



2019 South Wisconsin District
Passionate Believers Conference

January 26, 2019

Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church & School
Hartland, Wisconsin

“Joy:fully Lutheran - Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



confessing Christ for the next generation

General Information



Why Am I Joy:fully Lutheran?

The Bible is brimming with joy! Despite the myriad challenges of life, the Word of God gives an extensive and fulsome cause for joy, and by grace actually renders the Christian joyous. As a faithful confession of God's Word, Luther's Small Catechism is also full of consolation and a tremendous cause for joy. The simple and sure clarity of the Bible, and especially the catechism's clear confession of the Bible's basic teachings, is the remedy for hurting and joyless souls.

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison has served as president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 2010. Before becoming president, Harrison served for nine years as the executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care. During that time, LCMS World Relief and Human Care coordinated the \$14 million LCMS response to Hurricane Katrina, and the multimillion-dollar responses to the tsumani in Asia and the earthquake in Haiti; managed relationships with some 120 LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and other inter-Lutheran social ministry organizations; worked in consultation with LCMS partner/sister churches to build capacity during numerous mercy outreach efforts; and managed LMCS pro-life efforts.

A native to Sioux City, IA, Harrison holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA and M. Div. and STM degrees from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Harrison has pursued an additional graduate study at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and has received honorary doctorates from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Concordia, Fort Wayne.

Harrison and his wife live in Ballwin, MO. and are members of Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, where he also serves as assistant pastor. They have two teenage sons. Harrison is an avid bluegrass banjo player and builder of guitars, banjos and mandolins.

Conference Schedule

8am - 8:30am:

Registration

8:45 - 9:00am:

Welcome

SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. John Wille

9am - 10:15am:

Keynote Presentation

SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison

10:30am - 11:30am:

Breakout Session 1

11:35am - 12:30pm:

Lunch

12:45pm - 1:45pm:

Breakout Session 2

2:00pm - 2:30pm:

Q&A and Closing

SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. John Wille

Breakout Sessions

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Breakout Session 1 (10:30am - 11:30am)

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| <p>New SWD Church Plants: Want to Partner? - Rev. Jonah Burakowski, <i>SWD Mission & Human Care Executive</i>. Did you know that our District is engaged in developing three new church plants? During this session we will share where, the mission plan, and how you can partner.</p> | <p>Ministry Clarity - Rev. Mark Frith, <i>LCEF Vice President for Ministry Support</i>. LCEF Ministry Support has a platform of processes that helps ministry leaders achieve clarity. Following His path as, together, we discover God's will for our ministries.</p> |
| <p>Tidal Wave or Ripple? - Sharon Schmeling, <i>WCRIS, Executive Director</i>. A look at Madison & Washington D.C. elections and policy debates effecting our schools.</p> | <p>Treasurer's Manual, 2019 Tax Implications, and a Best Practices Roundtable - Paul Reske, <i>SWD Business Manager</i></p> |
| <p>Introduction to Grant Writing - Cathy Melan, <i>Director of Grants, Office of Advancement</i> ; Julie Dresen, Ed.D, <i>Director</i> and Daniel McCollum, <i>Assistant Director, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, Concordia University Wisconsin</i>. This presentation provides an overview of the components of grant writing.</p> | <p>A Non-Profit and Your Church - Rev. Dan Czaplewski, <i>Mt. Calvary, Milwaukee</i>. Mt. Calvary started a separate non-profit organization in 2017. A year later, we have learned some valuable lessons and gained some insights that may help you consider this opportunity for ministry.</p> |
| <p>The Search for Young People - LCMS Young Adult Research - Rev. Mark R. Kiessling, <i>Director of LCMS Youth Ministry</i>. This session gives an overview of the findings of a study conducted of young adult retention in the LCMS and the larger Christian church, first looking at numerical trends over the past decades, and then specific findings of the research.</p> | <p>College Campus Ministry - 911 - Rev. Dan Anderson. <i>Calvary Chapel, UW-Madison</i>. As college campus Pastor, I have seen many students wrestle with their faith. I invite you to consider why it is so important for our college students to connect with a Campus Ministry!</p> |
| <p>Life Ministry is about More than Abortion - Stephenie Hovland, <i>Lutheran Educator, St. John, Portage</i>. How does Life Ministry look in your church? Life Ministry is more than just an anti-abortion talk. How can we focus on a caring, understanding, Gospel-oriented approach?</p> | <p>I have What Again? - Louis Johnson, <i>Director-Account Management, Concordia Plan Services</i>., This presentation will help you understand the many benefits workers have available through CPS such as: health insurance; disability and survivor insurance and income sources in retirement.</p> |
| <p>Framework for A Robust Cybersecurity Plan - Thomas Freeman, <i>Client Security Consultant, GCIH, GCWN Security, AIR Technology Services</i>. Not sure where to start? Get a Framework of business executive processes to begin moving towards a mature cybersecurity position. You will walk away with clear action steps. Experience level required: beginner.</p> | <p>Q & A with President Harrison - Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, <i>LCMS President</i>. Attend this session for a great discussion with President Harrison.</p> |

