

## **Rev. Carl C. Fickenschler II, Ph.D.**

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### **Personal Information**

Born: April 21, 1955, San Mateo, California

Height: 6'4" Weight: 195

Family Status: Married the former Claire Lynn Helmreich, August 20, 1983; children: Rachel Geraci (born June 30, 1989; husband Coleman Geraci; daughter Augustana Ruth Geraci, born July 22, 2018), Daniel (born August 5, 1991), Gabriel (born May 16, 1993)

Health: Excellent

Church Affiliation: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Interests: Public Speaking, Journalism, Carpentry, Sports, Travel

### **Education**

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Doctor of Philosophy in Homiletics, May 1996  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Concordia Theological Seminary  
Master of Divinity, May 1984  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0 (class rank: 1st of 123)

Southern Methodist University  
Master of Business Administration, August 1978  
Cumulative GPA: 3.7

Southern Methodist University  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 1976  
Cumulative GPA: 3.9

### **Current Positions**

Professor  
Chairman, Pastoral Ministry and Missions Department  
Director, Pastoral Formation Programs  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
July 1999-Present

Editor  
*Concordia Pulpit Resources*  
Concordia Publishing House  
May 2002-Present

### **Pastoral Positions**

Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church  
Garland, Texas  
March 1989-June 1999

Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church  
Midland, Michigan  
August 1984-March 1989

## **Professional Honors and Activities**

LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations, 2011-2019, Secretary, 2016-2019  
 LCMS World Relief/Human Care tsunami relief visit, India, Indonesia, 2005  
 LCMS “Preach the Word” project for the Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Chairman, 2014-present  
 Society of Concordia Theology Faculties, Secretary, Vice Chairman, Chairman, 2012-2016  
 Concordia Historical Institute award for series of articles in *Concordia Pulpit Resources*  
 International Conference on Confessional Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Wittenberg, Germany, 2015  
 Circuit Counselor, Midland Circuit, Michigan District, LCMS, 1998-1999  
 LCMS-ELCA Discussion Panel, 1998-2001  
 Essayist, Triennial Convention of LCMS, 2001  
 Floor Committee, Triennial Convention of LCMS, 1998  
 Voting Delegate, Triennial Convention of LCMS, 1986, 1998  
 Advisory Delegate, Triennial Convention of LCMS, 2007, 2013, 2019  
 Nominee, President and Vice President of LCMS, 2010, First Vice President, 2013, 2016  
 Essayist, Triennial Convention of Rocky Mountain District, LCMS, 2006  
 Essayist, Triennial Convention of Alberta-British Columbia District, Lutheran Church-Canada, 2009  
 Essayist, Triennial Convention of Eastern District, Lutheran Church-Canada, 2012  
 Floor Committees, Triennial Conventions of Texas District, LCMS, 1991, Chairman, 1994, 1997  
 Board of Regents, Concordia University Texas, 1997-1999  
 LCMS President’s Seminary/Large Church Planting Task Force, 2005-2007  
 LCMS Alternate Routes to Ministry Task Force, 2013-2016  
 Doctrinal Reviewer, LCMS, 1999-2005, 2010-2017  
 District and Zone Counselor, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Michigan and Texas  
 Pastoral Advisor, Texas Lutherans for Life, 1995-1999  
 North and West Pastors Conference, Michigan District, LCMS, Secretary  
 Pastor-in-Residence, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1993  
 Higher Things Board of Directors, 2012-present, Vice President, 2013-2016  
 Essayist, Pieper Lectures, Concordia Historical Institute and Luther Academy, 2003  
 Essayist, North European Luther Academy, Varberg, Sweden, 2009  
 Lectureship, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, 2009, 2014  
 “Looking Forward to Sunday Morning,” weekly show on *Issues, Etc.* radio program, 2015-2018  
 Guest, *Issues, Etc.*, KFUE *Studio A*, and *Table Talks Radio* radio programs, numerous occasions  
 Guest Preacher, *The Lutheran Hour* radio program, 2001, 2003  
 Guest Preacher, *Point of Truth* television program, 2003  
 Conference and Symposium Presenter, Festival Guest Preacher, numerous occasions

