15th Annual Conference

Teach Us to Number Our Days
Living the Church Year

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD INSTITUTE
Concordia Theological Seminary
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We’re all aware that the Church Year has a major impact on the work of pastors, musicians and congregations as they prepare services from week to week. Indeed, its influence on our planning is perhaps so pervasive that we simply take it for granted. We do our best to sing Advent hymns during Advent, highlight all the themes of the Epiphany season and draw an appropriate contrast between Lent and Easter. Yet, how often do we take time to step back and ask ourselves what it actually means for the church to keep time? Is it possible that our observance of the Church Year has become so routine that we sometimes take this rich heritage for granted?

The goal for our 15th Annual Conference will be to take a fresh look at the Church Year. Our discussions will cover everything from the philosophical and theological implications of time to the practical considerations of how to bring it all together on a typical Sunday morning in the typical congregation. We will also consider how the Church Year impacts our lives during the time between Sundays. There will be something for everyone—pastors, musicians and even those curious and attentive lay men and women—as together we explore the riches of the Church Year.

Accommodations

The following is a list of hotels near the seminary. Be sure to ask about such discounts as AAA, AARP, Senior Citizen and Seminary.

Country Inn & Suites, 5926 Cross Creek Boulevard ..........................................260-490-6060
Don Hall’s Guesthouse, 1313 W. Washington Center Road ..............................260-489-2524
Hampton Inn & Suites, 5702 Challenger Parkway ............................................260-489-0908
Holiday Inn, 4111 Paul Shaffer Drive across from Coliseum* ..........................260-482-3800
Hotel Fort Wayne, 305 E. Washington Center Road ........................................260-484-0411
Hyatt Place, 111 W. Washington Center Road* ................................................260-471-8522
Stay Inn Suites, 4919 Lima Road........................................................................260-484-4700

* Complimentary shuttle service to the airport is available with 24-hour notice.

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for registration is October 28, 2014. To register online, visit www.ctsfw.edu/GSI.

Full payment must accompany all registration forms to guarantee your registration. Every attendee must register whether or not fees are waived. Please return this completed form with your check or credit card information to Concordia Theological Seminary – GSI, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Please call (260) 452-2224 or send an email to GSI@ctsfw.edu with your questions. You may fax your registration to (260) 452-2189. Please note $25 of each registration fee is non-refundable.

Please complete a separate registration form for each person attending.

Rev. Dr. Kantor, Dcs. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

(Please type or print your name below as you would like it to appear on your nametag.)

Name: Spouse’s Name (if attending):

Church Musician’s Name with title (if attending):

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone ( )

Email

Church Affiliation:  □ LCMS  □ Other

Registration Amount: Lunches for both Monday and Tuesday are included with registration fees. Sunday buffet, breakfasts and banquet are not included. See meal plans below.

□ Conference Registration .................................................................$125.00 ____________

□ Church Musician ...............................................................$85.00 ____________

(when registered together with a pastor or another musician or church professional from the same congregation)

□ Spouse Registration .................................................................$85.00 x ____ = ____________

□ Senior (65 or over) ..............................................................$85.00 x ____ = ____________

□ Monday Registration Only ..................................................$75.00 x ____ = ____________

□ Fieldwork & Vicarage Supervisor (meals not included) .............Free

□ Non-CTS Seminary & Undergraduate Student (meals not included) ........................................................................... Free

□ Advent Preaching Workshop Registration (includes evening meal) ....$40.00 x ____ = ____________

Optional Meals

□ Soup, Salad & Sandwich Buffet (Sunday) ..............................$8.00 x ____ = ____________

□ Breakfast (Monday & Tuesday) .................................................$12.00 x ____ = ____________

□ Buffet Banquet Ticket ...............................................................$30.00 x ____ = ____________

GRAND TOTAL = ____________

Payment Type

□ My check is enclosed (payable to CTS).

□ Charge my:  □ Mastercard  □ Visa  (Please include 3-digit security code from back of card.)

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Security Code ____/____/____  Signature: ________________________________
Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in Sihler Auditorium, all meals served in Katherine Luther Dining Hall and all services and musical events in Kramer Chapel.

