

# THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE 2012 SCHEDULE

## MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

- 1 to 5 p.m.      **Registration/Check in at Hilton Hotel in the LOBBY**  
Shuttle available to Trinity Lutheran Church if needed/requested
- 4 p.m.            **Welcome reception at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*
- 5 p.m.            **Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church**
- 7 p.m.            **Banquet at Hilton Hotel in SALONS 1/2**
- 9 p.m.            **Fellowship in LEGENDS ROOM** – Poker Night with prizes!  
*Purchase beer/wine at lobby bar*  
*Soft drinks provided*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

- 6 – 8:30         **Breakfast in the RESTAURANT/ATRIUM**  
(for those staying at the hotel)  
Bring your provided breakfast ticket

All morning sessions in **SALON 4**

- 8:30 a.m.        **Morning Word & Song: Steve Eulberg**

- 8:45 a.m.        **Presentation One: Anna Carter Florence**  
***Preaching the Verbs I***

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hear in both our sacred text *and* our human drama when we connect the verbs? How can that, in turn, change and renew our preaching?

9:30 a.m.

Q&A

9:45 a.m.

**Introduction to The Generosity Project:  
Dan Bollman, Jim Hytjan, Linda Staats**

**Andrea Arey: Health Assessment/Portico**

10 a.m.

break in Atrium

10:30 a.m.

**Presentation Two: Stan Olson**  
***The Lutheran (Theological) Conversation about Vocation***

What does the familiar term “vocation” mean in Lutheran theology and Lutheran congregations today? We’ll consider Luther’s insights and polemics: you don’t have to leave your places; there is no spiritual/secular divide; in vocation we are bound and free.

11:15 a.m.

Q/A

11:30 a.m.

**Bishop Election: Dana Lee Simon and Steve Berke**

**Theological Conference Plan 2012-2013-2014: Kent Mueller**

11:45 a.m.

**Buffet Lunch** (in ten conference groups to be assigned)

Boulder/Broomfield

Metro East

Metro South

Metro West

North Colorado

Southeast Colorado

North New Mexico/Border

Utah

Wyoming

Other

1:15 – 2:00

**Presentation Three: Keith Anderson in SALON 4**  
***The Real Presence: Cultivating Meaningful Ministry Presence in Social Media***

Social media is a place where millions gather daily to renew relationships, share their lives, and express their faith. It is crucial that ministry leaders have a meaningful presence in this new digital space. Pastor Keith Anderson, using examples based on interviews from his forthcoming book, *Click2Save: The Digital Ministry Bible*, will share advice on how to develop an authentic ministry presence and voice in social media, while maintaining appropriate boundaries, so that we might meaningfully engage with others and, through our presence, point to God's own.

2:15 p.m. Q&A

2:30-3:20 p.m. **Workshop A**

**GREEN & GOLD ROOM**

**Anna Carter Florence** will lead participants through biblical texts with insights for preaching

**LEGENDS ROOM**

**Stan Olson: *Locating Vocation Theologically.***

A time to be part of the Lutheran Conversation about Vocation, engaging Law and Gospel, Justification, Sanctification, the Finite Capable of the Infinite, and other key doctrines.

**SALON 4**

**Keith Anderson: *Is Your Website Helping or Hurting You?***

Before people ever step through your doors, they've checked out your website. It is the first face of your congregation. What is it telling them? Is it drawing people to you or pushing them away? In this workshop, we look at best practices for church websites using real life examples.

3:30-4:20

## Workshop B

### **SALON 4 (repeat of earlier workshop)**

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### **GREEN & GOLD ROOM**

#### **Meeting of Conference Deans**

### **LEGENDS ROOM**

#### **Generosity Project Sampler:**

Dan Bollman, Jim Hytjan, Linda Staats

### **AGGIE ROOM (second floor)**

#### **Assembly Planning Team**

5 p.m.

free time / dinner "on your own"

8 p.m.

#### **Fellowship Evening and Steve Eulberg Concert**

#### **at ST. THOMAS CAMPUS/OUTDOOR MINISTRY CENTER**

*hosted by CSU Campus Ministry and Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp  
and sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*

*Shuttle available from Hilton to St. Thomas if requested*

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012**

6 – 8:30

Breakfast in the Restaurant/Atrium  
(for those staying at the hotel)  
Bring your provided breakfast ticket

All morning sessions in **SALON 4**

8:30 a.m

#### **Morning Word & Song: Steve Eulberg**

8:45 a.m.

