

2018 NORTHERN REGIONAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE INDIANA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Here's the important stuff that you want to know:

Who: Dr. Joel Elowsky, Professor of Historical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

The time of the early church and our postmodern 21st century share much in common. Truth was/is relative, competing narratives of "salvation" were/are rampant and attractive; people were/are searching for God in all the wrong places. The early church understood that one's relationship with God begins and ends with the One "who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven." Christ was at the center of their interpretation of Scripture. This was not just a hermeneutical principle: it was and still is at the heart and core of what it means to be a Christian. In order to flesh this out, at this conference we will be exploring (1) Christocentric exegesis in the fathers and its relevance for our Lutheran approach to Scripture; (2) A close reading of a familiar text (Acts 8) that demonstrates a unitive approach to Scripture; (3) What it means to be an interpreter of Scripture: Principles of Interpretation that move beyond the letter of the text to the spirit of the text and the interpreter; (4) Scripture and Tradition, their relationship to each other and what this means for the church today; (5) Athanasius versus Arius – or Why Hermeneutics Still Matter.

Where: Oakwood Resort, 702 E. Lake View Road, Syracuse, IN 46567 (www.oakwoodresort.com)

When: Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15, 2018

It's time once again for the annual Northern Regional Pastors' Conference of the Indiana District, held once again at Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, IN. We are very excited to have Dr. Joel Elowsky, professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

Please fill out the attached registration form and return it to the District offices no later than **Monday, April 30, 2018**. Please make checks payable to: **Indiana District LCMS (memo: Northern Region Pastors' Conference)**. You may mail your registration form and payment to: LCMS—Indiana District Office, attn: Jan Koenig, 1145 South Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Because this is an official conference of the Indiana District, the District asks that **each congregation pay the registration fee**, even if the pastor does not attend the conference or if the congregation is vacant.

If your status is as an inactive member (candidate or emeritus) of the Northern Region, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the conference free of charge. While you will still be responsible for your own hotel accommodations, the committee wanted to make sure that conference cost would not be a factor keeping you from attending. If your wife is planning on attending we do ask that you pay the \$60 fee for her meals. Please use the Inactive Registration Form on the backside of the Active Registration Form.

Conference attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms for our conference consisting of 25 rooms with two beds and 15 rooms with one bed. All rooms are \$85.00 per night (plus applicable taxes and fees). **Any rooms unreserved in this block will be released 30 days prior to the start of the conference. That means the deadline is **APRIL 14**.**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: If you are interested in serving on the conference planning committee, please notify Rev. Benjamin Hertel no later than Friday, May 4.

Thanks for your support of the Northern Regional Pastors' Conference. We look forward to seeing you in May!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES E.D.T.):

