

# KINDLE LIFE

## 2011 Classic KINDLE

The 2011 KINDLE Learning Cycle will launch on September 27-30, 2010 in Mundelein, Illinois. This year-long learning cycle provide 19 church workers the opportunity to deepen their capacity to be a servant leader who equips congregational lay leaders to also be servant leaders in their families, congregations, work places, and communities. Including those in this 2011 cohort, some 115 LCMS congregations now have a KINDLE Associate in their midst.



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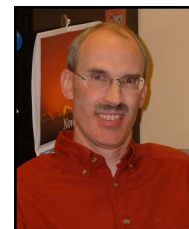
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Cheri Selander,  
Dean of 2011 Classic KINDLE,  
serves as Coordinator of Student  
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Jim Haack, Dean of  
KINDLE for Recent Graduates,  
serves as Director of  
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at Beautiful Savior Lutheran  
Church in La Vista, Nebraska.



## KINDLE for Recent Graduates

This four-day event will also happen on September 27-30, 2010 at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. It is designed to address the life and ministry issues of church workers who are in their first three years of professional service. These 20 individuals will “pause” to reflect upon and reinforce their commitment to healthy servant leader practices.

- Megan Barone, Immanuel, St. Charles, MO
- Amanda Bell, St. Paul's, Columbia, IL
- Mark Cook, Trinity, Rochester, MN
- Erin Fritsch, Our Redeemer, Kingsford, MI
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- Nicole Tubandt, Lord of Life, Elkhorn, NE
- Naomi Vogt, St. John's Lutheran, La Grange, IL

**“For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you . . . .”  
2 Timothy 1:6**

## *Kindling the Heart of the Servant Leader is Available*

I am honored to be the author of KINDLE's Tenth Anniversary gift, *Kindling the Heart of the Servant Leader: A KINDLE 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Devotional*. It is a series of 40 devotions, based on KINDLE's 20 servant leader practices (two devotions for each practice). The best part of writing each devotion was digging into a practice at a deeper level. How rich these 20 practice are! Here are some ideas for using the book:

- As a forty-day personal journey towards growth as a servant leader;
- For group devotions in ministry teams, families or other groups;
- And, as a resource when working on a specific servant leadership skill.



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If you'd like to purchase more copies of the book, you can do so at the Strobickan Publishing website ([Strobickan.com](http://Strobickan.com)). Cost: \$8.50.



Sandy Jett

## *KINDLE Board Welcomes New Member*

Sandy Jett began his term on KINDLE's Board of Directors in July. He held various positions at The ServiceMaster Company from 1979 to 2002. In 2002, after feeling called into full-time ministry, he became Executive Director of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, Illinois. Since retiring from that position in 2007, he has continued to be an active volunteer, both at Trinity and other nonprofit organizations. Sandy is married and has three grown children and three grandchildren. KINDLE welcomes Sandy to the Board!

## *KINDLE at the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans*

KINDLE was privileged to partner with the National Association of DCEs (NADCE) during the 2010 LCMS National Youth Gathering. At its shared display booth, both organizations had the opportunity to connect with current DCEs, students studying to become DCEs, those considering full-time DCE ministry, and even some who hadn't heard of DCEs before. Visitors to the booth were invited to send a "postcard of appreciation" to a DCE they knew. In addition, Jim Bargmann guided a "Gallery of Servant Leadership," asking visitors to pose for photos with those who had mentored them in their servant leader journey. **That gallery, along with other photos from KINDLE's time at the Gathering may be found at [kindleservantleaders.org](http://kindleservantleaders.org).**



Leslie Leonard (2009 Associate) describing KINDLE for Recent Graduates.



Bill Karpenko discussing KINDLE's five program initiatives.



LeRoy Wilke outlining KINDLE's mission.



Young people writing a "postcard of appreciation."

## The Many Forms of Graciousness to KINDLE

These are difficult times financially for many in our midst. Yet giving to congregations, nonprofit organizations like KINDLE, and charitable groups continues. Praise God for gracious people like you!

There are many ways that people continue to be gracious to KINDLE. Here are a handful of donors and the approach they recently chose to bless KINDLE:

**Thrivent Financial For Lutherans “Choice Dollars” program.** Replacing “Giving Plus,” Thrivent’s “Choice Dollars” program permits its members to give directly to KINDLE from a pool of money designated to the individual. Gifts may range from \$25 to \$500. KINDLE was blessed to receive its first gift through this new avenue from Don Soeken, Director of Integrity International. If you have received a “Choice Dollar” letter identifying the approximate amount you can designate in 2010, please consider KINDLE and either visit [thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://thrivent.com/choicedollars) or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.”