Breakout Session 2 (12:45pm - 1:45pm)

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| <p>Healthy Youth Ministry - Rev. Mark R. Kiessling, <i>Director of LCMS Youth Ministry</i>. Come explore important facets of youth ministry based on strong families, Christian education, and congregational connections. The 2017 LCMS Young Adult Research and other sources will be explored.</p> | <p>Confessing Christ...Honoring Our Vocation, Being Distinctly Lutheran - Rev. Dr. John Wille, <i>SWD President</i>. What is our identity to be in this politically correct world? How does our confession affect who we are in church and how we relate to people outside of church?</p> |
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| <p>SWD Disaster Response - Rev. Jonah Burakowski, <i>SWD Mission & Human Care Executive</i>. Rev. Burakowski will discuss the new SWD Disaster Response approach and introduce ways your parish can engage in this important mercy work. Resources and training dates will be shared as well as an update on what has been happening since September 2018.</p> | <p>Encouraging Faith Building Activities Outside the Church - Stephenie Hovland, <i>Lutheran Educator, St. John, Portage</i>. What happens when people leave worship? Rather than Sunday being their only "God time," we can find ways to encourage families and individuals to tend to their faith. We'll discuss unique ways they can find to connect with God when they aren't at church.</p> |
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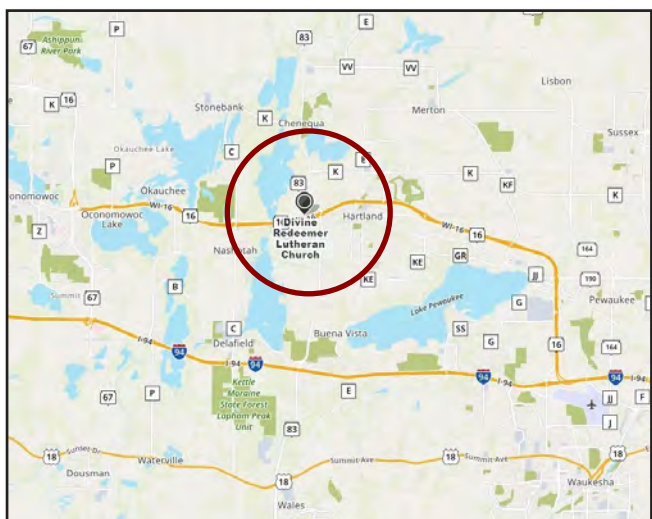
Conference *Registration*

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Saturday, January 26, 2019

Conference *Held At:*

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N48 W31385 Hill St., Hartland, WI 53029



For additional Conference information,
contact Barb Slak at 414-292-0745 or slak@swd.lcms.org.

Conference *Fee*

\$25.00 per person \$75.00 per church
Fee includes presenters, materials and meals

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019
Online: swd.lcms.org/registration

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West
2302 N Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee
414-257-3400 - \$95 per night

Holiday Inn Express
3030 Golf Rd., Delafield
262-646-7077 - \$111 per night

LaQuinta
2801 Hillside Dr., Delafield
262-395-1162, ext. 5

The South Wisconsin District is not liable for room charges.
When making your reservation, mention "SWD Conference" to receive
the discounted rate. **Hotel Reservation deadline is January 11, 2019.**