



Revitalizing Congregational Mission by Empowering Ministry in Daily Life

Saturday, January 13, 9:30 am – Noon

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (549 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing, MI 48910)

This free workshop, for all church members interested in the health and revitalization of our congregations, introduces a new paradigm for congregational identity and mission that centers on the formation and sending of the Christian people. The purpose of the Life of Faith initiative is to stir up a culture change that frees us to make the service by the baptized in the arenas of daily life the central focus of the church's mission. The workshop will provide theological foundation and practical next steps to promote this transformation.

Readings:

- Life of Faith Webpage: www.lifeoffaith.info
- An Intergenerational Study on Affirmation of Baptism: <http://lifeoffaith.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Curriculum-Based-on-Affirmation-of-Baptism-revised-final.pdf>
- The Life of Faith Initiative: A Radical Paradigm Shift for Christian Mission, Currents in Theology and Mission, January 2019: <http://www.currentsjournal.org/index.php/currents/issue/view/55>
- Craig L. Nesson, Diaconate of All Believers: <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14060741>
- Dwight DuBois, *The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life*. Wipf and Stock (2015).

To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3RnpwPq>

Session will be available by live stream from Bethlehem and future viewing at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@bethlehemworship126/streams>



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