	dave.bliss@ncdefca.org
EFCA ReachGlobal Crisis Response	Eric & Amy Couch	eric.couch@efca.org | 315-725-1788
EFCA ReachNetwork	Kurt Ploeger, Dan Moose	dan.moose@ncdefca.org
FCMM Retirement Plan	Tim Rowley	tim.rowley@fcmmbenefits.org fcmmbenefits.org
Interim Pastors Ministries	Will Hope	wmjhope@hotmail.com
NextStep Resources	Aaron Uran	aaron@nsresources.com nsresources.com
Oak Hills Bible	Jim Hodgson	jimhodgson@oakhills.edu oakhills.edu
Shamineau Ministries Rock Ridge Camp	Zack Skogland	shamineau.org zack@shamineau.org rockridgetrips@shamineau.org
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School	Bill Yaccino	wgyaccino@tiu.edu
True North/Christ Ambassador	Renee Clarson Rory Martin	rcarlson@truenorthlegalmn.org rory@mfc.org
Vital Church	Garry Abbott	garry.abbott@vitalchurchministry.org

2025-2026 Proposed Budget

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

2025-2026 Budget

	2025-2026 Proposed	2024-2025 Budget	2023-2024 Actual
Income			
4100 Gift Income - Churches	720,000	708,200	632,388
4100 Gift Income - Individuals	359,000	331,500	246,540
4600 Conf. & Sem. Income	50,000	30,000	61,777
4700 Other Income	97,997	36,000	72,288
Fund Transfer/Use of Reserves	9,000		
Total Income	**1,235,997**	**1,105,700**	**1,012,994**
Gross Profit	**$ 1,235,997**	**$ 1,105,700**	**$ 1,012,994**
Expenses			
5000 Compensation	1,014,264	879,851	784,541
5100 Employee Expense	96,650	111,000	92,338
5200 Staff Development	29,700	3,650	9,758
5300 Board Expense	1,000	1,000	905
5400 Administration	80,629	70,065	94,154
5700 Program Expenses	13,500	12,350	34,158
5900 Church Properties			6,702
Other Expenses			121,660
Total Expenses	**$ 1,235,743**	**$ 1,077,916**	**$ 1,144,216**
Net Income	**$ 254**	**$ 27,784**	**$ (131,222)**

2025-2026 Budget Notes

Expenses increased from 2024-2025 budget by approximately $149,000. A majority of the increase is the addition of Women in Ministry. It also includes an increase in Pastoral Care resources and a 3.5% increase in compensation for all staff.

5100 Employee Expense and 5200 Staff Development look different from the prior budget because of a change in accounting for employee travel.

2023-2024 Actual Other Expenses were for construction of the Anderson House and Church Planting Grants using funds raised in prior years.

The overall budget includes a use of reserves in the 01 General Fund of $9,000. Reserves are adequate for this purpose.

2025 Conference Action Items

- Approval of the 2025-2026 district budget
- Election of members to the district Board of Directors
- Acceptance of church

2025 Board of Directors Nominees

***Jennifer Kvamme**

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Jorge Osorio

I have been married to my wife, Chandra, for 17 years, and we have the privilege of raising our four children together. I am currently serving at Hope Evangelical Free Church of Monticello, MN, as their Lead pastor. I graduated from Bethel University with a BA in organizational leadership and I am pursuing my Master of Divinity at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. When the weather allows, I enjoy playing soccer and going for prayer walks. I also enjoy reading, traveling, and exploring new places and cultures.

** Currently serving; eligible for another term*

Church for Membership

South Cities Church, Burnsville

In 1871, the First Swedish Baptist Church was planted. The church thrived among the Scandinavian population that lived in Minneapolis, even meeting the immigrant trains arriving into the city to welcome the influx of newcomers to Midwest America.

First Swedish's building burned to the ground in 1886, which led to their purchase of a thirteen year-old building located at Bethlehem Baptist's current location of 13th Ave & 8th Street South.

By the end of World War II in 1945, decreased Swedish immigration to America and second and third generation immigrants transitioning to English-speaking churches led First Swedish Baptist Church to change its name to Bethlehem Baptist Church.

By 1980, Bethlehem was a smaller, older congregation of faithful saints. Many of the elderly members lived in the suburbs and drove into the city for church. It was at this time that the pastoral search committee decided to call Dr. John Piper as Bethlehem's new pastor.

God blessed the church under Pastor John's leadership. Bethlehem continued to grow over the next thirty years as her people sought to fulfill the mission statement adopted in the mid-90s—"to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ." When Piper retired from the pastorate in 2013, Bethlehem had launched two additional campuses. The North Campus was established in Mounds View in 2003.

And in 2006, the South Campus began meeting in Burnsville High School with a vision to spread a passion for God and joy in Jesus to the cities south of the Minnesota River.

