

**2025 SWD Spring Pastors' Conference**  
**Monday, May 12 – Wednesday, May 14, 2025**  
**Radisson Hotel La Crosse**

**Monday, May 12th**

- 1:00-2:15pm **Opening Divine Service @ Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, 1407 Main St. La Crosse, WI**
- 2:15-3:00pm **Registration & Check in @ Radisson: 200 Harborview Plaza La Crosse, WI 54601**
- 3:00-3:30pm **District President Welcome & Update, Conference Business**
- 3:30-4:30pm **Session #1 – Rev. Mark Surburg**  
*Confirmation, Catechesis, and First Communion: History and Pastoral Practice - Part 1: Introduction and Before Nicaea*
- 4:30-4:45pm **Break**
- 4:45-5:45pm **Session #2 – Rev. Mark Surburg**  
*Confirmation, Catechesis, and First Communion: History and Pastoral Practice - Part 2: Birth and Development of Medieval Confirmation*
- 5:45-6:15pm **Evening Prayer**
- 6:15-9:30pm **Free Time and Dinner on your own**
- 9:30pm **Compline in hotel conference room**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (Presentation of Anniversaries)**

- 7:00-8:00am **Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:30am **Matins**
- 8:30-9:30am **Session #3 – Rev. Mark Surburg**  
*Confirmation, Catechesis, and First Communion: History and Pastoral Practice - Part 3: The Practice and Problem of Medieval Confirmation; Early Lutherans and Confirmation*
- 9:30-9:45am **Break**
- 9:45-10:30am **SWD Business**
- 10:30-10:45am **Break**
- 10:45-11:45pm **Session #4 – Rev. Mark Surburg**  
*Confirmation, Catechesis, and First Communion: History and Pastoral Practice - Part 4: The Development of Lutheran Confirmation (Pietism and Rationalism) and “Where do we go from here?”*
- 11:45-12:00 **Time for Extra Questions (if needed)**
- 12:00-1:30pm **Lunch**
- 1:30-2:30pm **Session #5 – President Eric Skovgaard *Teaching the Difference between Lutheranism and Roman Catholicism in the Parish***
- 2:30-3:30pm **Special Presentation – President Erik Ankerberg *CUWAA Update with Q & A***
- 3:30-4:00pm **Vespers**
- 4:00-6:30pm **Free Time and Dinner on your own**
- 6:30-9:00pm **Bags Tournament @Radisson Center venue (more info on activities sheet)**
- 9:30pm **Compline in hotel conference room**

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-8:00am **Breakfast**

8:00-8:30am **Matins**

8:30-9:30am **Session #6** – *Prof. Brian German Rediscovering the Church in Genesis: Part 1*

9:30-9:45am **Break**

9:45-10:45am **Session #7** – *Prof. Brian German Rediscovering the Church in Genesis: Part 2*

10:45-11:45am **Session #8** – *Prof. Brian German Rediscovering the Church in Genesis: Part 3*

11:45am **Conference Business, Closing Motion, Itinerarium**