

- Mark your calendar for a **Discovering Hope in STaR (Small Town and Rural) Congregations Event**. This event is in follow up to the Cultivating Vitality in Multipoint Parishes event in January and will be offered twice on Saturday, April 24 at Vining Lutheran Church, Vining, MN and again on Saturday, May 1 at Milnor Lutheran Church, Milnor, ND. The events will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

God's Spirit is breathing new vitality into rural congregations and multipoint parishes! Come and learn about what effective rural congregations have to say about God's activity in and through them. In their stories, multipoint parish and congregational leaders will explore the best practices for vital ministry and identify action steps for their own ministry setting.

An event registration form and schedule is available for your convenience. Pastor Keith Zeh encourages you to have more than one person per congregation attend. He says, "When more than one person attends, the more likely they'll bring something home that matters; they'll bring enthusiasm and information back to their home congregation." Don't miss this great opportunity!

**Discovering Hope in**  
**STaR (Small Town and Rural) Congregations**

**Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**Vining Lutheran Church - Vining, MN**

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**  
**Milnor Lutheran Church – Milnor, ND**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 10:15 Worship
- 10:45 Discovering Hope and Cultivating Vitality in STaR Congregations
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
  - Praying and Worshiping
  - Making Disciples and Leading
  - Evangelizing and Caring
- 2:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
  - Open country settings
  - Small town settings
  - Multiple-point settings
  - County seat settings
  - Bedroom community settings
  - Other STaR settings
- 3:00 What Did We Learn Today?
- 3:30 Closing Worship
- 4:00 Homeward Bound for Mission!

**Pre-Registration Form**  
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Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (Zip)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone # if different from above)

Names of participants:

Name of participant's congregation:

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Please return pre-registration form to:  
Pastor Keith Zeh, Director for Evangelical Mission  
Concordia College – 901 8<sup>th</sup> St. S., Moorhead, MN 56562  
or by e-mail: [czeh@cord.edu](mailto:czeh@cord.edu)

**Pre-Registration Deadline:**  
**April 19 for Vining**  
**April 26 for Milnor**

**Please note: Registration fee will be due at the door. The registration fee for each congregation is \$25 for one person and \$10 for each additional person who attends. Please make checks payable to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.**