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Cohorts and Affinity Groups Launching this Fall

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This past year, our District Leadership Team prayerfully considered how to best serve our pastors, elders, and lay leaders during the busy fall semester of ministry. As a district, we place high value on leader health, churches connecting relationally, and empowering leaders to share their gifts to equip others. In light of this, rather than hosting a fall conference in 2024, we are launching several cohorts and affinity groups that will meet online.

We are excited about these cohorts and affinity groups! We have some tremendous leaders who desire to connect with and bless pastors and leaders in our district.



Cohorts:

- Experiencing Intimacy with Jesus
- Courage and Calm in the Midst of Conflict
- Disciple-Making Church 1.0 (Definition of a Disciple)



Affinity Groups:

- Youth Staff/Leaders
- Church Administrators
- Music Staff/Leaders
- Children's Ministry Staff/Leaders
- Pastor's Wife Connection

Please take a moment to follow [this link](#) and consider registering for one or more of these opportunities.

We encourage you to share this information with your church's pastors, staff, and leaders. We are better together!



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MEET PATRICK AND TINA SOBECKI

Patrick Sobecki, church planter

My name is Patrick Sobecki, and along with Mark Luebe, we are planting a new church in the Wheat Ridge, CO area. Our vision is to plant a church that reaches the young families, recent grads, and college students in the west Denver area. We pray that the church ultimately plants churches all over the front range and the district. Both my wife (Tina) and I, combined with Mark and his wife, are trained to reach those people and see them trained up to plant churches that plant churches.

Both Tina and I are that rare breed, the Colorado native. We were both born and raised in Colorado Springs and met when we attended CU Boulder (sko Buffs). It was through the Navigators and largely through my friendship with a fellow freshman, Mark Luebe, that I became a Christian. It was through the consistent conversations and Bible studies that I understood the gospel of Jesus dying for my sins and being raised to life that I might be raised to new life with Him. By the next semester, I was leading a Bible study with Mark and we were starting to make jokes about what we would do when we planted a church.

Then Tina and I started dating and I started to pursue ministry. Tina finished her degree at CU in 2015 and went on staff with the Navigators and I decided to go back to college in 2016, having been accepted the day before I proposed. So in August 2016, we married, moved, and I restarted a degree at Bethlehem College in Minneapolis.

When I graduated in 2020, we moved right back to Boulder and I started pursuing a position at Calvary in Boulder. My time at Calvary was great in so many ways. This month Calvary is celebrating 135 years in Boulder! The opportunities to learn from an organization that is more than established were many and I am so grateful to the leadership of Tom Shirk and John Boyle.

One of the other great things about coming back to Calvary is that Mark Luebe, who had such a large impact on my coming to faith, had been working there since 2015 and had been ordained as a pastor there. While I was running the High School ministry and he was the Men's Ministry pastor, it was incredible to be able to work with a friend again.

This is all the context for what happened at the district Spring Conference in 2022, when the DLT announced the election of Kevin Boaz as the Director of Multiplication and Leadership Development. Both Mark and I were in the room when the announcement was made and just made eye contact as if to say "Is this it? Is now the time to plant?"



SOBECKI AND LUEBE
FAMILIES



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The next week we began conversations with the leadership at Calvary and with Kevin to pursue assessment with the district. Over the next year we were able to take a class on church planting through our seminary, Reformed Theological Seminary, and go through the application and assessment weekend that the district has in place.

So now we are in Wheat Ridge area, living next to Crown Hill Park and starting to plant a new church. I have been saying that since Colorado was the first organized EFCA district, it is the true home of the EFCA, so why not imagine a movement of new EFCA church plants here? The combination of being young families, our work with college students, and Mark's record of raising up pastors, we have been set up by the Lord to start something that could be incredible. But in the words of Psalm 127, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the workmen labor in vain."

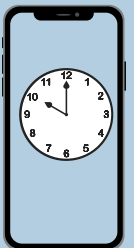


Planting in the Crown Hill Park Area of Wheat Ridge

“WE PRAY THAT THE CHURCH ULTIMATELY PLANTS CHURCHES ALL OVER THE FRONT RANGE AND THE DISTRICT.”

