

Upcoming PI Information

Pastor Jon Schroeder, who serves at Faith in Sharpsburg, GA, will be leading a Pastors' Institute at Christ the Vine Lutheran Church in Temecula, CA next month (11/3, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; 11/4, 9:00 a.m.-noon). He will be presenting on a variety of topics, including leadership, worship, and bearing the cross in the congregation. The cost is \$50, which can be paid at the time of the PI. If you will be attending, please contact Aaron Boehm to confirm (text: [619] 318-5388; email: aarondb@hotmail.com).

Grace, Glendale will again be offering its Pastors' Institute on January 19-20, 2014, 9:00- 5:00 p.m. on Monday, and 9:00 - noon on Tuesday. Prof. E. Allen Sorum will be presenting "Teaching Christian Leadership in Congregations." The cost is \$75. Contact Dave Clark with questions: pastorclark@graceglendale.org.

Small Group Ministry

Whether you have existing small group Bible studies or are interested in taking steps toward implementing them in your congregation, helpful resources are available. In addition to materials that can be used in connection with the *Road to Emmaus* and *Come Follow Me* DVDs, there are also accompanying resources available for past Marriage Enrichment events. Contact Pastor Michael Johnson at Michael.s.johnson84@gmail.com for more information.

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Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend

Have you or married couples in your congregation benefited from WELS Marriage Enrichment Weekends? These Friday through Sunday events have helped couples develop habits and practices to keep sticking together by applying the grace of God to their relationship. By conducting these events, the CAD not only serves pastors and wives in their own marriages, but it also provides pastors who attend valuable resources for enriching the marriages in their churches.

In addition to the annual San Diego Marriage Enrichment Weekend, which takes place at the end of April each year, a NoCal Enrichment Weekend is also currently in the works, which may end up being hosted in April as well. If you would like to assist in setting up a WELS Marriage Enrichment Weekend in the Phoenix or Las Vegas areas, please contact Aaron Boehm. Check back periodically on the WELS AZ/CA Marriage Enrichment Facebook page for more details about upcoming Enrichment Weekends in our district.

Women's Ministry Committee

The materials from www.welswomen.net have been transitioned to www.wels.net/women (on the synod Web site). Resources for women's bible studies and "Advent by Candlelight" are available as free downloads from the site. The Congregational Ministries Team continues to network women in the districts who are involved in their congregation's women's ministry programs in order to gather ideas and share information. A monthly mailing goes out to over 1,000 people highlighting updates and resources available through the website. Speakers on women's ministry are available through the committee to help congregations better serve and be served by the majority of their communicant membership.