

**Dr. David Adams**

Adams is associate professor of exegetical theology and coordinator of international Seminary exchange programs. His expertise is in understanding the Old Testament in its ancient Near Eastern context. In addition to teaching courses in biblical Hebrew and Old Testament, he has led the Seminary's efforts in the area of biblical archaeology.

The Present God: Exploring a Major Biblical Theme For many Christians, the theological value of the Old Testament is limited to messianic prophecies and the comforting assurances of the psalms. Such a perspective runs the risk of impoverishing our teaching and preaching by failing to recognize the foundational role of the Old Testament for the Christian faith and the rich variety of ways in which its theology is communicated. In this presentation Adams will explore the major theological motif of the presence of God and show how it shapes the faith of the Old Testament and the fulfillment of that faith in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

May 22-24, 2017

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
4040 County Road 101, North Plymouth, MN 55446
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**Dr. Charles Arand**

Arand is the Eugene E. and Nell S. Fincke Graduate Professor of Theology and director of the Seminary's Center for the Care of Creation. He also serves as dean of theological research and publication. Arand has published several books and more than 50 articles on topics related to the Lutheran Confessions (with an emphasis on the catechisms) and the theology of creation.

In Awesome Wonder: Finding our Place in God's Creation Martin Luther once lamented that we fail to see and appreciate the daily miracles of God because they are so common. How can we recover that sense of wonder, and with it gratitude and contentment for our lives on earth? This workshop will explore how the theme of creation shapes the entire Christian story and theology. In particular, it will focus on issues related to what it means to be human, the relationship between creation and redemption, and creation as a starting point for community participation as well as conversations with non-Christians. Texts studied will include Gen. 1-2, Ps. 104 and Job 38-41.

Aug. 11-13, 2017

St. Luke Lutheran
5589 Van Atta, Haslett, MI 48840
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Registration: \$50 (30-person minimum)

The Art of Living by Faith: The Theology of Luther's Catechisms As we move into a post-Christian age, the task of catechesis becomes an ever more urgent and vital task of the Church. Fewer and fewer people standing on the doorstep of the church have any Christian memory from childhood regarding the Gospel, Trinity, prayer, worship or the Christian life. More needs to be done and yet there is less time in which to do it. In some ways, this new situation is ideal for recovering the purpose and goal of Luther's catechisms that seek to form people in the basics of the Christian faith. As such, they function as handbooks, even field manuals for the Christian life.

After looking at the overarching coherence of the catechisms, we will explore selected themes from their texts.

June 19-21, 2017

Hosanna Lutheran Church
105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, MN 56001
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Aug. 14-16, 2017

Faith Lutheran Church
8125 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060
Contact: Dr. Kevin Guynn pastorg@faithmentor.org

**Dr. Anthony Cook**

Cook is director of United States Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). Cook brings 22 years in ministry experience to LHM, including 17 years in curriculum design and development, distance curricula, educational technology and leadership.

Discipleship in the 21st Century: What U.S.

Lutheran Churches Need to Know Join fellow pastors and leaders of LCMS churches to discuss ways to better prepare the baptized in your parish for lives of discipleship and connection with their friends and family who are not part of a church family. This workshop will help you consider the shift in thinking among your members and those who drive by your church in regards to the Christian life, while also providing you various benchmarks and key performance indicators for planning and evaluating ministry. Nonordained staff and leaders are invited to join this important discussion.

June 12-14, 2017

St. John's Lutheran Church
809 S. Sixth Ave., West Bend, WI 53095
Contact: Rev. Jeff Dorth jdorth@stjohnswestbend.org

**Dr. Timothy Dost**

Dost is associate professor of historical theology. His interests and expertise include Reformation studies and Renaissance humanism, early modern European history, historical and systematic theology, Zwingli, the Radicals and Anabaptists. He is a living, walking "Wikipedia" when it comes to Luther and the Reformation.

Martin Luther for the Parish Pastor In this workshop, we will examine passages and concepts from Luther that are useful for parish ministry. Some issues to be explored include the two kinds of righteousness, justification by grace through faith, the relationship between Holy Scripture and the Word and the Two Kingdoms and *anfechtungen* (bad stuff and feelings) with special attention paid to passages of Luther useful to the parish pastor. In addition, passages from the letters and table talk, as well as presentations of accounts of Luther's life and problems he faced will highlight issues for the parish pastor today.

