



## P r e s e n t e r s

The Reverend Dr. Joel Biermann graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1987 and served as a parish pastor for eleven years, the majority of that at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Holt, Michigan. In the parish, Rev. Biermann enjoyed leading an active ministry focused on evangelism and Christian growth in sanctification and discipleship. This ministry extended to more than a dozen countries where he was privileged to lead training seminars in personal evangelism equipping Christians effectively to speak the Gospel. In 1998, he returned to Concordia Seminary to pursue a doctoral degree in systematic theology. Since completion of the degree in 2002, he has served on the faculty of the seminary as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, where his passion for evangelism and Christian maturity animates his classroom instruction. Rev. Biermann continues to be involved in congregational service, assisting in the pastoral ministry of the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens. He and his wife, Jeannalee, have three children.



The Reverend Dr. Scott Rische of First Lutheran in El Cajon, California, graduated from St. Louis Seminary in 1988. His first assignment was to plant Lord of Life Lutheran Church in La Fox, Illinois. He served that congregation for eight years.

Scott came to First Lutheran in 1996 and with that congregation, has pursued a **local vision** of a congregation growing by conversions, individual and community transformation, and a multiplication of leaders, ministries, and churches, a **regional vision** of church multiplication in San Diego County and Northwest Mexico, and a **global vision** of First Lutheran sending missionaries and supporting missional work around the world.



First Lutheran is currently in the process of planting three new congregations. One is a new Hispanic congregation in El Cajon, CA, another is a new congregation in Mira Mesa, CA, and one other is a new congregation in downtown San Diego, CA. First Lutheran is committed to planting as many new congregations a year as they have workers to lead in that planting, and hopes through its efforts, to help foster and release a church planting movement in San Diego County and Northwest Mexico.

Scott completed his D.Min. program in June of 2006 in Church Multiplication Movements through the Bakke Graduate University of Ministry in Seattle, WA. As of September, 2009, Scott has stepped aside as the Senior Pastor of First Lutheran Church to serve as the Director of City Transformation Ministries, Inc. CTM is an integrated Auxiliary of First Lutheran created to help implement First Lutheran's vision of church planting, as well as the regional vision of a church planting movement. Scott also works part-time as the Assistant to the PLI International Director, Dr. Norb Oesch, helping to bring missional leadership training to the pastors and leaders of our partner churches around the world.

Scott is married to Lori, and has four children: David, 23, Sarah, 21, Benjamin, 18, and Hannah, 14.

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