

Philippians Conference

Saturday, November 23, 2024

8:30 am – 2 pm

Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS, in partnership with LCMS National Mission – Stewardship will host a ***Philippians Conference***. The conference will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, SWD Mission Executive and LCMS National Mission Stewardship Specialist. Dr. Meador co-authored the work *Stewardship for the Care of Souls and* has been part of LCMS National Mission – Stewardship since 2013.

What is a Philippians Conference? The workshop is based on Paul’s words in Philippians Chapter 1. In that chapter, and throughout the whole book of Philippians, we see how all the leadership of the congregation is working together in the realm of stewardship: Paul, Timothy, deacons, overseers and lay “partners in the Gospel” are all mentioned within just the first three verses.

The Philippians Conference gathers pastors and lay leaders from the congregational level to spend a day together looking at the theology and practice of stewardship. The goal of the event is to ground congregational stewardship on the solid foundation of Scripture and Confession. The session will also investigate the need for the local congregation to assess, strengthen and even change their local stewardship culture. The highlights of these events are that the congregation gets a fresh perspective on stewardship and leaves the event with one or two action items to put into practice immediately.

Who Should Attend?

- Pastors – This is critical since the teaching of stewardship is part of the whole counsel of God.
- Elders and other elected leaders - Stewardship is a spiritual and pastoral care issue.
- Other members of the congregation – EVERY human being is a steward by virtue of Creation and every child of God is a steward of the Gospel by virtue of their baptismal identity.

Conference Agenda:

8:30am – 9:00am	Registration
9:00am – 9:10am	Welcome and Opening Devotion
9:10am – 10:30am	Stewardship Conversion: OUR Stewardship Story
10:30am – 10:45am	Break
10:45am – Noon	Stewardship Culture
Noon – 12:45pm	Lunch Break
12:45pm – 1:50pm	Assessing Stewardship Culture and Action Items
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Closing Comments/and Devotion

How much does this cost?

There is no cost to participate in this event.

Other questions?

All questions about the event may be directed to stewardship@hopelutheran.org or call Bob Pitcel 816-868-9507.