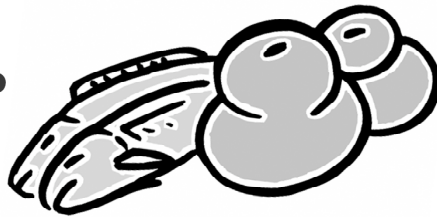


S T E W A R D S H I P
God Gives



We Care. We Share.



JULY 10 - 12, 2008 • ROANOKE COLLEGE – SALEM, VIRGINIA

Congregational leaders will find Power in the Spirit
nourishes them as they embrace the challenges of ministry.

Sponsored by the Virginia Synod, ELCA in partnership with Roanoke College,
Office of Church Relations, Center for Religion and Society.

Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 10

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Registration , Colket Center
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch , Sutton Commons
1:30 p.m.	Opening Worship , Olin Theater
2:30 p.m.	Orientation, Introductions
3:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker
3:45 p.m.	Break
4:15 p.m.	Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Dinner , Sutton Commons
7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship, Eucharist

FRIDAY, JULY 11

7:15 a.m.	Breakfast , Sutton Commons
8:20 a.m.	Gathering Hymns , Olin Theater
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions A
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch , Sutton Commons
1:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions B
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions C
5:00 p.m.	ACTS Reunion Meal
5:30 p.m.	Dinner , Sutton Commons
7:00 p.m.	Special Program , Olin Theater
8:00 p.m.	Reception , Olin Gallery
9:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer

SATURDAY, JULY 12

7:15 a.m.	Prayer Around the Cross , Antrim Chapel (continental breakfast to follow)
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast , Sutton Commons
8:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions D
10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker
11:30 a.m.	Closing Worship

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On Sundays, we often pray, “O Lord our God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself to us, Jesus Christ our Lord.” It would be difficult to find a better or briefer theology of stewardship, but “God Gives! We Care. We Share,” the theme of the 2008 Power in the Spirit gathering, is just such an attempt.

This gathering will be devoted to stewardship in its widest scope: how we share the gifts of God in our various callings — as members of families, as workers, as citizens and volunteers, as members of the church, and as inhabitants of God’s beautiful, and increasingly fragile, creation. We are called to become channels of God’s care in the world. Whether we are ten-talent or one-talent Christians, we are beckoned by God to invest and share those talents – as well as our time and money — for the good of God’s beloved creation. In this time together, we will explore the many facets of that caring and sharing.

Keynote Speaker

REV. CHARLES R. LANE has been a pastor for more than 30 years. He has served congregations in Butler, Penn., and Fridley and Wadena, Minn. He also served for nine years as assistant to the bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. In this capacity, he worked with congregations in the areas of leadership, evangelism, call process, long-range planning, and leadership support. Pastor Lane is the author of *Ask, Thank, Tell*, a book on congregational stewardship ministry published by Augsburg Fortress in January of 2006. Pastor Lane is Director for Stewardship Key Leaders, a ministry of the ELCA that assists congregations with capital giving and annual stewardship programs.

Keynote Presentations

God Gives! We Care. We Share.

In this session, we will explore these phrases and what scripture has to say about each of them, including cautions for 21st century American Christians.

Money and Faith

The New Testament consistently connects our faith with how we use the money God has entrusted to us. Our faith impacts our use of money. Our use of money impacts our faith. This session will recognize money and possessions as very important aspects of stewardship.

Bible Leader

REV. ANDREA DEGROOT-NESDAHL is Bishop Emerita of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA. She served as bishop from 1995-2007 and was previously assistant to the bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod. She has served more than 30 years in ordained ministry, including parish ministry and service as a hospital chaplain where she led grief support groups. Currently, she serves as interim senior pastor in Pierre, S.D., She is married to Gary Nesdahl, and they have three children and two grandchildren.

Bible Studies

Stewardship as Disciples of Jesus

Explore how the discipleship practices of service, prayer, and witness influence the stewardship of our lives. How do our congregations teach and encourage these aspects of stewardship. Based on a study of Mark 1:29-45.

Workshops

Workshops will be held during four concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday. Please choose one workshop from each period and mark it on the second page of your registration form.

SESSION A CHOOSE ONE.

