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Dear friends and supporters of Life Spring Network,

It is awesome to see what God can do through us in the power of the Holy Spirit. The year started with four solid months of traveling and speaking where I saw God change lives every day. In June we had the Disciple-Making Summit which was truly blessed by God. Now we have been commissioned to spearhead a movement to revive the church in urban Chicago. God is good and we are truly blessed as you will see in this newsletter.

The urgent message that God uses our ministry to proclaim continues to be the same: to keep the mission of disciple-making in front of church leaders as Jesus commanded in the Great Commission. By His grace, eyes and ears are opening, lives are being transformed by the Gospel and God is being glorified. God continues to inspire me with a love for His church and for what He can and will do through those of us who will submit to His Lordship and allow His Spirit to guide and empower us. Churches are beginning to make the changes that are necessary to create a new disciple-making normal in their congregations.

Our one-day Leading the Omega Experience Conference has proven to be the catalyst that churches need to assess where they truly are and build a plan for transforming the disciple-making DNA of their congregations. Since January we have held three Leading the Omega Experience Conferences, which God used to help seven new churches make significant changes in their ministry masterplans.

We have decided to produce one annual support-raising newsletter a year instead of two. That is why you didn't receive one in May. Instead, you will receive updates via e-mail and on our website as to all God is doing, where we are speaking and new products and partnerships as they develop.

Please continue to pray for the impact of this ministry, for the growth of our family, for the health and growth of the families who serve the Kingdom through LSN and for our financial needs to be met by God according to His will. As always, please give as God leads you to do so in support of this ministry, which God is using to bear fruit that will last.

All for His glory,

Jason Pankau  
President, Life Spring Network, Inc.



## INTRODUCING LUKE

*A movement to revive urban Chicago*

By God's grace and because of what other churches are seeing Him do through the Life Spring Network, we have been commissioned to lead a movement within five Lutheran Congregations in urban Chicago. Please see the official press release below.

In an effort to revitalize existing congregations and create new missional ministries in the Chicago area, the Clarence and Marilyn Schawk Foundation has provided a grant to form LUKE (Lutheran Urban Kingdom Expansion) Ministries, a Chicago based urban ministry renewal initiative.

This exciting, Spirit-led ministry is a pilot and collaborative effort of the Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF), the Northern Illinois District (NID), the Life Spring Network (LSN), and Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle. The Mission of LUKE is:

***To partner with Lutheran congregations in urban Chicago and unite them together toward building holistic, transformational disciple-making communities who are living on mission with God through Word and Sacrament ministry.***

As urban ministry catalysts, each of the partners is committed to using their unique skills and experiences in providing support, resources, leadership, mentoring, communication, coordination and training, while living in the Spirit and following the Spirit's leading in all they do. The command to "Go and make disciples" is as relevant and as necessary today as when it was first issued by our Lord.

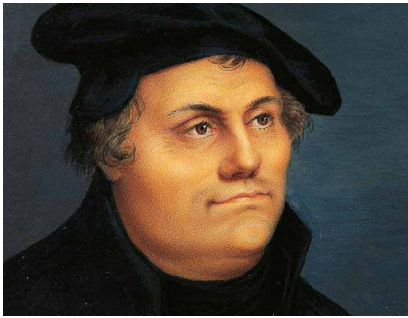
These churches used to be the spiritual and relational anchors of their communities and are now barely hanging on. We have begun the LUKE Ministries Chicago project to reverse this trend and serve as a model of urban renewal. We will begin working with five congregations over the next five years and expand into more congregations as God leads. In order to fulfill this mission, we have already begun to expand our staff here at LSN.



**Life Spring Network Staff**  
Illinois

## THREE YEARS TO FIVE HUNDRED

*Introducing our three-year plan to touch 500 Churches by the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation*



October 31, 1517 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther began the Reformation of the church. We are feeling led by God to set a BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) for LSN. A goal that only God could achieve. We are prayerfully seeking to have **500** churches exposed to the ministry of LSN, **500** people attending the Disciple-Making Summit, **50** churches using our resources and **10** churches using the Omega Experience as their disciple-making masterplan by October 31, 2017. We are convicted that the church is in need of a new reformation in disciple-making and we believe God has raised up LSN for such a time as this.

### Three-Year Fundraising Goal

With the favor that we are experiencing and the clear direction that the Lord is giving us, we are looking for people to partner with us for this three year plan. We are amazed at the progress the Lord has made in our ministry financially. When the ministry began in 2006, we had to raise roughly \$300,000 per year. Now, with the income we receive from consulting, resources sales, speaking and mentoring, we estimate that we will need \$150,000 per year over the next three years to accomplish these goals.

