



2024 LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRY STAFF CONFERENCE

Live Not By Lies

MAY 29–30 | Luther Memorial Chapel & University Student Center | Milwaukee, Wis.

Schedule

Wednesday, May 29

- 10 A.M.** Matins
- 10:45 A.M.** *Live Not By Lies: Life and Marriage* with Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer
- 11:45 A.M.** Lunch
- 1 P.M.** *Martin Luther's Advice to Persons Struggling with Depression and Anxiety* with Dr. Stephen M. Saunders
- 2 P.M.** Break
- 2:15 P.M.** Breakout Sessions
- *Teaching University Students to Love their Book of Concord* with Rev. Dr. Jason Lane
 - *Teaching University Students to Love their Bibles* with Rev. Dr. Brian German
 - *International Student Ministry* with Sue Hasselbring
- 3:15 P.M.** Break

- 3:30 P.M.** Roundtable/Sharing Ideas
- 4:30 P.M.** Vespers
- 5:30 P.M.** Dinner
- 7 P.M.** Gemutlichkeit

Thursday, May 30

- 9 A.M.** Matins
- 9:45 A.M.** *Christian Identity in a Post-Christian Culture* with Rev. David Kind
- 10:45 A.M.** Break
- 11 A.M.** *The Abolition of Man: The Injustice of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion* with Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer
- NOON** Lunch
- 1:15 P.M.** *Practical Advice for Helping Today's Youth: The Dual Challenges of Social Media and Misinformation* with Dr. Stephen M. Saunders
- 2:15 P.M.** Itinerarium

Speakers & Sessions

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer

LIVE NOT BY LIES: LIFE AND MARRIAGE – Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, devoted her life to birth control, which led to abortion and the culture of death. Sanger battled against marriage, the clergy, and God. She paved the path towards the sexual revolution, and her ideology has led to lives of loneliness and despair. Discover how the joining the life movement can be a great way of confessing the truth of Christ, who himself became a child in Mary's womb.

THE ABOLITION OF MAN: THE INJUSTICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION – C.S. Lewis foresaw a culture that no longer knew beauty and truth. We must be about the

business of rebuilding our culture and discovering what it means to be created in the image of God. The gender madness has been like a wrecking ball, destroying families and causing irreversible damage. We must turn to Genesis and Revelation, and, in doing so, confess God as our Father and Christ as the Church's bridegroom.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer joined the Exegetical Theology Department at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (CTSFW), in 2000. His passions include the Gospel of Mark, the sacramental ministry of Jesus, and church's confession during times of persecution. He did his undergraduate work in the classics at Indiana University, and he earned an M.Div. from CTSFW in 1992. His

Notre Dame doctoral dissertation centered on the Lukan Passion Narrative (2001). From 1996 to 2000, Dr. Scaer served as pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Ind. For many years, he has served as a board member and president at Right to Life of Northeast Indiana and was a founder of Shepherds United. He writes and speaks regularly on the cultural issues that affect the church and her confession.

Dr. Stephen M. Saunders

MARTIN LUTHER'S ADVICE TO PERSONS STRUGGLING WITH DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY – In this talk, Dr. Saunders reviews material from his book, *Martin Luther on Mental Health* (CPH, 2023). Saunders shows that Luther wrote numerous letters to friends, colleagues, and believers far and near in which he dispensed advice about depression and anxiety. He also spoke of the inevitability of struggling to believe. The talk will show how Luther dispensed what was essentially modern psychological advice, encouraging others to think realistically and to act in ways to promote their own emotional well-being. The talk will have practical advice for using Luther's advice with those struggling today.

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR HELPING TODAY'S YOUTH: THE DUAL CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND MISINFORMATION – In this talk, Dr. Saunders reviews the evidence that social media (such as Instagram and TikTok) are widely used in intense fashion by many young persons. The vulnerabilities of youth are explicitly targeted by social media companies to attract and addict them, and there is voluminous evidence that social media is profoundly detrimental to the emotional well-being of adolescents of all ages, whether in grade school or college. Social media is not going away, and Saunders provides practical advice for educating ourselves and our students about social media. He suggests practical strategies for everyone to use so social media can be beneficial rather than harmful.

Dr. Stephen M. Saunders is Professor of Psychology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, a licensed clinical psychologist, and the doting grandfather of four

grandchildren. He is president of Our Father's Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Wis. He is on the Board of Directors of DOXOLOGY and also at Lutheran Child and Family Services. He has published over 80 articles and chapters, and he has made over 200 presentations regarding mental health. He wrote a two-volume book with Northwestern Publishing (WELS) titled A Christian Guide to Mental Illness. In October 2023, Martin Luther on Mental Health was published by CPH. Dr. Saunders strongly believes that Lutherans must understand that mental health problems are not an indication of poor faith, that there are many, biblically-based things that Christian laypersons can do to help those in emotional distress, and that professional help should be sought when needed.

Rev. David Kind

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE – Existential angst is not a new problem. Our students, however, are confronted not only with personal angst over who they are and wish to be but also with increasingly serious challenges to the very categories of being that have historically defined human culture and interaction. This has helped one know one's proper place in the order of things. This session will deal with helping our students think about each one's identity and the challenges being posed to identity from a Biblical and sacramental basis.

Rev. David Kind is campus pastor of University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis, a campus ministry congregation serving the University of Minnesota community. He is also an instructor of history, theology, and literature at Wittenberg Academy. He writes on patristics for Christian Culture magazine, and he is the author of About Our Liturgy: Meaning, History and Practice (2003) and Oremus: A Lutheran Breviary (2015). He also contributed to the book Ethics of Sex: From Taboo to Delight (2017).