July 10-12, 2017

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
1005 First St. West Fargo, ND 58078
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**Dr. Jeff Kloha**

Kloha is professor of exegetical theology and provost. He is a leading scholar of Greek texts, the New Testament and the Pauline Epistles. He is a popular teacher in the classroom and speaker within the church, where he shows how the Word of God functions within the Christian's daily life for the confession of Christ as Lord in an increasing secular world.

In Christ and in the World: 1 Corinthians and the Christian Life in a

(Mostly) Hostile Culture 1 Corinthians describes Christians encountering first century cultural attitudes and situations that are remarkably similar to our own: a cult of personality, climbing the social ladder, religious pluralism, shifting roles of men and women and even something like "new age" spirituality. As the church in Corinth struggled to find its identity in Christ, the apostolic word serves to bring about unity in the midst of conflict and to call the church away from compromise to the present age. Far from a mere collection of moral opinions, 1 Corinthians shows the depth of the power of the Cross to create new people and a new community in Christ.

July 10-12, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church
2194 SE Minter Bridge, Hillsboro, OR 97123
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**Dr. Rick Marrs**

Marrs is associate professor of practical theology and director of the Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route programs. He holds advanced degrees in counseling and psychology and has previous service in Christian counseling. Marrs is currently working on a book project, Making Christian Counseling More Christ-Centered.

Making Christian Counseling More Christ-Centered Many LCMS pastors and church leaders realize that much of what passes for "Christian counseling" is based in the Law and not the Gospel of Christ. Dr. C.F.W. Walther actually said that properly dividing Law and Gospel in "private ministrations" with people is more difficult than in preaching and teaching. This and other complicated pastoral care questions will be addressed in hopes that the learners will become more confident and effective in their care of the souls entrusted to them.

July 31-Aug. 2, 2017

Pacific Hills Lutheran Church
1110 S. 90th, Omaha, NE 68124
Contact: Rev. Bryan Drebes bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org

**Dr. Peter Nafzger**

Nafzger is assistant professor of practical theology. He is a bright young theologian and a gifted speaker who manifests what is best about the LCMS. He joined the Seminary faculty in 2016 after serving as a pastor for eight years in Minnesota where he helped lead (and continues to do so) in the planning of our LCMS Youth Gatherings.

Beginning with the End in Mind: A Restructured, Expanded, Holistic and Intergenerational Approach to Confirmation The Barna Group recently reported that that 59 percent of 18-29 year-olds with a Christian background have dropped out of church. This confirms a disturbing trend that many pastors and congregations have experienced first-hand. Young people — often confirmed young people — are quickly abandoning their confirmation vows in our increasingly post-church culture. How shall we respond? As part of this workshop, we'll discuss the current state of confirmation in the LCMS, and we'll consider the process one congregation used to make a significant congregational change.

May 22-24, 2017

Camp Okoboji
1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA 51351
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July 10-11, 2017

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
600 S. Enota Drive NE, Gainesville, GA 30501
Contact: Rev. Zach Hoffman hoffmangslc@gmail.com

**Dr. Glenn Nielsen**

Nielsen is the director of vicarage and deaconess internships and professor of practical theology. His areas of interest and expertise include communication, rhetoric and homiletics. Particularly, Nielsen has studied the use of creative means within a sermon.

Out of Creation Comes Creativity — for Preaching

Listening to a sermon is a challenge for people today. Our world has moved from a print-dominated culture to one where people communicate in a digital world of text messages and computer screens. How do we preach in such an environment where listening to one person speak for 15 to 20 minutes or longer is rarely done outside of classroom lectures; where people have not learned how to do such sustained listening? This workshop will not advocate merely adapting current cultural communication techniques. Instead, it will build upon our rich tradition of preaching by recognizing how God has created us with "eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses."

July 31-Aug. 2, 2017

Fountain of Life Lutheran Church
710 S. Kolb, Tucson, AZ 85710
Contact: Rev. Gregory Rachuy grachuy@follutheran.org

**Dr. Joel Okamoto**

Okamoto is the Waldemar and Mary Griesbach Professor of Systematic Theology and chairman of the department. He is renowned for his thoughtful analysis of the issues the Church faces in an increasingly non-Christian culture. He has spent much time studying how we can carry out apologetics today, engage science and always keep Jesus at the center of everything we do.

Theology for Pastoral Ministry in a Scientific Age It might be said that many pastors don't know enough about science. But what nonscientist does? Of course most of us could be better informed about science, but this will not help much unless our theology also is adequate to deal with the assumptions, methods and findings of modern science. In this workshop, we will explore theological topics that a scientific age must make important for pastors and their ministries, including God, creation, human creatures and the Scriptures.