**Sunday, November 2**

3:00 p.m.  Registration opens (Sihler Auditorium)
4:30 p.m.  Organ Recital: Faythe R. Freese
6:00 p.m.  Dinner: Soup, Salad and Sandwich Buffet
7:30 p.m.  Choral Vespers: Seminary Schola Cantorum including Cantata 95 by J. S. Bach
8:45 p.m.  Welcome Reception (Student Commons)

**Monday, November 3**

7:00 a.m.  Registration opens (Sihler Auditorium)
7:00–8:15 a.m.  Breakfast
7:30 a.m.  Early Morning Chapel
8:40 a.m.  Welcome
8:45 a.m.  The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever: Jesus as Timekeeper — William C. Weinrich

The church developed her own calendar because she keeps time in her own way and according to her own convictions concerning time and its significance. Over the course of many centuries, the Church Year developed as a major way by which the church proclaimed God as the Lord of history.

10:00 a.m.  Chapel
11:00 a.m.  Let the Church Year Be Your Guide — Paul J. Grime

Before planning worship for a particular day of the year, the larger picture must always be in clear view. What is the significance of each season of the year? How does the lectionary function during the course of an entire year? How might our planning for each Sunday be shaped by the seasons so that one can reinforce the other?

12:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:15 p.m.  Intermezzo — Midday Recital (Sihler Auditorium)
1:45–4:00 p.m.  Preventing Perfunctory Propers

Do you ever find yourself looking at the propers for a particular Sunday and wondering what you could do differently? While the observance of the Church Year provides significant variety in worship, often that variety goes unused. The four topics examined in this afternoon session will offer new ways of looking at the seasons and will provide practical examples of how to enliven your congregation’s observance of the Church Year.

1:45 p.m.  Preaching Through the Seasons — Charles A. Gieschen
2:15 p.m.  Musical Treatment of the Propers — Kevin J. Hildebrand and Matthew A. Machemer
2:45 p.m.  Break

3:00 p.m.  Observing the Seasons and Pastoral Care — Larry A. Peters
3:30 p.m.  Creative Resources for Hymn Singing — Kathleen R. Achterberg
4:30 p.m.  Evening Prayer
Children’s Choir of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Susan M. LaCroix, director
5:00 p.m.  Recognition of and Thanksgivings for the Faithful Service of Kantor Richard C. Resch
5:30 p.m.  Buffet Banquet
7:30 p.m.  Hymn Festival — My Times Are in Your Hand
A Musical Festschrift in Honor of Kantor Richard C. Resch
Newly composed settings by Mark Bender, Paul Bouman, Philip Gehring, Henry Gerike, Kevin Hildebrand, Stephen R. Johnson, Matthew Machemer, David Schack and Carl Schalk
Organist: Matthew A. Machemer
Choir: Seminary Kantorei, Kevin J. Hildebrand, director
Commentator: David H. Reed, Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Auburn, Michigan

**Tuesday, November 4**

7:00–8:15 a.m.  Breakfast
7:30 a.m.  Early Morning Chapel
8:45 a.m.  Then Let Us Keep the Festival: That Christ Be Manifest in His Saints — D. Richard Stuckwisch

In what ways can the feasts, festivals and commemorations be integrated with the Sundays and seasons of the Church Year and the rhythms of daily prayer? Along with practical advice for observing these occasions, Pastor Stuckwisch will emphasize the ways that Christ is glorified through the remembrance of His saints for the strengthening of faith and love in our Christian vocations.

10:00 a.m.  Chapel
11:00 a.m.  Back to the Future — The Good Shepherd Institute after 15 Years

This retrospective on the 15 conferences of the Good Shepherd Institute will be, so to speak, our own reckoning of time. The purpose will not be to revel in our past accomplishments but to consider how we might serve the church even better in the future. Panelists will include past and present GSI directors and editors.

