

## 2020 SWD Spring Pastor's Conference – WI Dells

# “Taking It Up with the Creator”

*“Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.” Romans 1:25*

### Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00pm **Opening Worship @ Trinity Lutheran (728 Church St)**  
2:30–3:30pm **Registration & Check-in @ Chula Vista (1000 Chula Vista Pkwy, WI Dells 53965)**  
3:30pm **District Update, Conference Business, Resolution Proposals, Ministry Anniversaries**  
4-5:30pm **Session #1 – Dr. Joel Biermann, Part A** *“Beginning of the Story: God’s ordered work of creation has much to teach us about humans: (1) identity that is grounded in the givenness of one’s sex, (2) purpose which must be integrally bound to the facts of creation, and (3) relationships—especially the relationships between men and women.”*  
4:15–5:30pm **Wives: Meet and Greet**  
5:30–5:35pm **Closing Devotion**  
5:35–6:00pm **Social Hour sponsored by LCEF & CUW**  
6–7:00pm **Banquet @ Chula Vista (St. Martin of Tours Award to Rev. Jonathan Szczesny)**

### Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

- 7–8:00am **Breakfast**  
8–8:20am **Opening Devotion**  
8:20–9:50am **Session #2 – Dr. Joel Biermann, Part B** *“God’s Order and Human Flourishing: As contingent creatures, humans are not free to choose: their own reality, preferred paths toward happiness, or personal lifestyles. Instead, they conform as creatures to God’s will and learn to live-into God’s good plan—a plan that consummates in eschatological Sabbath rest.”*  
9:50-10am **Break**  
10-11:00am **Vendor Presentations**  
10:00am **Wives meet for day excursion (craft, antiques, lunch)**  
11–12:00pm **SWD Business, Pres. Wille, Executive Staff, Rev. Bart Day, LCEF President (possible)**  
12–1:00 pm **Lunch**  
1:15–3:00pm **Session #3 – Dr. Joel Biermann, Part C** *“The Beauty of Submission: God’s order, hard-wired into all of creation and into every creature must be: (1) the essential part of any discussion about the “order of creation,” (2) context for all questions about what a woman can or cannot do in the church or world, and (3) a vital aspect of faithful congregational life supported by authentic, consistent lives that embrace God’s plan.”*  
3:00pm **Closing Devotion**

*Afternoon/evening free for activities and dinner on your own*

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00–8:00am **Breakfast**

8:10–8:30am **Opening Devotion**

8:30–9:55am **Session #4 – Dr. Angus Menuge** “*Two Concepts of Dignity in an Age of Same-Sex Marriage*: showing the radical and dangerous changes in the notion of dignity in recent legal decisions (on abortion and marriage).”

9:55–10:00am **Break**

10-11:30am **Session #5 – Dr. Angus Menuge** “*Christ and Human Dignity*: Christian foundation for human dignity and rights, which binds us together as human beings, unlike the identity politics approach which leads to a division into tribes.”

11:30am **Closing Motion, Conference Business (designate offering), Closing Litany**