JOIN THE 10:2 CHALLENGE

Pray for Church Planters and Plants to be strategically launched throughout the RMD. Set an alarm on your cell for 10:02 AM and/or PM to remind you to stop and pray Luke 10:2, asking for workers for the harvest in these strategic areas in our district. [Click to learn more.](#)



AND HE [JESUS] SAID TO THEM, “THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW. THEREFORE PRAY EARNESTLY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.” - LUKE 10:2



MEET MARK AND HANNAH LUEBE

Mark Luebe, church planter

My name is Mark Luebe. My wife Hannah and I have been married for almost 3 years and have a one-and-a-half-year-old son named William. We are church planting in the Wheat Ridge area with our close friends Patrick and Tina Sobecki (and their two kids). This is an exciting season for us as we step into a calling that I have been growing into since I was a student in high school.

During high school, our family hosted a Bible study in our home and had anywhere from 30-75 high school guys descend upon our house on Tuesday nights for a meal and Bible study. During the Fall, many of these guys came straight from football practice with a strong appetite and palpable odor, yet my mom showed extensive hospitality and an ability to produce meals and my dad used this Bible study as a training ground for ministry for his sons and their friends. It was during these years that I first grew in my love for teaching as I facilitated Bible studies and gave concluding messages to the young men in my home. I also grew in my passion for leadership and developing leaders as I led a team of high school Bible study leaders. I believe God planted seeds for church planting in me through these experiences.

Patrick and I met during our freshman year of college at the University of Colorado, where we were both involved with the Navigators. We soon took different paths as he completed an undergrad in Minnesota and I finished at CU with a degree in Communication and a minor in Philosophy. I did an internship at the church I attended during college, Calvary Bible Church, before graduating college and then returned following graduation to work in student ministries at the church. I appreciated Calvary's kingdom mindset and preaching and wanted to learn from the leadership at the church. After around 9 years at the church and developmental opportunities ranging from student ministry, to Global Outreach, to men's ministry, preaching, leading teams, a good bit of a seminary degree, pastoral care, and ordination from the church back in 2018, I stepped into church planting this June.

One of the great blessings of this season has been stepping into church planting as a family and with our dear friends, the Sobeckis. Hannah and I worked closely together in this season of support raising, hospitality, and developing relationships with potential core team members and neighbors. Our home has been constantly open and we are enjoying a new season of life and ministry as a family. We have also been blessed to have my parents join us in the church planting effort as well as friends, which has required moving for a number of people. Their sacrifice and eagerness to join in the effort has been humbling and fills us with gratitude to God.

A piece of advice I heard about church planting is to plant a church for your children's children. We are a church in formation, and as I think of the young children already involved and my own son, I am committed to the often slow but worthy work of discipleship, evangelism, and church culture formation in a way that will reach generations physically and spiritually. We have been saying that our church's mission is "to glorify God by advancing Christ's Church among all people through generations of disciples." This is a great vision but God alone can make it happen, and we are convinced that He will; so we are excited to play whatever part God may have in this work for us as we ask God to build His Church (Psalm 127:1, Matthew 16:18).

SUMMER MEMORIES IN THE RMD



The RMD motorcycle gang visited churches on the western slopes and in southern Colorado! They enjoyed encouraging and praying with pastors.



Josh from Rapid City, SD with some of his guys at Challenge!



RMD youth leaders unite at Challenge



Our District Leadership Team retreated to the mountains for prayer, planning... and some corn hole.



At our ReachNetwork booth at Challenge, our goal was to get at least 500 students to set a reminder on their phones for 10:02 based on Luke 10:02 to pray for workers for the harvest! Mission accomplished!



New Life Community Church (Aurora, CO) out praying for the people they meet around Kansas City while at the Challenge Conference.

RMD PRESENTS

PASTOR & WIFE

GET-AWAY



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Pray Together

LET'S PRAY EARNESTLY FOR THE CHURCHES IN OUR DISTRICT. PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A HELPFUL PRAYER GUIDE. YOU MAY USE THE CALENDAR BELOW TO LIFT UP EACH CHURCH ON ITS DESIGNATED DAY.

