



Marriage Enrichment

The Commission on Adult Discipleship remains committed to helping congregation leaders help married couples apply the means of grace to their marriage. Favorable responses indicate the need for and appreciation of this ministry. Dozens of pastors were trained to use the 2011 marriage enrichment event, “Sticky Marriage,” and more will be trained to use the 2012 event, “Distracted Marriage.” Our District hosted the “Distracted Marriage” WELS Marriage Enrichment Weekend in San Diego, CA in April. If you would be interested in arranging to have an Enrichment Weekend in your area, please contact us.

Christ’s Love, Our Calling: True Riches (CLOC – Year 3)

Materials for year three of our CLOC four-year stewardship emphasis are now available on the synod Connect site. The materials focus on finances (treasure). Seven weeks’ worth of materials under the theme of Jesus’ words from Luke 16:11 (“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?) are available to teach how we are to use our earthly gifts for heavenly gain:

- Week 1 – Called to Be Free
- Week 2 – Called to Give Our Best to God
- Week 3 – Called to Give for the Needs of Family
- Week 4 – Called to Give for the Needs of Our Neighbors
- Week 5 – Called to Give to the Body of Christ
- Week 6 – Called to Be Content
- Week 7 – Called to Live Within Our Means

Year three handles the necessary discussion of finances with a scripturally solid series of sermons and Bible studies. Through the lessons of God’s Word, our congregations grow in sanctified maturity and understanding. Year three also includes unique liturgical settings for each week and a suggestion for a children’s sermon to complement each sermon. A supporting Sunday school curriculum that pairs the week’s lessons will round out each morning’s focus (*adapted from the CLOC Team 3 “Introduction”*).

WELS Internet Bible Study

Pastor Don Patterson concluded an online Bible study on *The Life of Joseph, son of Jacob* last month. That study can be found at www.livestream.com/welsadultdiscipleship, where past studies are also archived, and from where future online studies will be streamed. In early fall, Professor Paul Wendland will lead a study of Romans (dates TBD). Typically a study contains three parts: a lecture session by the presenter, opportunities for each local congregation to work on their own on application questions or to explore points more fully, and responses by the presenter to questions and comments submitted by participants via instant messaging. To participate, congregations will need a computer hooked to a high speed internet connection. For an ideal presentation, they should have a projector and a sound amplification system. Please direct questions to Pastor Tom Kock. thomasdkock@gmail.com

School of Adult Bible Study

Most of the pastors in our District have been able to participate in the first phase of the School of Adult Bible Study, a continuing education course for pastors in the area of leading Bible study. The second phase is currently under development. It will be a two-day active learning workshop for teachers and lay leaders of adult Bible study. It is a follow-up 7-session, 10-hour course. The CAD is working together with the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College education departments to provide the best available practices for teaching adult Bible studies. The hope is to have this second phase available in early 2013.

Road to Emmaus Sequels

Dave Kehl (CAD), John Braun (NPH), Paul Hartman (BWM), and Mike Hintz (COE) are continuing to develop two sequels to the *Road to Emmaus*. As with the first DVD, Boettcher-Trinklein (BT Media) will produce the project. One DVD will be on the meaning of the Kingdom of God (Jesus' teaching from Easter to Pentecost); the second will be Pentecost to Revelation (the church on earth and what we are to do). A five-session Bible study and discussion guide is currently available to accompany the existing *Road to Emmaus* DVD.

Women's Ministry Committee (WMC)

The WMC continues to gather and post Bible studies and women's ministry resources and ideas at www.welswomen.net. If your congregation doesn't yet have a contact person to help establish and maintain a network for the WMC, please consider finding a willing representative to serve in this capacity. The WMC is beginning to plan the next Women's Leadership Conference, scheduled to take place July 19-20, 2013, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Continuing Education

Plans are in the works for this year's Discipleship Workshop, which will be held in the Fall. Last year's workshop was graciously hosted by CLHS, and if possible, the hope would be to make similar arrangements again this year. Professor Ken Cherney of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has been asked to serve as this year's keynote speaker. The workshop theme and other details continue to be worked out and will be made available as soon as they are finalized.

On Monday and Tuesday, October 29-30, Pastor Jim Huebner will be presenting a seminar at Reformation Lutheran Church (San Diego, CA) on the topic of the Four "Knows" of Ministry: Know your Bible, your people, your community, and yourself. The presentation, a full day on Monday and a half day on Tuesday, will consist of 4 sessions of about three hours each, with breaks in between. Cost and other necessary information will be publicized as it becomes available.

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