A1 Family Ministry Care of Creation

Stewardship This workshop will help parents/grandparents/guardians to be better stewards of God's creation and will teach parents to be care-of-creation role models. We will explore how to care for God's world by recycling and by being aware of where we are, the resources we are using, and how the choices we make affect God's magnificent creation.

*Rev. Kelly Derrick, St. Philip, Roanoke
Diane Bayer*

A2 ACTS Acts!

Members of the ACTS community will showcase project ideas, highlighting ways to share God's word with others. Participants will see how ACTS is working in our synod by reaching small and large congregations.

Members of the ACTS community

A3 Conversations with the Keynote Speaker

This session will offer the opportunity for questions and conversation with Pastor Charles Lane.

Rev. Charles Lane, Director for Stewardship Key Leaders, ELCA

A4 Lifting Up the Word Visually

A liturgical arts workshop exploring the visual aspects of worship. How can a congregation visually express the word and worship emphasis for a Sunday or season. Possible biblical texts will be examined, giving the participant ideas and inspiration for creating liturgical art.

*Rev. Ray Blansett
Vickie DeVilbiss, Celebration Art, Annapolis*

A5 Charitable Giving: How To Make a Difference by Giving Back

Stewardship This new interactive workshop will spotlight ways to share time, talent, and treasure. Developed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, this workshop highlights everything from volunteer opportunities to financial tools that may actually increase your giving capability. You'll also find out how to leave a financial legacy that will provide help for your congregation or other organization far into the future.

Staff from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

A6 Greening Your Congregation

Stewardship Explore ways to incorporate care for creation into every aspect of congregational life, including worship, education, building and grounds, and energy consumption. Learn what congregations in Virginia are doing to improve their ecological footprints. Lutheran take-home resources, including "how-to" manuals, will be available from www.webofcreation.org.

*Rebekah Paulson, Chair, Virginia Synod Stewardship of Life Committee and Luther Memorial's CreationCare Committee
Jan David Tobias, Coordinator, Lutheran Disaster Response—Virginia, and Director for Church Partnerships, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia*

SESSION B CHOOSE ONE.

B1 Teaching Generosity from Six Months to 60 Years of Age, Part I

Stewardship This two-part workshop will feature how generosity is taught from childhood through mature adulthood. All along life's journey of faith, we are continuing to grow in our understanding of how God uses us for God's purposes. How is this concept imparted from one person to another and from one generation to another? Participants are encouraged to attend both sessions.

Rev. Cathy Mims, Associate Pastor, Good Shepherd, Virginia Beach, and Roots and Wings Committee

Cary Mangus, Virginia Synod Shared Stewardship Staff

B2 Meditation Chapel

Make time for prayer and reflection as you visit the meditation chapel in Smoyer Gallery of Olin Hall.

Coordinated by Vickie DeVilbiss and Rev. Ray Blansett

B3 Christian Companionship

Sooner or later, many of us find ourselves as caregivers to family or friends in need. We care for sick children, aging parents, mentally or terminally ill relatives and friends, and others. This workshop will address ways that Christians can become companions and support those who are caregivers and those who are experiencing loss. Participants will explore questions such as, "How can we walk with folks who are caregivers? How can we serve as 'little Christs' to those in pain?"

Rev. Cynthia Long-Lasher, Christ, Staunton

B4 Anthems With Options: How Can We Adjust?

This workshop will explore ways to account for missing tenors, hoarse sopranos, or absent choir members. We will look at methods for adapting anthems for choirs with "missing parts."

Kevin Barger, Director of Music Ministry, Epiphany, Richmond

B5 Prayer Beads

An introduction to the art form of making prayer beads, a tangible reminder of the importance of prayer in our lives. Each prayer bead piece will have special meaning and bring reverence to the time you spend in conversation with God. You'll also learn about the meanings of colors, numbers, and types of stones used in your creation.

Materials fee: \$15.

Peggy Malzi Bizjak, Peace, Charlottesville

B6 My Life, My Plan: Creating a Life Plan Based on Your Values

Stewardship This seminar helps individuals at any stage of life to answer the question, "So, what do you want to do with your life." It challenges people to think about who they are, what they are doing, and what they want to accomplish in life. The process helps participants to create and carry out a plan for their lives that incorporates their personal and financial values.

Staff from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

B7 Wise Steward of Time

Stewardship As much as we would like, we can't find more time — it's a finite and diminishing resource. However, we can learn to spend time wisely. Join us as we explore ways to be God's disciples of our time, as well as our talents and treasures.