SEPTEMBER

1. Aurora, CO - Harvest Community Church
2. Aurora, CO - New Life Community Church
3. Aurora, CO - Iglesia El Camino Church
4. Black Hawk, CO - Rocky Mountain EFC
5. Boulder, CO - Calvary Bible EFC
6. Boulder, CO - Chinese EFC
7. Broomfield, CO - Calvary EFC
8. Burlington, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Burlington
9. Cañon City, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Canon City
10. Casper, WY - Cornerstone EFC
11. Castle Rock, CO - Ridgeline Community Church
12. Cedaredge, CO - New Hope EFC
13. Centennial, CO - Bethany EFC
14. Centennial, CO - Fellowship Community EFC
15. Centennial, CO - Vida Nueva Church
16. Cheyenne, WY - Cheyenne EFC
17. Colorado Springs, CO - Covenant Grace EFC
18. Colorado Springs, CO - Cross & Crown Church
19. Colorado Springs, CO - Faith EFC
20. Colorado Springs, CO - First EFC
21. Colorado Springs, CO - Magnify EFC
22. Cortez, CO - Grace Fellowship EFC
23. Crook, CO - United EFC
24. Custer, SD - Crossroads Church
25. Denver, CO - Ancient Paths Church
26. Denver, CO - Chinese EFC
27. Denver, CO - Pilgrim Congregational Church
28. Divide, CO - Little Chapel of the Hills
29. Douglas, WY - Lighthouse Church
30. Eaton, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Eaton

OCTOBER

1. Erie, CO - Calvary Bible EFC
2. Estes Park, CO - Rocky Mountain Church
3. Evergreen, CO - Bergen Park Church
4. Florence, CO - The Pulse
5. Fort Collins, CO - Chinese EFC
6. Fort Collins, CO - Faith Church
7. Gillette, WY - Living Rock Church
8. Golden, CO - Whispering Pines EFC
9. Grand Junction, CO - Living Hope EFC
10. Greeley, CO - Christ Community EFC
11. Greeley, CO - Mountain View EFC
12. Hot Springs, SD - Southern Hills EFC
13. Johnstown, CO - Cornerstone EFC
14. Lander, WY - Lander Free Church
15. Laramie, WY - Snowy Range EFC
16. Littleton, CO - Red Rocks Fellowship EFC
17. Littleton, CO - Southwest Community Church
18. Longmont, CO - Grace EFC
19. Louviers, CO - Faith EFC
20. Mead, CO - Abundant Life Church
21. Milesville, SD - Hardingrove Community EFC
22. Montrose, CO - Cedar Creek Church
23. Monument, CO - Cathedral Rock Church
24. Newcastle, WY - Gateway Fellowship Church
25. Okaton, SD - Okaton EFC
26. Ouray, CO - Ouray Christian Fellowship
27. Pagosa Springs, CO - Grace in Pagosa
28. Palisade, CO - Central Orchard Mesa Comm. EFC
29. Philip, SD - Community EFC
30. Piedmont, SD - Hills View EFC
31. Peyton, CO - Aspen Ridge Church

Pray Together

NOVEMBER

1. Pueblo, CO - Grace Life Church
2. Pueblo West, CO - The Peak EFC
3. Rapid City, SD - Parkview EFC
4. Rapid City, SD - Rimrock EFC
5. Rye, CO - Table Mountain Church
6. Seibert, CO - Trinity Hill Church
7. Steamboat Springs, CO - Steamboat Bible Church
8. Thornton, CO - Calvary Bible Church
9. Timnath, CO - Christ The Rock Community Church
10. Wall, SD - Evangelical Free Bible Church
11. Windsor, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Windsor
12. Rocky Mountain District (RMD) Superintendent
13. RMD Director of Multiplication & Leadership Development
14. RMD Staff
15. RMD Leadership Team (DLT)
16. RMD Finances

17. RMD Healthy Pastor Networks
18. RMD Church Planting Leadership Team
19. RMD Student Ministries Consultant and Team
20. Pray for our pastor's wives and children
21. RMD Board of Ministerial Standing Chairman
22. RMD Board of Ministerial Standing (Credentialing Team)
23. Pray for RMD Churches searching for pastors
24. Pray for Regional Care Pastors in the RMD
25. Pray for prayer saturation to take hold in the RMD
26. Pray for Caleb Haynes, Church Plant, Loveland, CO
27. Pray for Jim Kimbriel, Church Plant, Elizabeth, CO
28. EFCA District Superintendents (17 total)
29. EFCA Chaplain Director and Endorser
30. EFCA President and Vice President

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