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## **Ordination of Ryan Schnake**

Ryan Schnake, who graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and has accepted his call to Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA as the Associate Pastor, will be ordained on Sunday, June 28, 2021 at 2 pm. He will be ordained at the Chapel of Christ Triumphant at Concordia University Wisconsin located at 12800 North Lake Shore Drive in Mequon, Wisconsin.

He will be installed at Concordia Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 11 am. Ryan and his wife Emily are pictured below.





## **Deadline for LCMS congregations, new church starts, and LCMS rostered workers to update information for the 2022 Lutheran Annual is September 1, 2021**

The annual reminders to LCMS congregations, new church starts, and LCMS rostered workers were sent out this week asking all to review and update your records.

**September 1, 2021, is the deadline** to be sure that updates are included in *The Lutheran Annual 2022*; however, congregations and rostered workers may update their records online anytime throughout the year since much of this information is also available on the LCMS Locators.

Congregations and new church starts may login at: <https://lc.lcms.org/>

Ordained and Commissioned Ministers may login at: <https://cwu.lcms.org/>

At both sites, users may follow the on-screen helps for login assistance. If you need assistance, please contact Rosters, Statistics and Research Services at [Rosters.Stats@lcms.org](mailto:Rosters.Stats@lcms.org), or by calling the Church Information Center at 1-888-843-5267.



## **Seminary debuts short film contest for amateur filmmakers**

Finalists to be featured at 2022 Faith and Film Festival

Attention aspiring filmmakers! Make plans now to participate in **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis'** new **short film competition** as part of its annual **Faith and Film Festival** being held Jan. 27-29, 2022.

Amateur filmmakers at least 18 years of age are invited to submit their films to the contest starting June 30. Films should be based on the theme of HOPE. There is no submission fee. Entries may be of any genre or style, such as narrative, experimental, animation or documentary.

"At the second annual Faith and Film Festival, we had the opportunity to watch and discuss some short films for the first time," said Director of Continuing Education Erika Bennett. "This year for the third annual festival, we are stepping it up again and having our very own short film contest. We are looking forward to receiving many submissions and seeing how the directors incorporate the theme of HOPE throughout the various genres."

Four films will be selected as finalists and will be screened during the festival. A jury of film critics, producers, scholars and professors will judge the films based on technique, storytelling and representation of the theme. One film festival pass will be awarded to each of the four finalists.

Festival planners anticipate enthusiastic participation from a wide range of filmmakers. The submission deadline for the short films is Oct. 15. Finalists will be notified by Dec. 15.

Full competition **details** are available for those interested in the contest. Please email at [faithandfilm@csl.edu](mailto:faithandfilm@csl.edu) with any questions or clarifications.

To learn more about the **Faith and Film Festival**, contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu), or visit [csl.edu/resources/continuing-education](http://csl.edu/resources/continuing-education).



## Rev. Paul Hoyer honored

Leadership Seminole recently held their Community Leadership Celebration where they honored the 2021 Leadership Legend Award recipient, Rev. Paul Hoyer. Paul founded Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, FL in 1983. Throughout his career, he has followed his personal mission statement of meeting the needs of the community and his Church grew alongside Seminole County. His work with non-profits and city government over the past 38 years made him a natural choice for this achievement. The ceremony was attended by over 200 community leaders.

The organization created a video honoring his legacy:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqWBmQ2-Q5c>



From left to right: (Daughters) Sarah Russel, Meredith Schott, Pastor Paul Hoyer, Betty Hoyer, (Sons) Pastor Jacob Hoyer and Pastor Ben Hoyer



## Family Fatherhood by Rev. Thomas Soltis, EM

### Godlike Fatherhood

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to call God "Father". The title involves the concept of God as creator, the source of life. Earthly fathers are also, in a sense, the creators of life through conception. God, our heavenly Father, serves as our protector, provider and preserver. Parental fathers are obligated to do the same for their wives and children. Eph. 5:23 designates the husband as the *"head of the wife as Christ*

