



# Minnesota Christian Writers Guild

## Instruction—Inspiration—Fellowship

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### November 11, Jane Kise, Author and Speaker “Myths & Truths about Writing Success”



What *really* sparks a meaningful and successful career as a writer? You’ve heard advice such as, “Write what you know!” “Don’t quit your day job!” “Write from the heart!”

But what will work for you and the readers you hope to inform, entertain or inspire?

Jane Kise will share what she’s learned from more than 20 years as a writer, authoring many books and dozens of magazine articles.

Jane Kise, Ed.D., is the author of over 20 books including *LifeKeys: Discover Who You Are*; *Did You Get What You Prayed For?*; *SoulTypes: Matching your Personality and Spiritual Path*; *Intentional Leadership*; and *Unleashing the Positive Power of Differences*.

Her work as author and consultant helps leaders and teachers recognize strengths and needs of others and develop practical applications to reach goals, improve communication and collaboration, and resolve conflicts. She currently spends the majority of her time working with schools to help them meet the learning needs of all students, and is in demand as a speaker and facilitator across the United States and around the world.

### Upcoming Guild Meetings

November 11 Authors’ Table Night	March 10, Charlene Patterson, Bethany House editor <i>Christian Fiction Trends</i>
December 9, Nancy Carlson, children’s author/illustrator <i>The World of Picture Books</i>	April 12, Spring Seminar, David Sheets, marketing <i>All About eBooks</i>
January 13, Chris Atkins, musician and songwriter <i>Creating Lyrics: Productive Tips</i>	April 14, MCWG Member Panel hosted by Joyce K. Ellis <i>Practical Insights for Today’s Christian Writer</i>
February 10, Amy Lyon, journalist and author <i>Crafting a Lead and Structuring Articles</i>	May 12, MCWG 60th Anniversary Celebration Jonathan Friesen: <i>Writing for the Generations</i>

### 2013-14 Theme Verse

**2 Corinthians 3:2-3** ESV

*You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

### Shop Authors’ Table Night November 11

At the MCWG meeting on Monday, November 11th, MCWG authors will once again display and sell their published books and related products. This timely event is a great opportunity to buy presents for holidays, birthdays, or personal enjoyment. Come at 6:30 p.m. to encourage our authors, talk to them about their publishing experiences, and shop for gifts or treasures to keep.



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## November is National Novel Writing Month

Are you ready to write your novel, but need motivation to push yourself to get that first draft done?

National Novel Writing Month—NaNoWriMo—may be just what you need.

The goal is to write for thirty days and nights, November 1st-30th, with literary abandon. The emphasis is on quantity, meeting word count goals and completion, not perfection.

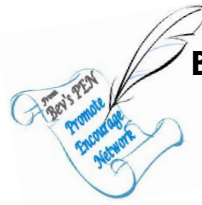
Consider the challenge of writing 50,000 words of a new novel in the month of November. That's about 1725 words a day, with Thanksgiving Day off or about 2000 words a day with a day's break each week.

Set your goal. Turn off your inner editor. Have fun! Be creative. Write with abandon.

Post comments about your experience each week on our MCWG Facebook page. (On Facebook, search Minnesota Christian Writers Guild.)

NaNoWriMo offers an on-line community for pep talks and forums, along with word count helpers to track your progress and assistance finding local or regional events.

You can find their website at: <http://nanowrimo.org/>.



**Bev's PEN** ~ By Beverly Snyder

Promote, Encourage, Network

## Season for Thanks

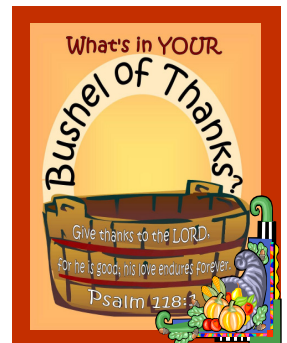
Fall is a season of color. A season for harvest. A season for hope and thanksgiving. But not all seasons of life seem full of bounty. Can we remain thankful? The Bible gives many examples of thankfulness through difficult times.

The Psalms are filled with cries for help when life was hard and the psalmist needed God's intervention and compassion. The psalmist knew God would hear and answer and for that, he gave thanks. *Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.* (Psalm 28:6-7)

As an administrator in a foreign court, Daniel had reason for concern when opposing men convinced King Darius to enact a law to destroy those who prayed to God. Yet even then Daniel faithfully continued to get down on his knees three times a day to pray and give thanks to his God.

In 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5, the apostle Paul exhorts us to *pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

The prophet Isaiah gives us writers a mission: *Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ...let this be known to all the world.* (Isaiah 12:5-6)



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## Meeting Schedule

Meetings are the second Monday of each month, September through May, 6:30-9 p.m. in the Youth Room at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 720 13th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55415.



## How to Get to Guild Meetings

**Bethlehem Baptist Church** in downtown Minneapolis is located at 720 13th Ave S, with parking lot access off South 8th Street. Enter the church through doors adjacent to the parking lot.

The Youth Room is on the lower level to the right of the building entrance. It is handicap accessible.