July 10-12, 2017

Immanuel Lutheran Church
605 S. Walnut, Seymour, IN 47274
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Aug. 1-3, 2017

King of Kings Lutheran Church
3275 N. Center Point, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411
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**Dr. David Peter**

Peter is associate professor of practical theology and chairman of the department. His areas of interest include the dynamics of pastoral leadership in different sizes of congregations. He also works to support pastors and lay leaders of midsized congregations to engage in the challenges and opportunities distinctive of that congregational size.

Decoding the Apocalypse: Study of the Book of Revelation The title of the last book of the Bible is translated as "Revelation," but its original title was "Apocalypse." This word literally means "the unveiling." The purpose of this book of the Bible is to unveil the purposes of God in human history. For many people, however, it remains seemingly veiled, as an obscure, mysterious and confusing book. The reason many people do not understand the Apocalypse is because it is written in coded language that can only be interpreted by decoding its symbolism. This study will look at the most significant coded symbols of the book and the keys to their interpretation. It will provide a broad sweep of the major themes and message of Revelation.

Aug. 7-9, 2017

Resurrection Lutheran Church
100 West Lochmere Drive, Cary, NC 27518
Contact: Rev. Dave Schleusener dave.schleusener@rlcary.org

**Dr. Paul Raabe**

Raabe is professor of exegetical theology. He is one of the most respected Old Testament scholars in the LCMS today and is currently working on a commentary on Isaiah for Concordia Publishing House. Raabe is especially known for his theological insights into the Old Testament and its application for today.

The Church and the Nations: Isaiah and Today Isaiah the prophet announces God's judgment against the nations and condemns Zion for becoming like the nations. There also is a third message that he emphasizes: He promises the coming day when the nations will come to Zion. This workshop will examine how all three messages need to be heard today.

July 31-Aug. 2, 2017

St. John's Lutheran Church
205 East 5th, Stuttgart, AR 72160
Contact: Rev. Don White bobbiekazoo@gmail.com

**Dr. Mark Rockenbach**

Rockenbach is associate professor of practical theology and adviser for personal growth and leadership development. He came to the Seminary in 2014 from Nebraska where he served at the district office in providing pastoral assistance to pastors and congregations. In addition to his Seminary work, he also served as a conflict intervention team member for Ambassadors

of Reconciliation in Billings, Mont. His areas of expertise include pastoral care, Christian counseling, forgiveness and reconciliation, and congregational conflict.

Biblically Responding to Conflict We live in a sinful world where we are often faced with conflicted situations. How we respond to conflict sometimes does not always give a good witness to our faith in Christ. This workshop will equip, engage and encourage Christians to live lives of reconciliation. Participants will be able to understand conflict from a biblical viewpoint and learn skills to help them respond to conflict in a God-pleasing way.

July 21-23, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church
122 Wesley, Jackson, MI 49201
Contact: Rev. Eric Ekong ericekong@tlmjackson.com
Registration: \$50 (30-person minimum)

**Dr. Timothy Saleska**

Saleska is associate professor of exegetical theology and dean of ministerial formation. Among his areas of expertise is the study of the book of Psalms. He is a popular speaker whose devotional reading of the Psalms and his accompanying illustration of spiritual strength they offer is gratefully received.

Influenced by a Cloud of Witnesses: Reading the Psalms for Spiritual

Strength In this workshop, we approach the Psalms with the assumption that reading them is more like having a conversation with other people than analyzing an object or mining for jewels. The shift of perspective makes it more difficult to keep the Psalms at arm's length and opens us up to being influenced and changed by the voices we hear speaking to us. During the workshop, we will have the opportunity to read and meditate on individual psalms. It is hoped

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that our time together will bring us closer to each other as well as closer to our Lord, who speaks to us in and through the Psalms.

Aug. 7-9, 2017
Immanuel Lutheran
2416 Jefferson Park Ave., Charlottesville, VA 22903
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Dr. Robert Weise

Weise is professor emeritus of practical theology. He has been helping The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for 20-plus years to understand, analyze and evaluate the theological and ethical implications of advances in medical technology, along with their uses.

Transgenderism and the Christian Witness

Transgenderism within the LBGTQQIA agenda continues to make inroads into the 21st century through “the use of bathrooms.” While this seems a bit unusual, this is their entrance to “governmental and societal approval” as co-equal to heterosexuals and finally marriage and reproduction (the latter two have already occurred). Weise will present a historical overview dating back to pre-Civil War times to the present as to how the transgender agenda has been added to the new normal of homosexuality and same-sex marriage. How should the LCMS and Christians respond and witness in the public square to transgender individuals?