*is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the savior."* As savior, our heavenly "head", Jesus died for us. A husband, as "head" of his wife, should be ready to die for her - ready to stand between an intruder's gun and bullet to spare her life. My father more than once said in casual conversation, "I would rather die instead of you." Wow! His sacrificial love filled me with the serenity of security. Being a "head", does not indicate despotic, autocratic, dictatorial domination. It involves sacrificial servitude. A godlike father regards himself as the servant of his wife and children. He endeavors to imitate Jesus who "*did not come to be served, but to serve.*" (Matt. 20:28) Parental servitude produces family stability.

### **Family Fatherhood in Action**

Unfortunately, too often, mothers are totally entrusted with the bringing up of children. Biblically, fathers should play the leading role of rearing. Luther, recognizing this, began each of the six chief parts of the Small Catechism by exhorting the heads of households (fathers) to teach their children the catechism in a simple way. Eph. 6:4 instructs fathers: "... *bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*". Fathers matter! Their example of a Christian life will greatly impact the lifestyle of their children. Fathers, who regularly attend worship and actively participate in church work, will influence their children to follow suit. My father never told me to "go to church". When I was little, he stood me up on chair, dressed me up, and took me to church. Family fatherhood should flow beyond the church into the home. Daily devotions and family prayers will bond a family with God and each other. Happy, friendly, respectful conversations solidify relationships. Achievable goals tendered with love inspire positive action. Christian communication produces terrific, super-satisfying results.

### **Exasperation!**

Eph. 6:4 admonishes fathers: "...*do not exasperate your children.*" The N.T. Greek word for "exasperate" is "*parorgidzo*" which means: "*to rouse to wrath - to provoke to anger - to antagonize*". For every action there is a reaction. Punch someone in the nose and you may well end up with some cracked ribs from a blow to the chest. Exasperate your children and they will exasperate you. What you sow, you will reap.

### **When Kids Misbehave**

- **Talk about It** - When disappointed with a child's behavior, offer to talk about it.
- **Cool it** - Control your temper. Remain rational. No shouting. No beating.
- **Don't Berate** a child's person-hood with degrading insults. Stick to the issue at hand.
- **Listen** - Be more ready to listen than to speak. Conduct a respectful two-way talk.
- **Postpone the Conversation** to a later time if everyone is stressed out.

## Love Conquers All

No matter how old our children are, they need to hear that we love them because God loves them and they are ours. They should be reassured that we are there for them no matter what. The Greek N.T. word for God's love toward sinners is "agapay", which means "to unconditionally forgive and forget and do good to those who don't deserve it". Imitating Agapay Godlike love works wonders in the wonderful world of rearing children. *"To err is human; to forgive is divine."* (Alexander Pope)



## Faith and Writing Workshop set for July 20-22 Registration now open

Writers of all abilities can explore the art of creative writing in its various forms – starting a blog, creating a sermon or devotion, story, nonfiction, drama, poetry and everything in between – at the Faith and Writing Workshop set for July 20-22 at **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**.

This year's workshop will include an emphasis on social media and new forms of expression. There will be ample time for creative exercises. Participants are encouraged (but not required) to share their own work, as well as favorite works by others.

The workshop will be led by Dr. Travis Scholl, managing editor of the **Concordia Journal**, and Peter Mead, a Christian editor, publisher and writer.

"When our workshop went online last year due to the pandemic, Peter and I were prompted to re-envision this creative writing workshop. We're excited to bring all those new insights into this year's in-person workshop."

The cost of the workshop is \$175 per person (\$75 for Seminary students) with a maximum of 15 participants. Meals are not included. The registration deadline is July 6, 2021.

For more information and to register, click **here**.

For more information about the Faith and Writing Workshop, contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or **ce@csli.edu**



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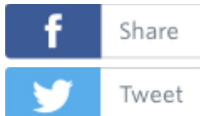
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