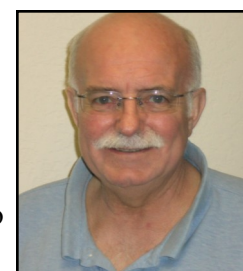
**Don Soeken**



**Gail Berger**

**A major gift.** Over the years, KINDLE has been graced with a number of significant gifts. Recently, in response to the Richard Soeken Living Legacy Fund, Gail Berger and her sons, Kyle and Ryan, helped double this fund’s corpus to over \$13,000. Charitable gifting is not new to the Bergers. Nor is a deep commitment to ministering in the Name of Jesus. Gail continues her unique ministry of speaking, teaching, and mentoring in many venues. She also manages The Blessing House, a spiritual life and growth center in Waconia, Minnesota.

**Simply Giving.** For those who prefer a systematic way of giving, Thrivent Financial offers Simply Giving. Bill Cullen, DCE at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Rockford, Illinois provides KINDLE with an annual gift through this approach. Once the paperwork is in place, this simple method just keeps on giving with no further effort. For more information, go to the “Simply Giving” website at [thrivent.com/banking/simplygiving](http://thrivent.com/banking/simplygiving) or call 800-675-7430.



**Bill Cullen**



**Dennis Dobbins**

**Online donating.** This giving opportunity may be found on the KINDLE website at [kindleservantleaders.org](http://kindleservantleaders.org). Congratulations to Pastor Dennis Dobbins, pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Huber Heights, Ohio, for being the first person to use this approach.

All of these forms of graciousness to KINDLE create a wonderful stream of financial resource that enables KINDLE to pursue its mission of “enhancing the church by fostering and multiplying servant leaders.”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Listen to Brad Hewitt, CEO of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and his colleague, Tim Schwan, Vice President of Church and Community Relations?</b> These two Thrivent executives are “Voices of Affirmation,” congratulating KINDLE on its 10th Anniversary (see the website, August 3, 2010).</li> <li>• <b>Give to KINDLE’s 10th Anniversary Thank Offering?</b> The goal is \$50,000. So far, some \$17,000 (34%) has been designated towards this goal. These gifts will be used for KINDLE’s general endowment, its executive leadership, and new program initiatives.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dialogue with Sue Steege?</b> KINDLE is hosting “Kindling Servant Leadership” as an interactive video broadcast on November 10 at 3 p.m. EST. Sue will teach on Servant Leadership and you will have the opportunity to interact with her via chat.</li> <li>• <b>Boost KINDLE’s Annual Fund?</b> This fund provides monies to underwrite the everyday, ongoing expenses of KINDLE. Thank goodness for the many people who simply say, “Use my gift as you wish,” or “I want to support KINDLE’s Annual Fund.”</li> </ul> |
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## *Please Pray For:*

### **KINDLE's 10th Anniversary Year (April 28, 2010-April 27, 2011)**

September 18, 2010	KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Mt. Olive Lutheran, Aurora, Colorado
September 27-30, 2010	2011 Classic KINDLE Learning Event #1, Mundelein, Illinois
September 27-30, 2010	2011 KINDLE for Recent Graduates, Mundelein, Illinois
October 23-24, 2010	Classic KINDLE Next Steps, Hope Lutheran Church, Wake Forest, North Carolina
October 27-28, 2010	KINDLE Board Meeting, Farmington, Minnesota
November 10, 2010	Kindling Servant Leadership Interactive Video Chat
November 13, 2010	KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury, Minnesota
January 29, 2011	KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Trinity, Lisle, Illinois
January 31-February 3, 2011	2011 Classic KINDLE Learning Event #2, Mundelein, Illinois
February 16-17, 2011	KINDLE Board Meeting, Mundelein, Illinois
February 19, 2011	KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Carrollton, Texas
March 12, 2011	KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Faith Lutheran, Topeka, Kansas
May 2, 2011	Deadline for 2012 Classic KINDLE Registration
July 18-22, 2011	KINDLE Associate-Grace Place Learning Event, Trego, WI



***KINDLE'S Mission:***  
***"To enhance the church  
by fostering and multiplying  
servant leaders"***

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