

Featured Story

A Faith Formation Story: Where the Corn Grows Loud

Do you have an unforgettable story about your faith formation in God's world? Faith is caught more than taught. Faith is passed on from one person to another. Grandparents, parents and friends are uniquely positioned to both teach by what they do and what they say.

David Zellmer, former bishop of South Dakota, shares a powerful experience. When he was twelve years old, his very quiet German grandfather took him out to the Iowa cornfields in the middle of the night and taught him something about vocation and faith that has stuck with him ever since. In this short video Zellmer shares an experience he had with his grandfather that shaped his thinking about faith and our callings in life.



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Rural Ministry Community Spotlight

Meet Keith Newman the Director of Shalom Hill Farm

Doing work in the Windom MN area and leading Shalom Hill Farm, Keith's mission is "Educating and advocating on behalf of small-town and rural culture, community, ministry, God's creation, the common good, and providing a place of retreat and renewal for groups and individuals."

This retreat center hosted two group of students from Luther seminary this summer. We are grateful for the experience and Keith's leadership.



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Faith Formation opens our eyes to God's work in our lives and communities.

If you are thinking about ministry, a new minister, deacon or pastor or deep in your service in small town and rural congregations and communities... which of these action steps would grow you and your ministry?

1 Crash Course On Church History

Understand Church History and Theology More Deeply.

A course for you to do or invite few people to join you in as you grow leaders to multiply ministry. Support others on their spiritual growth journey, when you embrace the past to transform the future with a 'Crash Course' on Church History.

Learn More

2 You've Been Asked To Preach, Now What?

Preaching - Review, Renew or Apprentice Lay Preachers.

This could be the course for you or it may be a course to invite two or three leaders to join you in so that you develop apprentice preachers for your congregation(s) and others

Learn More

3 Storied Faith: Listening To God Through Story

Developing as a StoryTeller and Developing Others.

This unique course seeks to foster cultural sensitivity, adaptability, and the transformative power of storytelling for ministry entrepreneurs to engage with a variety of audiences.

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News Corner

Speaking Events

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Aug. 20-27 – The Rural-Urban Divide or Interdependence
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN

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Sept. 17 – Rural, Urban, Suburban Ministry – How Do We Love
Our Neighbors in Rural Contexts Better
St. Michael's Lutheran, Roseville MN

News In The Community

The Moses Project of Grandview College

Do you know about the work of Grandview College in their program called The Moses Project? Learn more about this program that is designed to help pastors build relationships with and learn from experienced clergy who will guide them through challenges at critical, transitional phases in their ministerial career.

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Prayer Requests

We learned this week that Dr. C. Dean Freudenberger who taught Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary died. Read Luther Seminary's thoughts for Pres. Steinke.

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A Special Thanks

“Thanks for all you do to support small town and rural leaders, communities and congregations as we follow Jesus into God's preferred and promised future.”

Pr. Jon Anderson – Director for Rural Ministry Luther Seminary



Tips For Spiritual Practices

Faith Formation

with Intergenerational Relationships

In the intricate tapestry of our lives, faith finds its unique path to flourishing. For some, faith emerges suddenly, akin to a burst of light that illuminates their journey. However, for the majority of us, faith is a gradual and steady progression, like the rhythmic footsteps of a traveler on a winding road.

This journey is profoundly enriched within the intergenerational relationships that bind families together – the connections between parents and children, and grandparents and grandchildren.

Faith+Lead has a website full of spiritual practices that you can use and share. Access a page full of resources.

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- 1 Bible Story Time** – Find an age appropriate Bible and read the stories as part of your bedtimes. Listen to their questions. Sometimes these little ones God uses to grow and encourage faith.
- 2 Bedtime Prayers – High & Low Prayer Concerns** – Taking time to hear the high and low of your grandchildren's day is powerful. You often learn things that remind you of the amazing minds and hearts of children. Pray with them, for their concerns, and for them in informal ways.

Enriching Faith Through Generations: Unlock Intergenerational Relationship Building with our upcoming eBook.

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We're currently working an ebook that shares more ways you might use the above tips and others, like intergenerational relationship-building and faith-formation tips. Subscribe to our rural mailing list to be one of the 1st notified once it's released.

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