

Living for God, Writing for People

November 9th--Paul Ridgeway

Scripts to Write, Soundbites Just Right

Paul Ridgeway will help and encourage Christian writers to write good, clear, and fun scripts for church plays, events, emcees, off-stage, announcements, and much more.

Although Paul Ridgeway’s work background began in politics, it shifted toward marketing events across America and around the world. His real love is telling people about the love of Jesus. He has spoken in churches and to groups across the United States and in several foreign countries. Currently Paul is the afternoon drive-time host on radio station AM 980 The Mission, the Twin Cities Christian Voice, heard Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. Through interesting guest speakers and topics, he seeks to help people grow in their faith. Paul also presents creative elements in his program through theater skits and unique stories that illustrate the gospel message.



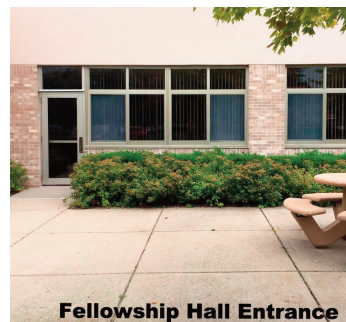
**Next Month:
December 14th
Doug Trouten**

Writing for the Web

How do people read online? They don’t – they skim. And that’s just one of the challenges writers face in our new digital age. Learn to

understand the web audience, adapt print articles for web consumption, and employ best practices for different online venues, including blogs, Twitter and Facebook. Feel free to bring a manuscript you’ve prepared for print, so you can mark it up for online reading during the session.

**Meetings: September - May
Every second Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Oak Knoll Lutheran Church
600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka
One block north of Highway 394
and Hopkins Crossroad**



Please note: Take the second right turn into the parking lot on the west side of the church. Enter directly through the Fellowship Hall door, not the front entrance.

2015-2016 Scripture

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 ESU



The Sensitivity of a Writer

by Marianne McDonough
Communications Director

Many years ago, before cell phones, while walking through the Burnsville Center, I noticed a boy about ten years old wandering the corridors. He didn't seem alarmed or upset. In fact, quite the opposite. But still, something about his demeanor concerned me. Finally, after several minutes, I approached him and asked, "Are you all right?"

Immediately his face changed from neutral to exasperated, and he flung his hands up in a staccato wave any band conductor would envy. "Well, I'm LOST!" he answered as though I had just asked the dumbest question in the history of language. The nothing's-wrong-with-me façade was gone, and the message was clear: "How could I possibly be all right when I'm lost?"

After a few more questions, I surmised his mom was frantically searching. Thus, I invited him to follow me to the lost and found office, explaining that she might be there. To my relief, she was. The reunion was emotional for her but rather like a day in the life for him. I imagine he went on to succeed at some incredibly stressful occupation that would drive most people crazy.

Thankfully, God gifts us writers with sensitive natures. When life stings, we would rather not be so endowed. But as writers, our tender hearts help us observe the world around us. If we don't take the time, however, we won't notice all the people who look just fine but in reality are so lost they have no idea which way to turn.

Our task is to invite them to God's lost and found department where a loving Parent surely awaits.



National November Writers Month (NaNoWriMo)--Write Your Novel in One Month!

Are you ready to write your novel but need a push to get the first draft done? NaNoWriMo may be just what you need! Go to <http://nanowrimo.org> for more information.

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Book Fair Now Open to All Christian Authors!

Registration is open until November 7th. If you're not in the book fair yourself, please come to support your fellow writers who are and bring your families, too. It's going to be an amazing day!
Hopkins Center for the Arts, November 14th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November Partner of the Month: Great Commission Artists



GCA is a non-denominational Christian network of visual artists who honor Christ together through art and community service.
GCA mission:

Painting Christ on the Hearts of People

Focused on the Gospel, GCA seeks to support artists professionally and personally, provide opportunities to exhibit, and sponsor imaginative fellowship events and seminars.

www.greatcommissionartists.com

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