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### **Mission Statement**

Adult Discipleship assists congregations and called workers in helping individuals grow in their relationship with Jesus and become better equipped to use their unique gifts to bring Christ's love and the gospel message into all their daily relationships and activities.

### **Interactive Faith Bible Studies**

The next Interactive Faith Bible Study is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21-October 26, 2016, at 6:00 or 8:00pm CST. Rev. John Braun from Northwestern Publishing House will lead us in the topic: *"What Does This Mean? The Continuing Importance of Luther's Small Catechism."*

We will study the importance of Luther's Small Catechism for our own society and culture. We will review the six chief parts. What does it mean for Christian morality in today's world without moral standards? What does it mean for Christian beliefs in a world where you can believe anything? What does it mean for Christian devotion and our personal relationship with God? What does it mean for our church life as Lutherans when the church appears to be more social than spiritual? The class will start with a little history of the Catechism and its importance in the Reformation and conclude with a discussion of what the future may hold for us and the next generation.

### **Marriage Enrichment Opportunities**

Rev. Randy Hunter offers Marriage Enrichment Courses throughout our synod. For more information on upcoming opportunities, go to the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/welsmarriage](http://www.facebook.com/welsmarriage). You can also get a list of courses available from our WELS website under Adult Discipleship.

We would like to make congregations aware of a resource for congregations and individuals at [www.graceformarriage.com](http://www.graceformarriage.com). The marriage enrichment retreats that Pastor Hunter has led are now available online. You can use these marriage enrichment resources as individuals or as congregations. Check it out at [www.graceformarriage.com](http://www.graceformarriage.com).

### **Women's Ministry Conference**

The Women's Ministry is organizing a National Conference at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for July 21-23, 2016. This conference is designed to create pathways to service for women who desire to serve God to their full potential in the capacity God designed for them.

The Women's Ministry has also developed prayer pamphlets entitled "Prayers for Your Husband" and "Prayers for Your Wife." These pamphlets are available for purchase at Northwestern Publishing House as well as through our Women's Ministry.

### **Commission Executive Team:**

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### **Advisory Members**

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# Minnesota District Adult Discipleship

## District Convention Report

June 14-16, 2016

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### Leadership

In January of last year I was appointed to be the new chairman of the committee. The other members are listed to the side along with some contact information.

Thanks to Pastor Mark Kock for his faithful work on the commission in the past.

### Workshop

Trinity Ev. Lutheran (Belle Plaine, MN) again hosted the annual gathering on March 5, 2016.

The workshops were:

- Outreach in Rural America – Pastor Michael Kuschel
- Trash or Treasure? Church Archives – Mrs. Michelle Engel
- Reducing Insurance Costs – Mr. Ron Schmidt
- What is Your IQ (Prison Ministry) – Pastor Rick Tuttle and Mr. Brad Price

The keynote speaker was Prof. Earle Treptow (Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary). He presented the topic, “Admonishing One Another with All Wisdom.”

### Calendar

Plan ahead for next year’s District Leadership workshop. It will be on March 4, 2017. If you have an idea that you would like to have on the agenda, please let me know.

Serving the Savior with you,  
Pastor Dan Voigt