

STEWARDSHOPS

Free Skill-based Workshops for Stewardship Leaders

**Are you striving to move from paying the bills to living the mission?
Are you looking for ways to improve stewardship efforts in your congregation?
Would you like to improve the connection between giving and discipleship?**

Free skill-based stewardship workshops will be offered in four churches around the Southwestern Washington Synod. All pastors, lay professionals, stewardship leaders, finance teams and future stewardship leaders are invited to attend these practical and experiential workshops. Each StewardShop will include a plenary session and question and answer time with Charles Lane, Stewardship consultant. In addition, each participant may choose to attend two of the six workshops offered at each location.

TO REGISTER: Please contact the Synod Office at **253.535.8300** or **email the congregation name, participant name(s) and email(s) to: swwsynod@plu.edu**. These no-cost workshops are sponsored by the Southwestern Washington Synod and the ELCA.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

- + Pastor Charles Lane, Director for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary, and author [Ask, Thank, Tell](#).
- + Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger, Synod Director for Evangelical Mission, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit of the ELCA
- + Pastor Jim Leistikow, Planned Giving Specialist of the Southwestern Washington Synod
- + Ms. Margie Fiedler, Vice President of Marketing, ELCA Mission Investment Fund
- + Ms. Carol Watson, SWWA Synod Stewardship and Mission Support Table
- + Pastor Sarah Roemer, Mission Interpreter

Help to bring life and energy to your congregation's stewardship program by registering now!

WHEN AND WHERE: (select one)

Thursday, August 25:	6-9pm	Silverdale Lutheran, Silverdale (<i>dinner included</i>)
Saturday, August 27:	9am-Noon	Mt Cross Lutheran, University Place (<i>snacks included</i>)
Sunday, August 28:	6-9pm	St. Andrew Lutheran, Vancouver (<i>dinner included</i>)
Monday, August 30:	6-9pm	Saron Lutheran, Hoquiam (<i>dinner included</i>)

For evening StewardShops, dinner will be served at 6pm.

Bio for Charles Lane, keynote and workshop descriptions on reverse side.



Pastor Charles Lane graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He served St. Mark Lutheran Church, Butler, PA; St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN; and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wadena, MN. He served as Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, from 1996-2005, and as Director for Stewardship Key Leader, ELCA, from 2005-2010. He currently serves as the Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pastor Lane is the author of [Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation](#), published by Augsburg Fortress in 2006, and the annual stewardship program *Walk with Jesus*, published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2006. He is also the author of several articles on stewardship.

Pastor Lane is married to Chris. They have two adult children who live in Minneapolis, MN.

Plenary Session with the Rev. Charles Lane – The Bible tells us that God is not only the source of all that is, God is the owner of all that is. We are stewards, that is, managers or caretakers of what God has entrusted to our care. When these two biblical teachings undergird congregational stewardship ministry, the focus shifts from getting enough money to pay the bills to creating opportunities for God's people to grow in their relationship with Jesus through generosity.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (Choose two of the following):

Ask

The Rev. Charles Lane

How does your congregation invite people to be generous stewards? This workshop will consider various practical ways to invite generosity, and also ways to encourage giving in a world of rapidly changing ways of handling and using money.

Thank

The Rev. Charles Lane

Most non-profit organizations devote considerable energy to thanking donors for their gifts. Many congregations devote little energy to thanking. This workshop will explore what congregations can learn from other non-profit organizations to strengthen how we thank people for their generosity.

Telling the Story of Your Congregation

The Rev. Sarah Roemer

Telling the story of giving and how God has blessed your congregation for mission and is at work in your member's lives can enhance your congregational stewardship ministry. Learn simple tips to grow the story-telling mission at your church for your fall stewardship plans, capital campaign or living out your stewardship on a daily basis in an active way.

Be Passionate: Developing Entrepreneurial Leaders

Developing "entrepreneurial leaders" in your congregation – people who initiate and take charge of ministries -- is a goal you can reach! Use the ideas in this workshop to develop and sustain leadership that passionately engages in God's mission in your congregation and the world.

More than Money: Fostering Accountability

"Accountability" is about money, certainly, but also about more than that. Accountability ensures trust, which ensures viability of your congregation as an instrument of God's mission. Although the focus is on financial accountability, the principles apply to other areas of congregational life as well.

Congregational Planning Giving Workshops Part 3

The Rev. Jim Leistikow

This is part 3 of Congregational Planned Giving Workshops. Participants will be introduced to several new planned giving resources. Resources available will include DVD, a PowerPoint featuring planned giving made simple, a Bible study suitable for 2-3 session adult class, and an overview of 18 effective practices used by congregations strong in planned giving.