**Presentation Four: Anna Carter Florence**  
***Preaching the Verbs II***

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Q&A

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**Safe Haven: Linda Staats**

10:00 a.m.

break

10:30 a.m.

**Presentation Five: Keith Anderson**  
**The Arts of Digital Ministry: Listening, Attending, Connecting, Engaging**

Ministry in digital social media is not an entirely new kind of ministry. Rather, it is an extension of traditional face-to-face ministries like offering hospitality, caring of others, forming disciples, building community, and advocating for justice into digital spaces, reaching people within and well beyond our local communities. Using practical examples of digital ministry practitioners, Pastor Keith Anderson will present a model for digital (and face-to-face) ministry that is characterized by listening, attending, connecting, and engaging.

11:15

Q&A

11:30

**Journey to Madagascar: Chad Kohlmeyer & Ron Roschke**

**Hunger Network: Josh Bruns**

11:45 a.m. **Buffet Lunch in RESTAURANT/ATRIUM**

### LEGENDS ROOM

**Wartburg Lunch:** Stan Olson invites alumni of Wartburg Seminary, the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, and any others interested in knowing more about WTS or LSPS to join him for lunch and conversation in

1:15 – 2 p.m. **Presentation Six: Stan Olson in SALON 4**

### ***The Lutheran (Practical) Conversation about Vocation.***

Are there new horizons in this conversation for congregations and other ministries? We'll talk about ethics, worship, youth ministry, and maybe stained glass windows and Facebook.

2-2:15 p.m. Q/A

2:30 - 3:20 p.m. **Workshop C**

### GREEN & GOLD ROOM

**Anna Carter Florence** will lead participants through biblical texts with insights for preaching

### LEGENDS ROOM

**Stan Olson: *Vocation at Your Location.*** *What words will do, and what else? Does your congregation have a vocation to nurture vocations? How does this happen? Share your own experiences and experiments. Help one another imagine possibilities. Talk with me about forming pastors, diaconal ministers, deaconesses and associates in ministry for this vocation of nurturing vocation.*

### SALON 4

### **Keith Anderson: *Tips and Tricks for Making the Most of Your Time Online***

Ministry leaders are understandably worried that keeping up with Facebook, blogging, Twitter, and other social media will just add on to an already busy schedule. In this workshop, we will look at some of the tips and tricks you can use to get the most out of the your time online.

3:30-4:20 p.m. **Workshops D**

**SALON 4 (repeat of earlier workshop)**

**Keith Anderson: *Tips and Tricks for Making the Most of Your Time Online (repeated)***

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**GREEN & GOLD ROOM**

**Conversations about the Bishop Election and Transition:**

Linda Bobbitt, Steve Berke, and Elections Task Force Members

4-5:45 p.m. **Complimentary Beverage Reception in Atrium**

5:45 p.m. **Dinner in SALONS 1/2**

7:45 **Worship at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*Shuttle available to Holy Trinity if requested*

9 p.m. **Fellowship in LEGENDS ROOM**  
*Bring your own games*  
*Purchase beer/wine at lobby bar*  
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**THURSDAY**

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8:30 a.m. **Morning Word & Song: Steve Eulberg**

8:45 a.m. **Presentation Seven: Keith Anderson**  
**People of the Facebook**  
If you want to learn the ropes of social networking and connect with the people in your spiritual care, Facebook is the place to start.

Approximately half of the U.S. population is on Facebook and they spend more time on Facebook than anywhere else on the internet—by a vast margin. During this presentation Pastor Keith Anderson will guide us through the Facebook ecosystem, examining role of faith and the opportunities for ministry. We will also look at the new Facebook profile format called Timeline.

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Q&A

9:45 a.m.

**Panel Discussion**

Keith Anderson, Anna Carter Florence, Nadia Bolz-Weber and Paul Olson share in dialogue about the “Old Story” in our “New Day”

10:40 a.m.

**Sending Prayer**