To share more details about our progress and raise these funds, we will be hosting two vision-casting events. If you are interested in attending either of these events, please email [info@lifespringnetwork.org](mailto:info@lifespringnetwork.org).



October 29th at the Riverside Yacht Club in Greenwich, CT from 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
November 11th at Coopers Hawk Winery & Restaurant in Arlington Heights, IL from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

## UPDATE: PARTNERING WITH TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The home church of the Omega Experience*

For the past five years, we have partnered with Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle, IL to help them grow as a disciple-making community. Jason has committed two to three days a week to training, mentoring and equipping its leaders. By God's grace, we are seeing this 100 year old, 4000 member strong church known for worship, teaching and serving its community transform into a holistic, transformational, disciple-making church. We are still on the journey together, but God has made tremendous progress in our midst, so much so that Trinity is now sharing the transformational journey of the Omega Experience with other church leaders around the world through hosting the annual Disciple-Making Summit. This is an expanded version of a two-day conference we held in June of 2013. That year, we had 40 people in attendance representing six churches. This year, over 120 people were in attendance representing over 25 churches.

Praise God for His faithfulness.

## Save the Date!

Next year's Summit  
will be on

**June 19-20, 2015**

**at Trinity Lutheran  
Church Roselle, IL**





*The Life Spring Network is a Christian*

*discipleship and leadership development ministry. Our mission is to help pastors and church leaders train, mentor and equip believers to grow in Christlikeness through building holistic, transformational disciple-making communities.*

### Contact Us

We love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us anytime to provide feedback on any of our seminars, our website content or if you have questions with which we can assist you.

Many of our contacts are made by referrals. If you know of a church leader or an associate who you would like us to connect with, please send us their information and we will be happy to make arrangements to introduce ourselves to them.



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## PARTNERING WITH CHICAGO HOPE ACADEMY

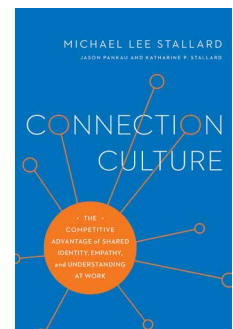


Our partnership with Chicago Hope Academy continues to grow and bear fruit. Jason leads a weekly Bible study for staff, a monthly men's outreach and mentors various people on their staff. This one-of-a-kind Christian High School in the inner city of Chicago is making a serious impact for Christ by making real disciples. We are honored to have a vital partnership with them. They are introducing the Delta course to their teachers this year as their tool to help them mature as disciple-makers.

## PARTNERING WITH E PLURIBUS PARTNERS

### Business Consulting

Our consulting practice, which focuses on training organizations to build Connection Cultures (Biblical relationship excellence), continues to grow and change lives. Our partnership with TCU continues to expand and bear fruit. We are also finishing up a new book due to be released next year with the working title of "Connection Culture."



## TESTIMONIALS OF GOD WORKING THROUGH US

### Delta

*"This has been an invaluable stimulus to spiritual growth. I have greatly benefited from taking this course."*

Tim Silber - Senior Pastor  
St. Marks Lutheran St. Charles, IL

*"It is an appropriately named course. Delta means change and this course has begun a good Spirit led change in me."*

Dennis Gorski - Congregational President  
St. Marks Lutheran St. Charles, IL

*"The Delta course demonstrates that living the Christian life does not just happen. It requires a heartfelt effort and a desire to know God's will for your life."*

Craig W. Callahan  
St. Marks Lutheran St. Charles, IL

*"Delta has shown me new connections to what I believe and the joy and peace that living the abundant life entails. It offers great optimism even in the face of adversity."*

Member  
St. Marks Lutheran St. Charles, IL

### Leading the Omega Experience Conference

*"It was an awakening to me! I thrive on relationship because of my personality. Now, my relationships in and out of the church settings are full of God's love and grace through the Holy Spirit. I know God has called me for this purpose!"*

Carol Dunklau, 4th Grade Teacher  
Trinity Lutheran Fremont, NE

### U.N.I.T.Y. in Marriage

*"Greetings, Brother, this past weekend a group of us gathered to share and grow in the unity in marriage experience. What a blessing! God was certainly at work and major strongholds were broken and marriages recharged and refocused for the kingdom. I have included a photo to share with you the lives God has used you to bless. Thanks again, and God's blessings on your day."*

Pastor "Bryan" A. Reeves

