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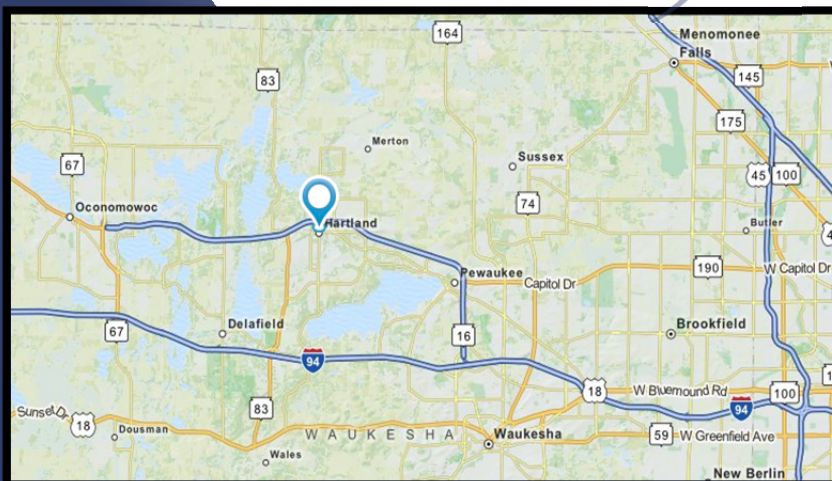
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

South Wisconsin District – LCMS
Passionate Believers Conference

Saturday, January 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. Registration
8:45 a.m. Opening Devotion & Welcome
2:30 p.m. Closing

Held at:
Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church &
School N48 W31385 Hill St., Hartland, WI 53029



Conference Fee

\$25.00 per person

\$75.00 per “church”

(Fee includes presenters, materials, and meals)

Register by January 15, 2016

ONLINE: swd.lcms.org/registration
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Hotel Accommodations

Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West
414-257-3400
2303 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee
\$85 per night

Holiday Inn Express

262-646-7077
3030 Golf Rd., Delafield
\$89 per night

LaQuinta

262-395-1162
2801 Hillside Dr., Delafield
\$69 per night

The South Wisconsin District **is not** responsible for your room charges. When making your reservation, mention the SWD to receive your discounted rate.

Hotel discounted rate deadline, January 15, 2016.



PASSIONATE BELIEVERS CONFERENCE

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“Caring for the Church, Caring for the Church Worker”

The SWD Passionate Believers Conference

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Healthy congregations and healthy church workers are complimentary to each other. The church caring for its workers who are pressed hard by the demands of their office is as vital today as it has ever been. Church workers suffer from the same frailties and the same temptations as every sinner. The purpose of this conference is to assist church members in understanding how the church might better care for her workers; and how the church worker might be better equipped to care for the church.

Serving the Church by Serving Her Servants: What's Your Action Plan?

Among the six mission priorities of the LCMS is this remarkably important (but seldom discussed) goal for the Church: "Nurture pastors, missionaries and professional church workers to promote spiritual, emotional and physical well-being." Let's discuss it, shall we? The well-being of our called servants is integral to the overall health of the Church! This fast-paced look at the life of the Church and her called servants will explore what we've learned about ongoing challenges confronting our church workers and will invite parishes, schools and their people to explore significant ways that we may all enhance our ability to care for our called servants and their families.

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Devotion & Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation: *Serving the Church by Serving Her Servants: What's Your Action Plan?*
- 10:30 a.m. Breakout Session 1
- 11:35 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Breakout Session 2
- 2:00 p.m. Q & A/Wrap-up Session with Pres. Wille
- 2:30 p.m. Closing

Dr. Beverly Yahnke is a clinical psychologist and Executive Co-Director for DOXOLOGY. She has recently concluded five years of service as Professor of Psychology and Department Chair at Concordia University Wisconsin. Previously she spent 20 years in private practice as Director of the Christian counseling clinic she founded.



Breakout Sessions

Visit swd.lcms.org for detailed descriptions of all sessions.

