

Upcoming PI Information

On Monday and Tuesday, October 29-30, Pastor Jim Huebner will be presenting a Pastors' Institute 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. The cost is \$50 per participant. Contact Aaron Boehm for more information.

Grace, Glendale will be offering its Pastors' Institute on January 21-22. WLS Professor Paul Wendland will be making a presentation on the doctrine of vocation. The cost is \$75. Contact Dave Clark with questions: pastorclark@graceglendale.org.

Road to Emmaus Sequels.

Dave Kehl (CAD), John Braun (NPH), Paul Hartman (BWM) and Mike Hintz (COE) are now developing three sequels to the *Road to Emmaus*. As with the first DVD, Boettcher-Trinklein (BT Media) is assisting with these projects. The first sequel follows events from Easter to Pentecost and features Peter with Jesus as he struggles to understand the kingdom of God. The script is close to its final revisions and filming could begin this winter. The second sequel script follows Paul's mission trip to Philippi to emphasize the gospel is for all. A "prequel" is also now being conceived to begin with Jesus' birth featuring Mary who takes us through the story to completion with Jesus' death and resurrection. Studies and other resources will also be developed for the sequels.

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WELS Internet Bible study

A number of live internet Bible studies have been offered, being led by a variety of pastors or professors (Seminary President Paul Wendland just completed a six-lesson study of Romans 1-8). Typically these studies contain three aspects: lecture sessions by the presenter, opportunities for each local congregation to work on their own application questions or to explore points more fully, and responses by the presenter to questions and comments submitted by participants via instant messaging. Participation requires a computer with high speed internet connection, a video projector, and a sound amplification system. Videos of past studies are also archived in Livestream if you'd like to use them in a classroom setting. If you have questions about the studies, please direct them to Pastor Tom Kock, thomasdkock@gmail.com or Pastor Marty Mielke, pastormielke@verizon.net.

Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend

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 and appreciation for this ministry. The 2011 and 2012 marriage enrichment events ("Sticky Marriage" and "Distracted Marriage," respectively) were offered in our district. The next marriage enrichment & getaway weekend is being offered in our district on April 26-28 in San Diego. Efforts are being made to bring the cost down so that more couples will be able to attend. Information for that event will be posted on the "WELS SoCal Marriage Enrichment Weekend" Facebook page, as well as www.socalwels.com, so check both sites periodically. If there is interest in offering the event elsewhere in the district, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to arrange it.