In 2015, the Lord provided the South Campus a piece of land on Kenrick Avenue in Lakeville, MN to establish a permanent building. In September 2018 Bethlehem South Campus held its first worship service in our current facility. Soon after, Bethlehem's elders began feeling the Lord leading us toward greater contextualization and campus specificity, which led the elders to recommend that the three campuses become three separate, autonomous churches. In 2022, the congregation affirmed the recommendation of the elders, and on December 1, 2022, South Cities Church was born.

Today, South Cities Church exists "as a family in Christ to love God, love our neighbors, and make disciples of all peoples" in the south cities of the metro area. Our prayer is that we would be marked by our desire to meet with the living God, be transformed by his word, and to desire all the gifts he would have for us. We are so excited by the prospect of partnering together with other like-minded churches in the North Central District to further the cause of Christ. We love the things that make us distinct as a church, but even more, we love the thing that we have in common with every other faithful church; the gospel of Jesus. It's our hope that affiliating with the EFCA will be a blessing to South Cities, and that we will be able to bless our brothers and sisters in our family of churches. We're glad to be in this together!

Sample NCD Conference Ballot

Ballot for Approval of 2025-2026 Budget

_____yes _____ no

Board of Directors (3-Year Term, affirm 2 total)

*Jennifer Kvamme _____yes _____ no

Jorge Osorio _____yes _____ no

** Currently serving; eligible for another term*

Acceptance of New NCD Church (voice vote)

South Cities Church, Burnsville

Pastor Clusters, Youth Worker Networks and Credentialing Discussion Groups

Alexandria area, Lake Community,
3rd Tuesday, Bob Satterlie,
calfree@loretel.net

Balaton, Skandia EFC,
3rd Thursday, Noon, Ryan Petersen,
rpeterse2002@yahoo.com
Scott Barber, scottbarber@graceonline.net

Brainerd Area, Lakewood EFC,
3rd Thursday,11:00 am Matt Nagle,
mnagel@lefc.mail.com

Buffalo, Wright Cty, Buffalo EFC,
3rd Tuesday, 9:00 am, Mike Hellum,
pastormike@delanoefc.org

East Metro, Tamarack Taproom, Woodbury,
1st Thursday, noon, Henry Williams,
hwilliams@fiveoakschurch.org

Hwy 169, Princeton EFC,
2nd Tuesday, noon, John Patnode,
pastorjohnpefc@gmail.com

I-35 North, North Branch,
3rd Tuesday, 11:30 am, Josh Jensen,
pastorjoshjensen@gmail.com

Latino Ministries
As needed

Metro Urban, varied location,
3rd Wednesday, 10:00 am
Bryan Lair, bryan@trinitycitychurch.org

Northland – Duluth; bi-annually,
Brian Farone, brian.farone@ncdefca.org

North Metro, Rusty Cow Family Restaurant,
Circle Pines, 11:30 am, David Van Acker,
davidjvanacker@gmail.com

NW – Bemidji EFC, 3rd Tuesday – odd months, 11:30 am, Mark Johnson,
mark@calvarybagley.com

NW Metro -2nd Wednesday, rotating churches, Randy Discher,
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Olivia area, Olivia area, 3rd Thursday, noon,
Kelley Johnson, Kelley.johnson@ncdefca.org

Rochester, Calvary Cmty, 2nd Wednesday,
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South Central, Christ CC, Waseca;
4th Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 am, Nate Palmer,
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South Metro, Crosspoint, Bloomington;
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Additional Clusters & Networks

Children's Ministry Network
Various Location, 1st Monday,
Feb, May, Aug, Oct.
Glenn Olson, glennolson@me.com

Executive Pastor/Business Admin Network, Zoom, quarterly, Jeff Piehl
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New Lead Pastors, monthly,
Brian Farone, brian.farone@ncdefca.org

Pastoral Residents, monthly,
Frank Lanier, frank.lanier@ncdefca.org

Worship Leaders Network, Trinity City Church, St. Paul: 2nd Thursday, 10:00 am,
Micah Anderson, micah@ssefc.org

Licensing Discussion Groups

Online: Google Meet; 2nd Thursday,
1:00 – 3:00 pm, Joel Newberg
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Southwest: Plaid Moose Coffee Shop,
Slayton; 3rd Thursday, 9:00 am,
Ryan Petersen Rpeterse2002@yahoo.com
Scott Barber, scottbarber@graceonline.net

Women's Theology & Licensing Cohort
NCD Office, Oakdale;
2nd Thursday, 10:00 am – noon
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Coley Waataja, coley@antiochcommunity.org

Ordination Peer Discussion Group
Google Meet; 3rd Thursday,
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Dave Bliss, dave.bliss@ncdefca.org

Youth Worker Networks

Central: Grounds on the Green,
Cokato, 2nd Thursday, 10:00 AM-Noon
Kyle Morton, kyle@albionfreechurch.org
Bracston Siemens, bracston@buffalofree.org

Metro East: Hope Church,
Oakdale; 3rd Thursday, 9:30-11:30 AM
Zach Boardman,
Zachary.boardman@hopechurchoakdale.com

Metro West: New Hope Church, New Hope; 1st Thursday, 9:30-11:30 AM
Jennifer Kvamme, jennifer@cefc.net