Breakout Session 1 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Breakout Session 2 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Be Well Reboot <i>Steve Gruenwald, CPS - Health and Wellness Educator</i> New tools and wellness resources are now available to help members of the Concordia Health Plan “Be Well.”	A Practical Guide for a Better Church Website <i>Brian Jaeger, LutherNet Web Design – Passive Ninja Web Design</i> Brian will help you sort through what is important for your church website, keeping it simple and inexpensive. Find out what works well, and what to avoid, as you seek to communicate your church’s mission.
Called Servants - “Miracle Workers” and Doers of Impossible Deeds <i>Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Executive Director for Spiritual Counsel</i> Dr. Yahnke’s presentation will feature reflections and insights regarding precisely what called workers require as they take on the hearty challenges of preaching, teaching and service.	Congregational Leadership in Challenging Times <i>Rev. Dr. John Wille, SWD President</i> Charles Dickens once wrote, “These are the best of times and these are the worst of times.” We live in challenging times for the church, the pastors and God’s people. What do we do? How best can we witness to this crazy culture in which we find ourselves and reach those who have turned away from the church? This breakout will discuss these questions and more.
The First Rosa <i>Rev. Roosevelt Gray, Jr., Director, Black and African Ministry, LCMS ONM</i> During Rev. Gray’s session you will have the opportunity to watch the movie, “The First Rosa,” along with a Q&A after the movie.	Dam the Deficit with Data <i>Rev. Dr. Nathan Jastram, Professor of Theology, CUW</i> When a congregation is headed toward a deficit at the end of the year, here are some questions and answers, backed by data, that can make a difference.
Music and Vital Congregations <i>Rev. Stephen Rosebrock, Kantor, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Milwaukee</i> Music plays an integral role in the life of every congregation, whether small or large; rural, suburban, or urban. This presentation is for congregational leadership and musicians together.	Estate Planning Panel - Ask the Experts! <i>Diana Raasch, District Stewardship Executive and Christian Gift Planner</i> Diana will facilitate a discussion on planning. The panel will consist of a local LCMS Estate Attorney and other financial professionals.
Necessary Endings in the Congregation and School <i>Dr. Chris Cody, SWD Education Executive</i> Based on the book “Necessary Endings” by Dr. Henry Cloud, this presentation will explore the idea of “endings” within a congregation and/or school, and we will explore specific strategies on dealing with the discomfort and pain that often accompanies an ending.	Living on Missional Purpose <i>Rev. Dr. Peter A. Meier, Executive Director, Center for U.S. Missions</i> Learn how you can live your faith out in the open, everyday, intentionally on mission to bless your family, friends and neighbors by bringing the Good News of Jesus into their lives.
Overview of the Congregational Treasurer’s Manual – Part 1 <i>Karen Sansone, MAcc, CPA, LCMS, Director of Tax & Compliance</i> This is a two part session. Karen will walk you through the LCMS Treasurer’s Manual. This is a great opportunity for church treasurers and business managers to have their questions answered.	Overview of the Congregational Treasurer’s Manual – Part 2 <i>Karen Sansone, MAcc, CPA, LCMS, Director of Tax & Compliance</i> This session is a continuation from the morning session.
Pastoral Care, Early Communion & Admission to the Lord’s Supper - Rev. Peter Bender, Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex This sectional will explore the subject of Early Communion, distinguishing the Rite of First Communion from the Rite of Confirmation, and Practical Guidelines for examining catechumens and visitors who desire to commune.	Pastoral Care, Early Communion & Admission to the Lord’s Supper - Rev. Peter Bender, Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex This sectional will explore the subject of Early Communion, distinguishing the Rite of First Communion from the Rite of Confirmation, and Practical Guidelines for examining catechumens and visitors who desire to commune.
Preparing our Teenagers for College Challenges to their Faith <i>Rev. Dan Anderson, Calvary Lutheran Chapel, Madison</i> During this session, Pastor Anderson will address some questions that have been asked by parents, pastors and students themselves over the years as to how they can overcome some of these faith challenges.	re: Vitality – Practical Steps for Revitalizing Congregations <i>Rev. Mark Wood, LCMS ONM, Witness/ Outreach and Revitalization</i> Nearly 80% of LCMS congregations have plateaued or are in decline. What can we do about it if your congregation is one of the 80%? This presentation provides an overview of the approach and the resources being developed by the LCMS Office of National Mission.
The WHY of Church Multiplication <i>Rev. Dr. Peter A. Meier, Executive Director, Center for U.S. Missions</i> With so many existing churches which have plenty of available space, why would and should we consider planting new churches? We will examine the biblical and practical reasons WHY new church multiplication is needed today more than ever.	Small Group Bible Study and Resources <i>Rev. Randy Raasch, First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg</i> Acts 2:46 tells us that the early Christians met together, not only in the Temple, but also in their homes. It is important that Christians engage in both of these God-pleasing activities. Hear how your church can develop a small group ministry that strengthens members’ faith, as well as the congregation’s mission.