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Professional Church Workers Conference Wrap-Up

The first Virtual PCWC was held September 29th. We thank everyone who was able to participate! We want to thank our speakers for sharing their knowledge and expertise with our District! The presentations will be available soon on our website www.selc.lcms.org

We thank the LCMS Foundation for being a conference sponsor. Please see their video on our website.



Pastors and congregational leaders in the Church face new missional challenges in our "post-Christian" context. This **free** conference* will introduce participants to a model of adult faith formation and discipleship with roots in the catechumenal practices of the early church. Through presentations and conversations with LCMS pastors who have developed successful adult faith formation, participants will explore new ways to form disciples through catechesis; to shape Christian identity through the biblical narrative and the sacramental life of the church; and to foster a habitus of hospitality in congregational life.

For more information about this conference, its leaders and program, and to register for this conference, go to

<https://www.forminglutherans.org/>

*This program is made possible through a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

LCEF Annual Update

LCEF is hosting a virtual annual update on Saturday, November 21 beginning at 10 AM CST. This is a ZOOM update open to the public. There will be no official business so no roll will be taken or quorum needed.

Registration for the meeting is now open. Please register and invite any and all who would like to receive the update to also register.

The link is here: <https://lcef.org/annual-update/>

2021 Pre-Lenten Workshop explores God's vast mercy One-day workshop for pastors set for Jan. 22

God's mercy has bestowed on His people enormous treasures — true love, true meaning and an everlasting inheritance. This topic is the focus of [Concordia Seminary's 2021 Pre-Lenten Workshop](#), "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High': God's Enormous Mercy," set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in the Presidents Room on the Seminary's campus.

The annual Pre-Lenten Workshop is designed for pastors to help them develop their worship resources for Lent. In 2021, the one-day workshop will be hosted by [Dr. Thomas Egger](#), the Gustav and Sophie Butterbach Professor of Exegetical Theology and chairman of the Seminary's Department of Exegetical Theology.

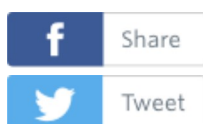
[Registration](#) is \$50, and includes lunch and complimentary access to Egger's Lenten sermon series. The registration deadline is Jan. 8.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with pastors at this workshop as they prepare for their Lenten preaching this spring," Egger said. "Our culture has turned God's love and mercy into a vague cliché. But this sermon series takes the occasion of the Lenten season to reflect on God's mercy in rich, concrete, biblical terms, in its Christ-centered depths and heights and breadths. Before the busy season of Lent begins, this workshop gives pastors an overview of the sermon series and a chance to learn together — from me and from one another."

For more information, visit csl.edu/pre-lenten-workshop or contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or ce@csl.edu.

2021 District Convention Information

The 2021 District convention information has been sent to Pastors via email and U. S. mail. Please note the first deadline of **November 16, 2020** to submit your Pastoral, Lay and Alternate delegates. if you did not receive the packet, please contact the District Office at selc.lcms@gmail.com The District Convention is April 15 - 18, 2021 at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO.



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