

# LIFE Talk • September 30, 2026

“...THAT THEY MAY BE ONE.” JOHN 17:21



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**THEME •** That They May All be ONE

**LIFE TALK •** The One Capital Campaign

Rev. Michael Carlson kicks off the 2026–27 LIFEU season by exploring the vision behind St. Andrew’s One Capital Campaign. What does it mean to be one church with one shared mission? Together, we’ll consider how our collective generosity, commitment, and faith can help shape the future of our congregation and its ministry.

**PRESENTER •** Rev. Michael Carlson



Rev. Michael Carlson’s studies at U of M Duluth, and his MDiv from Wartburg Theological Seminary gave him the educational foundation needed for ministry work. Various roles have led Mike to where he is today—youth work, training other youth workers, and Associate Pastor. Mike moved from northern Minnesota to Birchwood when he answered the call to be Executive Pastor at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in 2008. He transitioned into the Lead Pastor role in 2014.

Watch replay videos or access online LIFEU brochure at [saintandrews.org/lifeu](https://saintandrews.org/lifeu)

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# LIFE Group Sheet

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## GETTING STARTED

Share in a spiritual practice, discuss an igniter question, and/or begin with prayer.

*Creator God, thank you for the opportunity to gather with each person here, to grow in faith and knowledge together, and for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless our time, our conversation, and how we care for one another. Amen.*

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Briefly share (in pairs or 3s) your initial reaction to what you heard in the LIFE Talk. What stood out to you? What is stirring inside of you? What are you thinking, feeling, or wondering about?

## DIGGING DEEPER

- When have you felt that you have been apart of something big that includes many people?
- Why is ONE important for such a time as this?
- What do you bring to the kingdom of God that the community needs?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Offer a prayer to draw your time to a close, using one of your own or the one below.

*God of wisdom and beauty, thank you for this time together. Help us as we live out our faith this week and share what we have learned. Make us instruments of your peace and healing love, as we grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.*