Rev. Angela Jennings, St. Luke, Culpeper

B8 Asset-Based Ministry

Stewardship This workshop explores the resources available to assist your congregation in identifying its strengths and passions and how to process these passions into an exciting ministry and mission.

*Rev. Chip Gunsten, Assistant to the Bishop, Virginia Synod
Jackie Bourque, ELCA Mission Interpreter, Virginia Synod*

SESSION C CHOOSE ONE.

c1 Teaching Generosity from Six Months to 60 Years of Age, Part II

Stewardship See description under Session B.

c2 Meditation Chapel

Make time for prayer and reflection as you visit the meditation chapel in Smoyer Gallery of Olin Hall.

Coordinated by Vickie DeVilbiss and Rev. Ray Blansett

c3 Laura Lu Scherer Copenhaver: The Faithful Activist

Stewardship A broad-minded woman of deep faith, Mrs. Copenhaver was part of a family that exercised enormous influence in the Lutheran church for decades. Closer to home, she used her business acumen and artistic sensibilities to empower the economically distressed in southwest Virginia. She also befriended the talented author, Sherwood Anderson, who later became her son-in-law. Through an illustrated lecture, you will learn more about this complex woman who was equally at home in conventional and unconventional circles.

Katherine O. Foreman, Vice President, Advancement, Blue Ridge PBS

c4 Speaking Up and Speaking Out for Children and Families: Kitchen-Table Advocacy for People Who Aren't Quite Sure What Advocacy Is

Stewardship You've been a member of your church, helping out in many ways to improve the lives of children and families. Join Lutheran Family Services and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy to learn about Virginia children and families and to find out how you can impact the way Virginia creates public policy through "spirited advocacy." You'll learn about the rich resources offered through the ELCA, LFS, and the Virginia Interfaith Center. Take home the Kitchen Table Toolkit, tips and information to help you speak knowledgeably on housing, health care, sustainable living through increased wages, protection of children's rights, and other issues.

Julie Swanson, CEO, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia

c5 Youth Can Be Stewards, Too: Using Spiritual Gift Inventories To Get Youth Involved

Stewardship This workshop will present a bible study about our call from God and a spiritual gift inventory that can be used with youth and young adults in discernment of vocation. Additionally KYAC students will share their service experiences through study abroad, spring break trips, and campus organizations.

Leslie Scanlon, Keeping Young Adults Connected (KYAC)

c6 Getting One's House in Order

Stewardship Preparing a will is most important in this process. Before signing on the dotted line or packing the will away in a safe place, it is equally important to make certain property outside the will is either compliant with one's wishes as stated in the will or accurately represents what one otherwise desires. Including a bequest for ministry, one cannot only make a difference in the lives of others, the action also can teach others to give.

Rev. George Sims, Mission Office for Planned Giving, ELCA

c7 Worship Planning for Advent

Reflect on the seasonal texts and themes. Consider hymns, décor, and special emphases appropriate for Advent. Review resources to assist in planning for a meaningful season of worship.

Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Bishop Emerita, South Dakota Synod, ELCA

SESSION D CHOOSE ONE.

D1 Meditation Chapel

Make time for prayer and reflection as you visit the meditation chapel in Smoyer Gallery of Olin Hall.

Coordinated by Vickie DeVilbiss and Rev. Ray Blansett

D2 Survivors of Suicide

Those who grieve a loved one's death by suicide are survivors. Discuss the circle of grief that accompanies this experience and learn about signs of recovery and hope.

Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Bishop Emerita, South Dakota Synod, ELCA

D3 Stewardship of Recreation: Stewards at Play

Stewardship Care of God's creation includes self-care of body, mind, and spirit . . . therefore we are called as children of God to play, to experience the recreation of the spirit, to build up the body. Not just a conversation about exercise of physical activity, we will explore the theology and experience the physiology of play — for children of God of all ages and recreational interests.

Rev. Chip Gunsten, Assistant to the Bishop, Virginia Synod

D4 Giving Beyond the Offering Plate

Stewardship This presentation illustrates a variety of ways gift can be made to enhance ministries of the church and other charities. Among such gifts are life income agreements, which can benefit the donor with payments for life before strengthening ministry in the future.

