

Draft Ablaze Personal Evangelism Speakers Bureau

The following people are available to speak to SED congregations about personal evangelism and faith sharing.



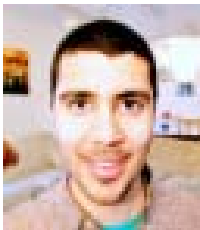
The Rev. Kenneth G. Carlson, served for 30 years as a parish pastor in four congregations, all in the Southeastern District, and then for almost 11 years as the Mission and Ministry Facilitator for the northern region of the SED, retiring from that position in July, 2008. He lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland, with his wife, Carolyn, and are members of Good Shepherd congregation in Olney, MD. They have four grown children and five grandchildren. (301-279-2868 or Kencarlson@aol.com)



Andrew W. Jagow received his Bachelor's in Behavioral Science in 1994 from Concordia College - Bronxville, New York. At Concordia Seminary, St. Louis he earned his Master's in Divinity. Pastor Andy was ordained into the holy ministry in August, 1998. His first call was to serve three urban and suburban churches – Bethany Lutheran in Yonkers; Immanuel Lutheran in Mount Vernon; and St. Matthew's Lutheran in Hastings-on-Hudson. During his second call to Calvary Lutheran in East Meadow, New York, he served as chair of the Atlantic District's Task Force on Congregational Membership (charged with developing ways the District could resource congregations). He also took part in testing the Synod's *Groups Ablaze!* program. In February 2007, Pastor Andy was installed at Bethany Lutheran in Alexandria, Virginia, where he now serves by God's grace. (703-765-8255 or revjagow@email.com)



Rev. Dr. William (Bill) D. Seaman Southern Region Mission and Ministry Facilitator with strong interest in outreach, witness and evangelism as well as planting new ministries. Recently tasked with developing a process for congregational renewal for all regions. Graduate of both St. Louis and Ft. Wayne seminaries with a graduate degree in botany from UNC, Chapel Hill. Thirty-two years parish experience (twenty-five in one parish) and thirty-two years teaching experience covering junior high to college and post graduate levels. Eclectic reader with strong interests in nature and gardening. (919-212-1199 or wseaman@bellsouth.net)



Michael Ellsworth hails from Ann Arbor, MI where he graduated from Concordia University's Family Life program in 2005. Since that time he has been living and working in Baltimore at Bethlehem Lutheran Church as Youth Minister and Pastoral Assistant. In high school and college, Michael traveled to Mexico on two occasions doing evangelism ministry to churches in the local community. He also spent a week in Hollywood, California doing street ministry with Oasis Ministries. He also worked with a homeless ministry while in college. (410-488-3899 or nachobel@gmail.com)



Deaconess Sally Hiller loves to talk about Jesus - especially with children. She has developed numerous resources on child evangelism and activities to encourage faith conversations in the home. An outreach encourager, Sally is helping to develop an evangelism series with Lutheran Hour Ministries to be used in the Southeastern District's Training Leaders for Outreach program. She currently serves as the Mission and Ministry Executive for Congregational Outreach. (800-637-5723 or sjhiller@se.lcms.org)



Rodney Smith, Minister of Outreach and Lutheran Hour Ambassador, St. John's Lutheran Church and Director of Ministry Support, Disciplers International:

After forty years in the wilderness as an agnostic, Rodney finally found his way back five years ago and has been the Minister of Education and now Outreach at St. John's. He leads the local outreach team with the goal of touching in person the 2000 households closest to the church and serving the community. Other outreach initiatives include Spanish Language mission development, prayer walking and Outreach through children. He is on the board of Disciplers International, a nondenominational nonprofit organization, which uses a personally

life changing fourteen week process as a powerful means of fulfilling the "Great Commission" and equipping the body of Christ to serve their local congregations as well as the harvest fields worldwide. He has personally discipled several people who form a core group at St. John's. He participated in prayer walking through the 9th Ward in New Orleans and meeting with many affected by Katrina as well as locally at Springfield Mall. He is looking forward to discussing his passion, personal evangelism. (703-922-7418 or socr1st@cox.net)



Rev. Tich H. Luu. I was born in Viet Nam and lived in Cholon for 19 years. My parents came from China. They sent me to Chinese school, so that I would learn about the Chinese culture and language. I came to the U.S. as a refugee through the sponsorship of Lutheran Social Service and the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in 1979. I Received a BA in Theology & Certified Lay Minister from Concordia University Mequon Wisconsin in 1990. I went on to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where I received a Master of Divinity in 1995, and was ordained at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Silver Spring MD. I have served in New York, NY, Carbondale Illinois, and currently am Associate Pastor/Chinese Outreach Ministry at Lutheran Church of the Cross, Rockville, MD. My wife, Michelle Y. Luu is from Taiwan. We were married in 1989. (301-762-7565 or tichhluu@msn.com)