June 12-14, 2017
Faith Lutheran Church
1517 E Valley Water Mill Road, Springfield, MO 65803-3743
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July 17-19, 2017
St. John’s Lutheran Church of Orange
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SUMMER WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

Faith and Writing Workshop
 July 25-27, 2017

Summer Lay Bible Institute
 Aug. 5, 2017

Theological Symposium
 Sept. 19-20, 2017

Fall Lay Bible Institute
 Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017

For more information, please contact:
 Concordia Seminary Continuing Education
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Online registration is available at www.csl.edu/summerworkshops.

If you wish to register and the deadline has passed, please call Erika Bennett at 314-505-7286. If the minimum number has been met, the deadline will be extended.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education workshops offered by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis provide an opportunity for exploration of contemporary topics that influence the practice of ministry. They are designed for pastors, church workers and laypeople. Unless otherwise noted, all workshops begin at 1 p.m. Monday and conclude at noon Wednesday. There are no evening sessions.

COSTS

Tuition for the three-day events is \$140, which includes CEUs. Housing and meals vary from site to site and are the responsibility of the participant. Information is available from the host pastor. A full refund of cancellations will be given up to 14 days before the event. The registration fee for *In Awesome Wonder: Finding our Place in God’s Creation & Biblically Responding to Conflict* is \$50 each.

REGISTRATION

Register for the workshops online at www.csl.edu/summerworkshops no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of each workshop. After you register, you will receive a detailed schedule and a pre-session reading list. Workshops must have a minimum number of participants in order to be held. Please reach out to the on-site contact for directions, housing and meal information. Email addresses are listed with each workshop.

Dates	Church	Address	Presenter	Topic
5/22-5/24	Camp Okoboji	1531 Edgewood Drive Milford, Iowa 51351	Peter Nafzger	Confirmation
5/22-5/24	Glory of Christ Lutheran Church	4040 County Road 101 North Plymouth, MN 55446	David Adams	The Present God
6/12-6/14	Faith Lutheran Church	1517 E. Valley Water Mill Road Springfield, MO 65803	Bob Weise	Transgenderism and the Christian Witness
6/12-6/14	St. John’s Lutheran Church	809 S. Sixth Ave. West Bend, WI 53095	Tony Cook	Discipleship in the 21st Century
6/19-6/21	Hosanna Lutheran Church	105 Hosanna Drive Mankato, MN 56001	Charles Arand	Art of Living by Faith
7/10-7/11	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	600 S. Enota Dr. NE Gainesville, GA 30501	Peter Nafzger	Confirmation
7/10-7/12	Immanuel Lutheran Church	605 S. Walnut Seymour, IN 47274	Joel Okamoto	Theology for Pastoral Ministry in a Scientific Age
7/10-7/12	St. Andrew Lutheran Church	1005 First St. West Fargo, ND 58078	Timothy Dost	Martin Luther
7/10-7/12	Trinity Lutheran Church	2194 SE Minter Bridge Hillsboro, OR 97123	Jeff Kloha	1 Corinthians and Christian Life in Hostile Culture
7/17-7/19	St. John’s Lutheran Church of Orange	154 S. Shaffer Orange, CA 92866	Bob Weise	Transgenderism and the Christian Witness
7/21-7/23	Trinity Lutheran Church	122 W. Wesley Jackson, MI 49201	Mark Rockenbach	Conflict Resolution
7/31-8/2	Fountain of Life Lutheran Church	710 S. Kolb Tucson, AZ 85710	Glenn Nielsen	Out of Creation Comes Creativity - for Preaching
7/31-8/2	Pacific Hills Lutheran Church	1110 S. 90th Omaha, NE 68124	Rick Marrs	Counseling
7/31-8/2	St. John’s Lutheran Church	205 East 5th Stuttgart, AR 72160	Paul Raabe	The Church and the Nations
8/1-8/3	King of Kings Lutheran Church	3275 N. Center Point Cedar Rapids, IA 52411	Joel Okamoto	Theology for Pastoral Ministry in a Scientific Age
8/7-8/9	Immanuel Lutheran Church	2416 Jefferson Park Ave. Charlottesville, VA 22903	Timothy Saleska	Psalms
8/7-8/9	Resurrection Lutheran Church	100 West Lochmere Drive Cary, NC 27518	David Peter	Book of Revelation
8/11-8/13	St. Luke Lutheran Church	5589 Van Atta Haslett, MI 48840	Charles Arand	Lay workshop
8/14-8/16	Faith Lutheran Church	8125 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060	Charles Arand	Art of Living by Faith

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