## **Publications**

*Concordia Pulpit Resources*, “From the Editor,” quarterly columns, Concordia Publishing House, every issue June 15, 2003 to present  
*Concordia Pulpit Resources*, “Law and Gospel and the Form of the Sermon,” series, CPH, September 29, November 29, 1998, February 17, 1999 issues  
*Concordia Pulpit Resources*, “The Reformation Contribution to Preaching,” series, CPH, September 23, December 2, 2001, February 13, 2002 issues  
*Concordia Pulpit Resources*, “The Preaching of C. F. W. Walther,” series, CPH, November 28, 2010, March 13, 2011, June 19, 2011, September 25, 2011 issues (award from Concordia Historical Institute)  
*Concordia Pulpit Resources*, sermons, sermon studies, children’s sermons, illustrations, and excerpts, CPH, numerous issues

*Faith Alive Bible*, youth study Bible, editor, CPH, 1995, 2010  
*Growing in Christ*, Sunday school curriculum, theological consultant, CPH, 2006-2009  
*LSB: Hymnal Companion*, essays on hymns 584, 590, 599, 601, 665, 695, 829, CPH, 2011  
 “A Reader’s Edition for All Readers: A Comparative Analysis of the Dau and Schaum Editions of  
 Walther’s *Law and Gospel*,” article in *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, 2013  
 “‘Working’ the Lectionary,” essay in *Preaching Is Worship: The Sermon in Context*, CPH, 2001, 2011  
 “Church Fellowship and Telling the Good News about Jesus,” LCMS convention essay, 2001  
 “The Kingdom of God is Like. . .,” sermon in *Come to the Banquet*, Baker Books, 1998  
 “The Divine Preaching of Jesus,” essay in *Preaching through the Ages*, Pieper Lecture essays, Luther  
 Academy, 2004  
 “The Contribution of the Reformation to Preaching,” article in *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, 1994  
 “Sharing the Gospel in Time of Suffering,” essay in *Mercy in Action: Essays on Mercy, Human Care and  
 Disaster Response*, LCMS, 2015  
*Delivering the Gospel Live and In Person*, multi-media module, “Preach the Word” project, LCMS, 2017  
 “Doing” *Law and Gospel Preaching*, multi-media module, PALS program, LCMS, 2001  
*Portals of Prayer*, CPH, November 1999 issue  
*My Devotions*, CPH, articles in November 1986, May 1987, April 1988, October 1990, November 1992,  
 May 1993, April 1994, September 1996 issues  
*Little Visits, Volume 3*, devotions, CPH, 2004  
*Monumental Mountaintops*, adult Bible study guide, CPH, 1987  
*Welcome to God’s Family*, youth/adult vacation Bible school curriculum, CPH, 1988  
*Very Much Alive: Preserving the Sanctity of Life*, youth Bible study curriculum, CPH, 1999  
*LifeLight: Isaiah I and Isaiah II*, review leaflet articles, CPH, 1994  
*Our Life in Christ*, junior level Sunday school curriculum, CPH, 1989, 1992  
*Our Life in Christ*, “Superintendents Helper” devotions, CPH, June-August 1992  
*Our Life in Christ: Adult Bible Studies*, volumes 4-6, “Inform” and “Connect” sections, CPH, 1998  
*Our Life in Christ*, “Searching the Scriptures,” CPH, 1998-1999, 2001-2002, 2004-2005  
*Teachers Interaction*, “Just for Adult Leaders” column, CPH, October 1989-July 1990 issues  
*Teachers Interaction*, “Just for You” column, CPH, September 1991-June 1992 issues  
*Teachers Interaction*, “Enlightened by the Spirit” theme article, CPH, March 1994  
*Teachers Interaction*, “Law and Gospel,” series, CPH, Fall 2005-Summer 2007 issues  
*Faithful and Afire: LCMS Circuit Bible Studies*, “Preaching with Parables,” 2011  
*For the Life of the World*, articles in various issues

### **Previous Full Time Employment**

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen,  
 U.S. Senator from Texas  
 Research Assistant  
 Washington, D.C.  
 January 1980-May 1980

The Hertz Corporation  
 Assistant to the Regional Vice President  
 Area Distribution Manager  
 Dallas, Texas  
 October 1978-January 1980

### **University/Seminary Honors and Activities**

Phi Beta Kappa  
 Seminary Class Vice President  
 Seminary Varsity Basketball  
 Ora N. Arnold Award to SMU’s Top-Ranking  
 Political Science Student, 1976

Three-Year Degree Program  
 University Scholars Program  
 Highest Honors Graduate  
 University Debate Team  
 Sports Editor and Writer, Student Newspapers