

## **SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**

### **1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

#### **A CONVERSATION WITH DIANA BUTLER BASS**

DIANA BUTLER BASS

ROOM D/E

This workshop is an opportunity to hear more from our guest speaker and to ask questions about her work.

#### **HOW TO HANDLE A DROUGHT**

DONNA LINN

ROOM H

Cultivating hardy Christians can be tough. We've found a way to engage new and already established members. Come and find out how we have filled empty pews with excited disciples. Through a Catechumenate process we have learned how to grow a bumper crop in a harsh contemporary climate.

#### **I CAN'T JOIN THE PARADE RIGHT NOW...MY HUSBAND JUST DIED!**

PASTOR RON JETTER

ROOM 100

It is difficult to get on the bandwagon of congregational renewal when you have experienced the death of a loved-one or other major loss. Your world has stopped and no one else seems to have noticed. How can pastors, lay leaders and church members be aware of the dynamics of grief present in those around them and provide the support they need to re-engage life and ministry? Come learn about the Tasks of Grief and how your congregation can avoid running over those in need while still letting the bandwagon of renewal roll on.

#### **MEANINGFUL AND MAGICAL MESSAGES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

PASTOR JOHN STEVENS

ROOM 200

"How do I get the kids' attention?" Not only can you get their attention, but by using a magic trick, you can keep it. In this interactive lecture, Pastor John Stevens will teach some basic magic tricks and how to apply them to talking about the Gospel. Those who attend will come away from this session with 3 or 4 sure-fire Children Sermons that not only have the kids talking, but will keep the adult's attention as well. Because of the nature of this session, it is limited to 25 attendees.

#### **NOT ANOTHER PROGRAM: THE BOOK OF FAITH INITIATIVE**

PASTOR LADD BJORNEBY

ROOM 300

The purpose of the Book of Faith initiative is to increase biblical literacy and fluency among us. When we know well the language of scripture, the first language of faith, we will be more prepared to be a great commandment-great commission synod. In this workshop we will consider the way this initiative started, the way we go about being part of it, and resources we may wish to use. If your congregation is already involved, come and share what you are learning. If this is new for you, the workshop should be a good introduction.

## **PRACTICING OUR FAITH IN SALMON NATION**

PASTORS JOHN ROSENBERG AND MELINDA WAGNER

ROOM 500

As God's abundance overflows, we are called to "bloom where we are planted." What makes for vital Christian communities here in the Pacific Northwest, a place where most people do not participate in religious institutions and never have? How do the culture and geography of this place affect how we as Lutherans answer Christ's call to live creatively and generously as disciples? Come explore these issues as parish pastors John Rosenberg and Melinda Wagner share insights, tips and resources from the "Practicing the Faith in Salmon Nation" project they've been a part of since 2004 (generously funded by a grant from the Louisville Institute).

## **REACHING OUT**

PASTOR HELGA JANSONS

ROOM 600

Most churches have Outreach or Evangelism committees. As Lutheran Christians we want our churches to be "Missional" and to grow because we know we have a lot to offer. So how do we do it? Pastor Helga Jansons has served as an ELCA pastor for 17 years in both New Jersey and Washington. She has been trained as a Mission Developer and has made some discoveries during her Mission Survey work in the Tri-cities, WA. She has also recently served an evangelical church where there are more young people than old, and many new Christians. She is eager to share what she has learned about how to reach out to the community and also what missional leaders are doing to invite people into the church.

## **SIX WAYS OF SERVING: HOW TO BE A LEADER WITHOUT GETTING STUCK WITH EVERYTHING**

PASTOR MARCUS KUNZ

ROOM G

If you don't think of yourself as a "leader" but want to help, if you want to help, but don't want to get stuck with all the work, or if you feel like your congregation is stuck because of a lack of leaders, this workshop is for you! Pastor Kunz will present a fresh look at how congregations actually work and get unstuck. You will think and talk about how you can live and serve more fully for the sake of the world by being who you already are.

## **SO EMERGE ALREADY!**

PASTOR KIMMY MEINECKE

ROOM 400

Just what is this "Emerging Ministry" thing about? Is it the hottest new fad in church growth? Has its time already passed? Or, is there something in it that is enduring, speaks to me and will speak to the people around me? Pastor Kimmy Meinecke will offer ideas, definitions and thoughts on and about Emerging Ministry. She'll help you see how Emerging Ministry is already happening in your faith community and life. Our discussion will explore ways that Emerging Ministry can help faith communities help people from all kinds of perspectives and backgrounds be more engaged and intentional in relationship with God and God's creation.