Jerry Lucas has been involved in outreach off and on for over 25 years. Currently he is the chairman of the SED Ablaze! Task Force, a member of the Circuit 9 Mission board, President of the Circuit 9 Mission Endowment Fund, and a member of the Evangelism Committee of his home church, Bethany in Alexandria. He is also serving as IT Consultant / System Administrator for Disciplers International, a nondenominational nonprofit organization, which uses a personally life changing fourteen week process as a powerful means of fulfilling the "Great Commission" and equipping the body of Christ to serve their local congregations as well as the harvest fields worldwide. He is the

webmaster of the SED Faith Sharing blog, sedableze.org. Jerry has developed a door-to-door survey approach that has been successful in canvassing neighborhoods. The survey gives insight into the character, concerns, and needs of the neighbors, as well as an opportunity to share the Gospel. He encourages and leads people to go beyond intellectual agreement with the Great Commission and into carrying it out. (703-780-3506 or lucasjs@verizon.net)



The Rev. Vernon P. Schultheis served as a full-time parish pastor for almost 40 years, all of them in multi-cultural urban congregations. In the Atlantic District, he also served as part-time Mission Executive and as a Regional Vice-President. He has discovered that evangelization is most effective when the Gospel flows out of a sincere love and respect for the other person. Since retiring in November, 2008, He and his wife, LaNell, live in Ocean City, MD, and are members of Bethany Lutheran Church, Salisbury. (410-250-1315 or vernon.schultheis@verizon.net)



**Rev. Dr. Matthew Bean: Assistant Pastor Redeemer Lutheran Church
Richmond, Virginia**

Matthew Bean has served Redeemer since his ordination in July, 2000, where his responsibilities include directing and overseeing Redeemer's education, evangelism, small group, and social ministry departments. By emphasizing leadership development and holistic discipleship, Matt has witnessed Redeemer's continued growth including an average of 70 new members per year, over 250 adults in small groups, over 130 adults in weekly Bible classes, along with a growing menu of social ministry activities. Matt also served The Southeastern District as the Chairman of the Professional Church Workers' Conference Planning Committee from 2004-2008. Matt received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2009, with a concentration in Missional Leadership. (804-594-3765 or mbean@redeemerric.org)

Matt and his wife, Diane, met at Concordia University-River Forest and have been married since 1992. God has blessed them with three sons: twins Aaron and Nathan, and Stephen. Together the Beans enjoy photography, music, traveling, and St. Louis Cardinals baseball (well, "enjoy" may be too strong a word for Diane on the last one!).



Tina McGuffey: currently serves as the Director of Christian Outreach and Discipleship at Our Savior in Laurel, Maryland. The daughter of German immigrants who arrived here after WWII, she was baptized in German at Trinity Lutheran Church in Whittier, California. While serving in the Army, she and her husband, Dave, were discipled by a Navigator staff couple, meeting for Bible study every Sunday afternoon at a pizzeria in Springfield, VA for 3 years. It was during that time that Tina felt God's call to serve more intentionally; specifically, to use every opportunity to share the Gospel and teach others to witness as well. Tina started serving on a part-time basis at Our Savior during a pastoral vacancy while she completed Concordia,

Mequon's lay ministry certification. She was Called by Our Savior to serve as the Director of Outreach in 2004. Tina and Dave have been married for 26 years and have two sons, Erich (20) and Alex (19). (302-776-7670 or tina@oslclaurel.org)



Charessa Koontz, Family Life Minister/DCE, Redeemer Lutheran Church: Charessa biggest passion in ministry is the importance of story telling. As a former radio personality, she knows the importance of telling the greatest story ever...how God has impacted your life! She spent three and half years serving in youth ministry, until coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church five years ago to serve as the Family Life Minister (graduated from Master's Program at Concordia Seward) and spearhead the Ablaze movement. Charessa's biggest passion is the effort for families and churches to return to their biblical responsibility to

"pass on the faith" to the next generation. To date, she has encouraged her church to over 1,800 Gospel contacts! Charessa has served as a TLO speaker and likes to teach classes on discovering and telling one's story. (804-272-7973 ext. 11 or ckoontz@redeemerric.org)



Gloria Bose is serving as the District Coordinator for the Consecrated Stewards Program and Promotions and Volunteers for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Prior to working for LCEF she worked for First St. John's Lutheran Church, York, PA as the Director of Outreach.

She served as the Mission Advocate for circuit two for the last 10 years. She is currently serving on the Ablaze! Task Force. Prior to working for First St. John's, Gloria retired from York Farm Credit, where she served for 24 years mostly as Vice President of Finance and Administrative services. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Mennonite University.

Gloria lives in York with her husband of 36 years. She loves to spend time with her grandson, Gavin.

"It's not about me, It's all about Jesus!" That's what Gloria really wants you to know. (717-309-1143 or gbose@verizon.net)



DCE Megan Flannery: She's passionate about ... relationships, relationships, relationships! She is also passionate about equipping people to grow and share their faith, use their spiritual gifts and to be a lifelong disciple for Christ.

Ministry Experiences: Megan currently serves at Resurrection in Cary, NC. She is the Director of Christian Education (DCE). She primarily works with children and families, celebrating and equipping them to live their lives with Christ at the center. If you stopped by Resurrection, you might catch her participating in school chapels, giving Children's Sermons, leading and equipping families through Confirmation, Sunday School or teaching any number of classes, or just having many conversations with people and listening to their stories.

She has had past experiences in leading training seminars, workshops and speaking events to people of all ages, encouraging them to let God use all parts of their lives in service to Him. Megan can be quite out of the box with her methods, but the Gospel Message is still always the same. (919-740-9790 or dce@rlcary.org)