



Equipping for Baptismal Vocation in Daily Life

A webinar series Presented by the Leadership Team of the Life of Faith Initiative

Tailored specifically for small town and rural contexts, this six-session webinar series will introduce participants to baptismal ecclesiology and its practical application for the life of the church. Sessions will be hosted on zoom at 7 pm Central. Register online.

- September 15th, 2025 - Our Baptismal Calling
- October 20th 2025 - From Gathering (attraction) to Scattering (equipping)
- November 17th 2025- What is Vocation?
- February 16th 2026-Congregational Leadership : All IN! Dialogue sermons. Affinity groups.
- March 16th 2026- Equipping the Christian People: spiritual autobiography
- April 20th 2026- Sent to Serve

Register here for Session 1: Our Baptismal Calling

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Future registrations will be available on our website www.thecastleproject.org

The CaSTLE Project –Country and Small Town Lived Ecclesiology –is Wartburg Theological Seminary’s new initiative to support and revitalize small town and rural ministry. Funded by the Lilly Foundation Inc, it builds on our longstanding commitment to rural churches and focuses on equipping lay and pastoral leaders to live out faith in daily life.

The purpose of the Life of Faith initiative is to stir up a culture change that frees us to make the service by the baptized in the arenas of daily life the central focus of the church’s mission. www.lifeoffaith.info

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