North Central: Lakewood EFC, Baxter;
3rd Monday, 9:30 am - Noon Jordan Erickson , jerickson@lefcmail.com

North East: Rock Hill, Duluth;
2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
Josh Drury, josh@rockhillcc.org

North Metro: Living Hope Church, East Bethel,; 3nd Thursday, 8:30 am –12:30
Lon Bjonrud, lonbjornrud@gmaii.com

North West: Pray to start in the future

South East: Calvary EFC, Rochester;
2nd Monday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Scott Owens, scott@faithchurchaustin.org
John Chaco, jchaco@calvaryfree.church

South West: Marshall EFC;
4th Thursday, 9:30 am – noon
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1. God We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

2. The Bible We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

3. The Human Condition We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

4. Jesus Christ We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

5. The Work of Christ We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

6. The Holy Spirit We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

7. The Church We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

8. Christian Living We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

9. Christ's Return We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

10. Response and Eternal Destiny We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

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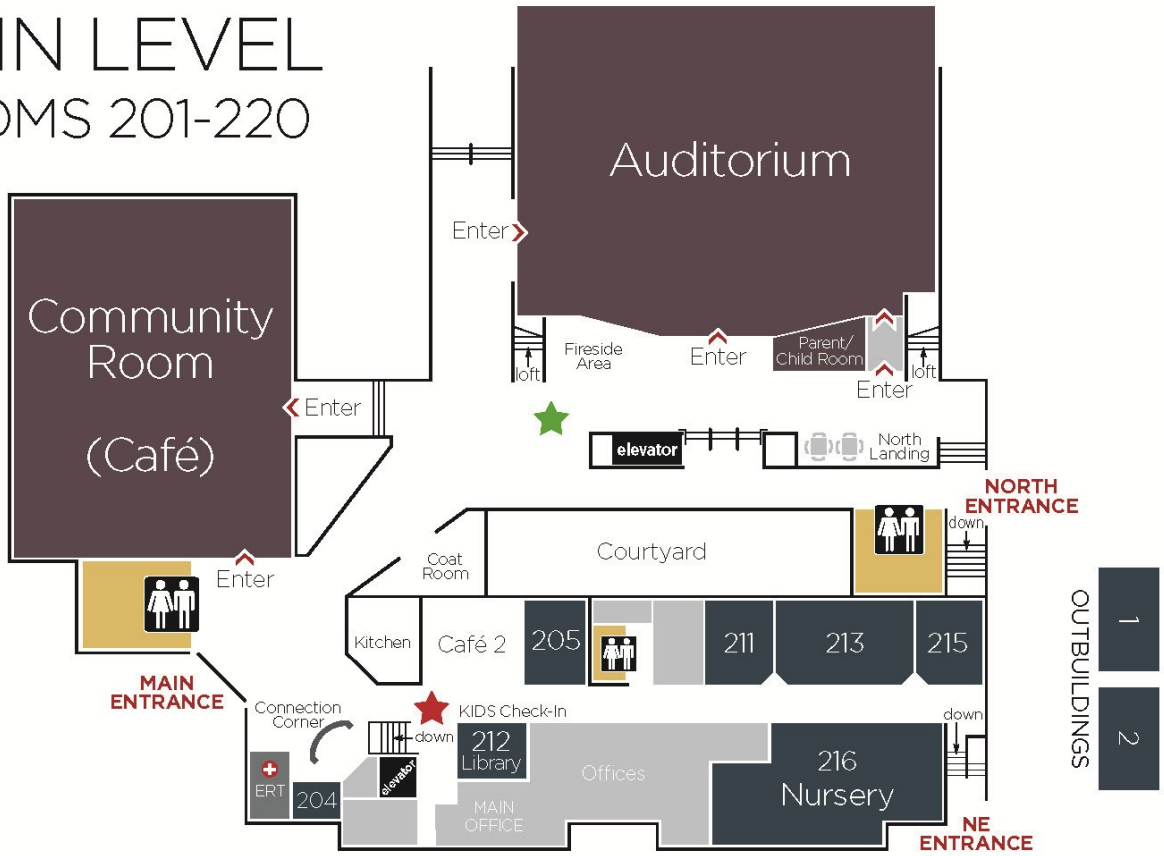

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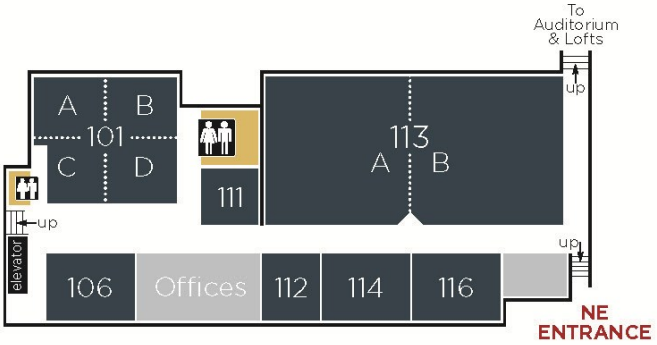

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