Rev. George Sims, Mission Office for Planned Giving

D5 Exploring the ELW

Our new hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is full of new and unfamiliar hymns that can enliven and energize any worship service. Come learn some new songs to teach your congregation. Let's make a joyful noise.

Bill Huber, Choir Director, Ebenezer, Marion

D6 Are You Considering a Capital Appeal?

Stewardship This workshop is for members of congregations who are considering a capital appeal in the future. Learn about important steps to take, questions to ask, and mistakes to avoid.

Rev. Charles Lane, Director for Stewardship key Leaders, ELCA

D7 Greening Your Life

Stewardship Tread lightly on the earth and save money, too. Learn how to live the life of a good steward. Explore your ecological footprint and find out how you can make a difference toward caring for God's creation.

Rebekah Paulson, Chair, Virginia Synod Stewardship for Life Committee and Luther Memorial's CreationCare Committee
Jan David Tobias, Coordinator, Lutheran Disaster Response—Virginia, and Director for Church Partnerships, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia

ACTS Electives

The Ambassadors Community for Theological Study elective program will begin on Wednesday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m. and continue through Thursday morning. Participants will join the Power in the Spirit program on Thursday afternoon. During session periods, ACTS participants will return to their electives. Students who have taken one core course or alumni who want to take additional electives are eligible.

ACTS1 WORSHIP

Worship Is Embodied Faith

Formed by God to be Christ's active body in the world, we are able to respond with lives marked by prayer and praise, love, and service. Wherever we find ourselves, individually or in community, our call is to embody Christ's redeeming work for all. Recommended textbooks are *Images of Baptism* by Maxwell Johnson (either Liturgical Training Publications, Chicago, or Liturgical press, Collegeville, Minn.), and *Liturgical Theology* by Simon Chan (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 2007).

Dr. Robert D. Hawkins, Leonora G. McClug Distinguished Professor of Worship and Music and Dean of Christ Chapel, LTSS

ACTS2 EVANGELISM

It's All About Mission and Evangelism – Not About Us

This year's focus on evangelism will center attention on what it means to be the people of God in mission and evangelism. The center of mission and evangelism is not the church, not the ELCA, not synodical or congregational expressions of the church. The center of mission and evangelism is God. The people of God giving glory to God, pointing to God, in this day, through our lives, and with our voices. The textbook will be *The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Contribution*, by Bliese and Van Gelder, Augsburg Fortress.

Dr. Philip Baker, professor of Missiology and Evangelism, LTSS

ACTS3 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As Long as You Live, You Learn; As Long as You Learn, You Live

We will explore ways to support faith learners/sharers from the cradle to the grave. We will study faith development, settings for learning (classroom, small groups, retreats), models, and resources. The textbook will be *Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear*, Augsburg Fortress.

Rev. Jean Bozeman, Assistant to the Bishop, Virginia Synod, and former Professor of Christian Education, LSTC

Other Information

Bookstore

The bookstore in the Pickle Lounge in Colket Student Center is provided by Augsburg Fortress. Shop for education and worship materials, devotional books, and bibles.

Contact

For questions, contact Elizabeth Smythe at (276) 783-5804 or esmythe24354@yahoo.com. Or contact Debbie Worley at the Virginia Synod Office at (540) 389-1000 or at worley@vasynod.org. More information is available at www.vasynod.org.

Meditation Center

Power in the Spirit is offering a meditation area dedicated to prayer and contemplation. This offering is coordinated by Vickie DeVilbiss and is located in the Smoyer Gallery of Olin Hall.

Music Packets

Music packets are available for \$10 each and contain a large selection of choral music.

Offerings

Two offerings will be received during Power in the Spirit and will be shared between the Roanoke College International Student Scholarship Fund and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for God's Global Barnyard.

*** SPECIAL OFFER!

The first 275 registrants will receive keynote speaker Chick Lane's book, *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation*. Based on biblical principles, Lane offers easy-to-follow steps for congregational leaders to strengthen their church's stewardship ministry.

Stewardship Scholarships

The Stewardship of Life Committee is offering scholarships of \$150. Registrants who pay in-full and attend two or more sessions on stewardship (identified with **Stewardship** in the session descriptions) will be given reimbursement checks after completing an evaluation of the classes and scholarship process. Indicate interest in a scholarship on the registration form.