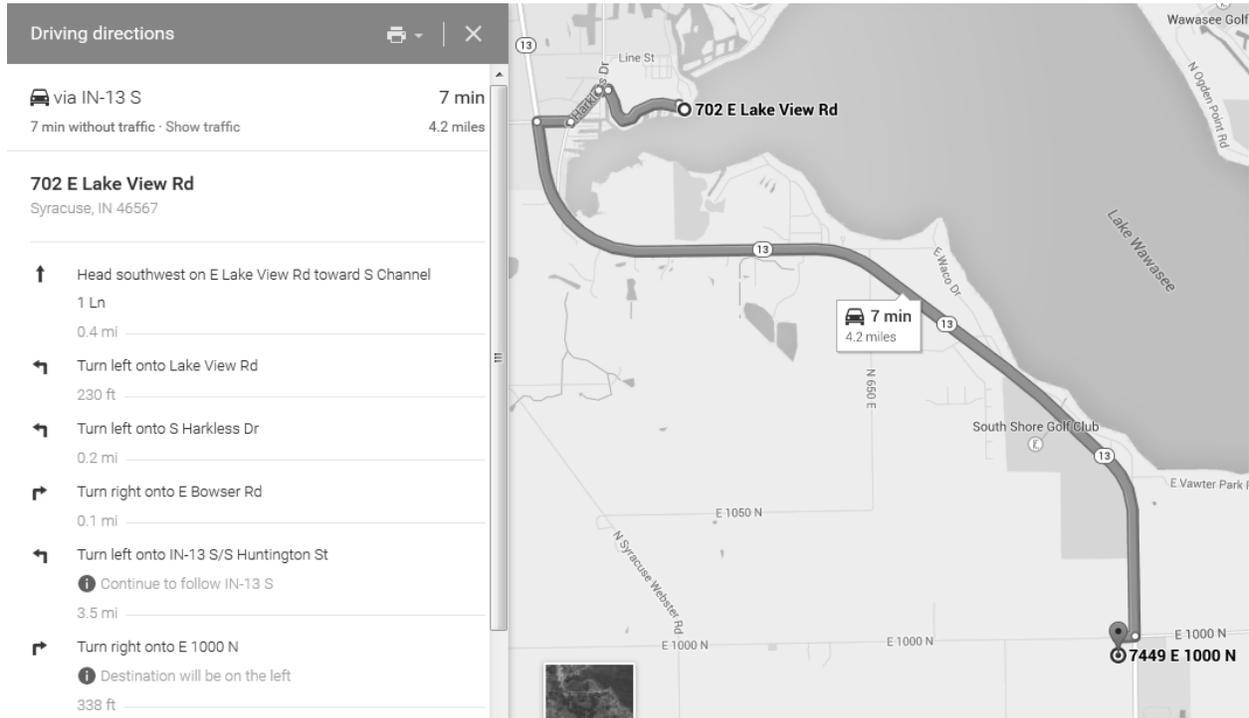
Monday, May 14

- 10am – Opening Divine Service
Shepherd By the Lakes
7449 E 1000 N
Syracuse, IN
- 11:00 a.m. – Conference registration begins
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch (downstairs)
- 1:25 p.m. – Welcome, introduction of speaker
- 1:30 p.m. – Session 1
- 2:45 p.m. – Break
- 3:00 p.m. – Session 2
- 4:00 p.m. – Greetings, Introductions
- 5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Office (chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. – Supper (downstairs)
- 7:30 p.m. – *Gemutlichkeit* (location TBD)
- 9:00 p.m. – Nighttime Prayer Office (chapel)

Tuesday, May 15

- Breakfast on your own*
- 8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Office (chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. – Session 3
- 10:00 a.m. – Greetings from Visitors & Break
- 10:45 a.m. – Session 4
- 11:45 a.m. – Brief Noontime Prayer Office (conference room)
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch (downstairs)
- 1:30 p.m. – Conference & District Business
- 2:45 p.m. – Break
- 3:00 p.m. – Session 5
- 5:00 p.m. – Itinerarium (conference center)
- Supper on your own*

Map to Shepherd By the Lakes, 7449 E 1000 N, Syracuse, IN



INACTIVE MEMBER SPONSORSHIP: We have included a line item on the registration form for sponsorship for an Inactive (Emeritus, Candidate, or Non-Candidate) member of the Northern Region. The conference committee wants to make it as unrestrictive as possible for our inactive members to attend, seeing as they do not have a congregation supporting them at this time. As such, we do not charge them to attend the conference. If you would like to sponsor one of these members and help cover their conference cost, thus providing the means for them to attend, please indicate whatever extra amount you would like to contribute. If your congregation is able to cover the entire cost for a single attendee (\$115), that would be great. But even if you can only help with part of the cost, every little bit helps to make it possible for our inactive members to attend.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 30** TO:

LCMS—Indiana District Office

attn: Jan Koenig

1145 South Barr St.

Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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Congregation: _____

Address: _____

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>How many?</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
Congregation Fee:	\$115 (incl. one pastor)	1	\$115
Additional Pastor or Vicar:	\$115 each	_____	_____
Pastor's or Vicar's Wife:	\$60 (meals)	_____	_____
Sponsorship for Inactive Member	Your generosity	_____	_____
Total Enclosed:		_____	_____

Attending Pastor (and wife): _____

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Meals (how many): _____ Monday Lunch _____ Monday Supper _____ Tuesday Lunch

Allergies: _____