11:50 a.m.  Prayer before Travel
12:00 p.m.  Lunch


**The Presenters**

**Kathleen R. Achterberg** is minister of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Austin, Texas. A graduate of Concordia University Nebraska (B.S. in Education) and Concordia University Chicago (Master of Church Music), she has served congregations in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. She has served as an instructor and leader for both national and regional workshops in worship, as an accompanist for the Austin Children’s Choir and on committees for the American Guild of Organists, the Texas District, Concordia Publishing House and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Worship Institute’s planning committee.

**Paul J. Grime** is dean of the Chapel and associate professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at CTS. He served as executive director for the LCMS Commission on Worship from 1996 to 2007. During that time, he was Project Director for *Hymnal Supplement 98* and Lutheran Service Book. Prior to his service on the Commission, he served eight years as senior pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin. He has music degrees from Valparaiso University (B.Mus.) and the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati (M.Mus.). His theology degrees are from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (M.Div., S.T.M.), and Marquette University (Ph.D.).

**Larry A. Peters** was born and raised in northeast Nebraska. After attending St. John’s College, Winfield, Kansas, and Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, in 1980. He was called to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cairo, New York (1980–1992), and then as senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, Tennessee (1993–present). Pastor Peters is widely published, including nearly 100 hymn texts. He has served the larger church at both the District and Synod level. He was an introductory leader for *Lutheran Worship, Hymnal Supplement 98* and *Lutheran Service Book*. He is well known for his popular blog, “Pastoral Meanderings.”

**Faythe R. Freese**, professor of Organ at the University of Alabama, has performed throughout the United States, Germany, Denmark, South Korea and Singapore. She has been a featured recitalist at various regional gatherings of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and performed at the AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C., in 2010. As a Fulbright scholar, Dr. Freese studied with Jean Langlais in France and Heinz Wunderlich in Germany. Other teachers include Marilyn Keiser, Robert Rayfield, William Eifrig and Phillip Gehring; she has coached with Dame Gillian Weir, Simon Preston and Daniel Roth. Dr. Freese previously played at the 2008 GSI conference.

**Kevin J. Hildebrand** served 12 years as associate kantor at CTS before being appointed seminary kantor in 2014. He is an experienced teacher of both children and adults and is the director of the Youth Choir of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School, Fort Wayne, where he also serves as associate kantor. A graduate of Concordia University Chicago, he also has Master’s Degrees in Music and Theology from The University of Michigan and Concordia Theological Seminary, respectively. He is a frequent recitalist and hymn festival presenter, as well as an active composer whose works are published by Concordia Publishing House and MorningStar Music Publishers. He is currently editing Concordia Publishing House’s 12-volume *Hymn Prelude Library*.

**D. Richard Stuckwisch** is the pastor of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana, where he has served since his ordination in May 1996. He earned his Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame and his S.T.M. in Church History from CTS. He served on the Lutheran Service Book project from the beginning of that work in 1999 and served on the LCMS Indiana District’s Worship and Spiritual Care Committee for nine years. He currently serves as the Circuit Visitor of the LCMS Indiana District’s South Bend Circuit.

**Charles A. Gieschen** has served on the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS) since 1996, teaching in the area of New Testament Studies. He was first associate then senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Michigan (1985–96). In addition to the M.Div. from CTS, he also earned the Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in the department of Near Eastern Studies. Since 2007 he has served as the faculty representative to the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations, and since 2011 he has served as academic dean at CTS.

**Matthew A. Machemer** is a 2007 music education graduate of Concordia University Chicago. He has served parishes in Illinois and Michigan, most recently as kantor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hartland, Michigan. Called as associate kantor at CTS in 2014, Machemer has been active as a composer, with several of his pieces published by Concordia Publishing House.

**William C. Weinrich** has served as professor of Church History at CTS since 1975, specializing in Early Church and New Testament Studies. He earned his doctorate at the University of Basel, Switzerland, focusing on the role of martyrdom in the Early Church. He served for more than a decade as academic dean at CTS. From 2007–2010 he was the rector and chief instructor at the theological seminary of the Lutheran Church in Latvia. Dr. Weinrich is currently writing a three-volume commentary on the Gospel of John for the Concordia Commentary Series.