

**Speaking Against the New Norms of Our Culture with the
Unchanging Truth of the Triune God
Speakers for the 2014 LCA Conference**

Professor Rev. Jeffrey H. Pulse will conduct the Bible study.

He is Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology, Director of Placement and Director of Continuing education at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne. Professor Pulse did his undergraduate work at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska. In 1984 he received an M.Div from CTS. He received his S.T.M. from CTS in 1990; he is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Durham, England, in the area of Old Testament (Concepts of the Afterlife in the Old Testament and Second Temple Judaism). Professor Pulse served 22 years in the parish in Iowa and Washington.

Rev. Dr. William Weinrich will lead the opening devotion.

He graduated from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis (CSL) in 1972; and from the University of Basel, Switzerland, with a Doctor of Theology in 1978. Dr. Weinrich was called to CTS, Fort Wayne, in 1978 as Assistant Professor of Early Church History. He later served CTS as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies; he last served as Rector, Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia; he was on the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations for nine years; he was LCMS 3rd Vice President 1998- 2001 and 5th Vice President 2001-2004. Dr. Weinrich was with in the Indiana Air National Guard as Chaplain 1977-2004. He is a prolific author. Dr. Weinrich and his wife have three children.

Mr. Mark Stern's subject for the Conference is *From Toleration to Supremacy: A Review of Recent Supreme Court Decisions*.

He is an attorney with Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella in Chicago, Illinois, concentrating his practice in corporate law. He works with the firm's active religious organizations practice group, which has litigated or filed *amici curiae* briefs in numerous religious liberty cases. Mr. Stern graduated from the University of Illinois in 1993 and received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1996. He practices in Illinois; the U.S. District Court, Central and Northern Districts of Illinois; the U.S. Tax Court; and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit. While practicing law in Springfield, Illinois, he served as outside counsel to the Central Illinois District of the LCMS. Mr. Stern has been on the Board of Regents of Concordia University Chicago since 2010. Mr. Stern has been actively involved in public education reform issues.

Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Captain, USN, will speak on *Serving in a First Corinthians' World*.

Chaplain Muehler is Deputy Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps. In 1984, he received a B.A. from Concordia University, Saint Paul, Minnesota. He received an M.Div. from CSL in 1988. He received his Masters in Theology at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. After graduating from CSL in 1988, Chaplain Muehler served a congregation in McClusky, North Dakota; he was recalled to active duty in August 1991. In 1986, Chaplain Muehler was commissioned as an Ensign in the Theological Student Program. That same year he attended Chaplain School. In 1988, he superseded into the Chaplain Corps in the Naval Reserve. Since August 1991, Chaplain Muehler has served at naval facilities at Great Lakes, Illinois; Kunia, Hawaii; Corpus Christi, Texas; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; San Diego, California; and Okinawa, Japan.

Rear Admiral Luther F. Schriefer USN (Ret) will speak to the Conference on *Christians in Today's Military*.

Admiral Schriefer is a 37-year Navy veteran with primary experience as a naval aviator in the aircraft carrier environment. He has held numerous aviation and ship commands at sea (23 years) as well as shore commands. As a civilian he has held several positions as Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director in for-profit and non-profit organizations including two years in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) managing a medical care upgrade for the UAE military. Admiral Schriefer is currently Managing Director of a company involved in manufacturing mobile medical hospitals and clinics, vaccines and diagnostics development and agricultural development. Admiral Schriefer and his wife of 47 years have four children and three grandchildren. [His wife Sandra died in 2007.] Admiral Schriefer is an active member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) in Falls Church, Virginia.

Mr. Timothy Goeglein will address the Conference on *Christianity in the Halls of Power: Why Faith and Public Life Converge*.

Mr. Goeglein is Vice President for External Relations at Focus on the Family and a Senior Fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. From 2001 to 2008, he was Special Assistant to President George W. Bush, where he was the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. He wrote *The Man in the Middle: Faith and Politics in the George W. Bush Era*. Mr. Goeglein is on the Board of Directors for Coalitions for America, and the Board of Governors of the Young America's. He serves on the American Conservative Union Foundation Board of Directors and he is a member of the Council for National Policy, the Philadelphia Society, and the Capitol Hill Club. Mr. Goeglein is on the Sanctity of Life Commission for the LCMS. Graduating from Indiana University's Ernie Pyle School of Journalism in 1986, he has Honorary Doctorate degrees from Concordia University, New York City; and from Faith Evangelical College and Seminary, Tacoma, Washington. He has served as a deacon in his church for 25 years. He has been married to Jenny for 22 years; they have two sons; and they live in the Washington D.C., area.

Rev. Dr. Laurence L. White's topic is *Two Kingdom's—One Lord, Our Squandered Heritage*.

Dr. White has been Senior Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, for more than 35 years. He is a regular speaker for national pro-life, pro-family organizations. He has had the opportunity to address millions of Americans through national radio and television broadcasts and has spoken to nearly 20,000 pastors across the nation, urging God's spokesmen to courageously speak out on the fundamental issues of life and family which now confront America. Dr. White also serves on the National Advisory Board of the Family Research Council. He is Chairman of the Texas Restoration project. In 1997, Rev. White was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Liberty University of Lynchburg, Virginia. He is married to Deborah Sue Hartman. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Rev. Michael Kumm will give an update on the State of the Synod.

Rev. Kumm, Chairman of the LCMS Board of Directors, is a native of Sioux City, Iowa, and a retired Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force Reserve. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University. He received an M.A. degree in pastoral theology from Concordia Seminary in 2006. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana. Rev. Kumm currently serves as Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, Illinois, and as Chairman of the International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg. Previously, Rev. Kumm served as the Interim-General Manager of KFJO Radio (2011-2012); on the Professional staff at Concordia Seminary, in Saint Louis (2004-2007); Vacancy Pastor for Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sugarloaf Township, Illinois (2004-2006); pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Frankfort, Illinois (2001-2004); and as vicar and pastor of Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brandon, South Dakota (1999-2001). Rev. Kumm is married to Janet (Wessel) Kumm, and has four grown stepchildren and four grandchildren.