

2024 Equipping Congregations Day Workshops

No Stage Fright Here: Integrating Drama into Worship

Pr. Todd Mattson

This workshop will explore easy ways to breathe new life into liturgy and the Word using drama. From sermon set-ups to scripture readings, from children's sermons to prayers of the people, we'll talk about and demonstrate ways to make a *dramatic* difference in your weekly worship.

How Do You Talk about Generosity in Worship?

Pr. Peter Reuss

It's often said, "We don't talk about money in our church." What if we could talk about money in ways that not only overcome guilt and shame, but inspire people to generosity? Yes, it's possible!

Worship 2.0: Simple Ways to Connect Today

Pr. Justin Ask

Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop designed to revitalize traditional worship formats with simple, impactful changes. Discover creative and accessible ways to deepen your congregation's sense of connection and inspiration during worship—without the need for large budgets or advanced technology. Together, we'll explore innovative ideas that resonate with the current lives of our communities, making worship more relevant and meaningful.

Let the Children Come...

Pr. Sherri Larson and Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson

Involving children in worship can go beyond the children's message. Come explore a variety of creative and do-able ideas that will engage children and empower them to become worship leaders. From leading a procession with ribbons and chopsticks to creating the sound of the windy Holy Spirit on Pentecost, former teachers Sherri Larson and Brenda Handel-Johnson will share fun and accessible ideas that take minimal preparation.

Hospitality

Pr. Heather Culuris

Hospitality is a part of our Christian lives and a significant part of our worship experience. Come learn about the Biblical foundations of hospitality. Then we will consider how to show intentional hospitality in our congregations and worship.

Assisting Minister Training

Bishop Dee Pederson

Worship is the responsibility of all those who are part of the body of Christ. Every congregation can welcome the ministries of trained and practiced worship leadership by all ages. We'll focus on many roles, including readers, acolytes, prayer leaders, ushers, and liturgists.