Worship and Music

Worship and music is being coordinated by the Worship Team. Members are Terri Larsen (chair), Judy Smith, and Kevin Barger. Each worship service will feature a different team of gifted musicians from the Virginia Synod.

Accommodations

For participants who choose to stay off-campus rather than in the Roanoke College dormitories, we provide the following information on providers of local accommodations:

Baymont Inn, I-81, exit 141, (540) 562-2717

Quality Inn, I-81, exit 141, (800) 459-4949

Comfort Inn, I-81, exit 137, (540) 387-1600

Howard Johnson's, I-81, exit 137, (540) 389-7061

Holiday Inn Express, I-81, Exit 141, (540) 986-1000

Fairfield Inn, I-81, exit 146, (540) 362-4200

Registration

REGISTRANT CLERGY LAY FEMALE MALE

REGISTER EARLY!***

NAME _____ CONGREGATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I request a Stewardship of Life Committee scholarship (see page 10).

I will attend the ACTS Reunion Meal on Friday, July 11.

DORMITORY ACCOMMODATIONS SINGLE DOUBLE WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

NAME OF ROOMMATE (FOR DOUBLE ROOM) _____

Power in the Spirit Resident Package: \$215 \$ _____
Registration, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners

Power in the Spirit Commuter Package: \$160 \$ _____
Registration, two lunches, two dinners

ACTS*/Power in the Spirit Resident Package: \$300 \$ _____
Registration, three nights lodging, three breakfasts, two lunches, three dinners

ACTS*/Power in the Spirit Commuter Package: \$220 \$ _____
Registration, two lunches, three dinners

Power in the Spirit Golf Shirt \$ _____
 Men's Women's Red White Circle size: S / M / L / XL \$13.50, XXL \$16.50

Number of Music Packets _____ x \$10 \$ _____

Prayer Bead Workshop Materials: \$15 \$ _____


Late Registration Fee (after June 15): \$25 \$ _____

TOTAL FEES _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT PAYMENT CHECK PAYABLE TO THE VIRGINIA SYNOD CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD _____ CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE _____

 I require the following special assistance:

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Complete both sides of this form.

Send with payment to Virginia Synod; Power in the Spirit; P.O. Drawer 70; Salem, VA 24153.

Registration

REGISTRANT NAME _____

SESSION A (Select one.)

- A1 **Stewardship** *Family Ministry Care of Creation*
- A2 *ACTS Acts!*
- A3 *Conversations with the Keynote Speaker*
- A4 *Lifting Up the Word Visually*
- A5 **Stewardship** *Charitable Giving: How To Make a Difference by Giving Back*
- A6 **Stewardship** *Greening Your Congregation*

SESSION B (Select one.)

- B1 **Stewardship** *Teaching Generosity From Six Months to 60 Years of Age, Part I*
- B2 *Meditation Chapel*
- B3 *Christian Companionship*
- B4 *Anthems With Options: How Can We Adjust?*
- B5 *Prayer Beads*
- B6 **Stewardship** *My Life, My Plan: Creating a Life Based on Your Values*
- B7 **Stewardship** *Wise Steward of Time*
- B8 **Stewardship** *Asset-Based Ministry*

SESSION C (Select one.)

- C1 **Stewardship** *Teaching Generosity From Six Months to 60 Years of Age, Part II*
- C2 *Meditation Chapel*
- C3 **Stewardship** *Laura Lu Scherer Copenhaver: The Faithful Activist*
- C4 **Stewardship** *Speaking Up and Speaking Out for Children and Families: Kitchen-Table Advocacy*
- C5 **Stewardship** *Youth Can Be Stewards, Too: Using Spiritual Gift Inventories To Get Youth Involved*
- C6 **Stewardship** *Getting One's House in Order*
- C7 *Worship Planning for Advent*

SESSION D (Select one.)

- D1 *Meditation Chapel*
- D2 *Survivors of Suicide*
- D3 **Stewardship** *Stewardship of Recreation: Stewards at Play*
- D4 **Stewardship** *Giving Beyond the Offering Plate*
- D5 *Exploring the ELW*
- D6 **Stewardship** *Are You Considering a Capital Appeal?*
- D7 **Stewardship** *Greening Your Life*

ACTS ELECTIVES (ACTS electives begin on Wednesday, July 9).

- ACTS1 *Worship Is Embodied Faith*
- ACTS2 *It's All About Mission and Evangelism – Not Us*
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