

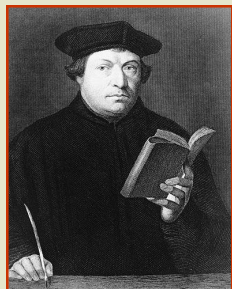
Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned him, and to which God has called him.

1 Corinthians 7:17

Called to Business

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LUTHERAN ENTREPRENEURS

Why a Lutheran Business Group?



“How is it possible that you are not called? You have always been in some state or station.”

Dr. Martin Luther

The initial meeting of our new business networking group, Lutheran Entrepreneurs, will occur on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Lakewood.

I received RSVPs and calls from about a dozen interested business people. I think we can expect six to eight people at the first meeting. Hopefully, we will grow as word spreads and people read about us in their church newsletters and other publications.

We want to pay tribute to Dr. Luther’s doctrine of vocation, which emphasized that paid and unpaid labor of people in all walks of life is known as *“the Mask of God.”* Through us, He works out His plans.

Luther taught that we glorify God through our daily labor, and that we are in a state of holiness while performing even mundane tasks. It is the theology of Christian life.

Everybody has a calling. It can change during their lifetime. Our duty to God is to acknowledge our present calling, and submit ourselves to His service in whatever station we are in.

Lutheran author and professor Gene Edward Veith, Ph.D., says, “...we ask God to give us this day our daily bread. And he does... through the vocations of farmers, millers, and bakers... truck drivers, factory workers, bankers, warehouse attendants, and the lady at the checkout counter. Virtually

every step of our whole economic system contributes to that piece of toast you had for breakfast.”

Participants and visitors at Lutheran Entrepreneur gatherings will share a devotion and prayer, business leads, tips and techniques, and snacks, with fellow Lutheran men and women who believe God has called them to business, and commit their practice to the will and glory of Christ.

If your present calling is to business owner, executive, or representative, we invite you to participate in a unique monthly business networking group for Lutheran women and men from all Synods.

Looking Ahead to May



The group is still new, so at the April meeting, we’ll have an organizational discussion.

We’ll set the next date, time and place for our meeting in May. Ideally, we’ll know who will host it, and who will lead the devotion and prayer. We’ll

discuss structure: i.e. do we want a President, Secretary, and Treasurer?

Other questions to address: Will we set up a Web site? Will we expect people to commit and collect annual dues, or will it or be more casual, with only

a meeting fee? Should we limit the membership in any way, as many networking groups do?

We also need to discuss ways to encourage growth of our new group, and whether we should give to a charity or get involved in the community.