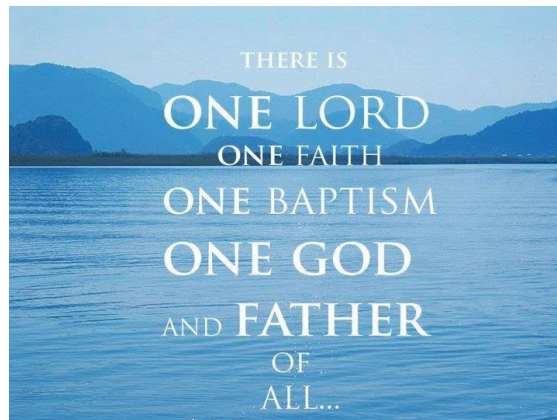


# One in Christ

**SELC 2023 Professional Church Worker Conference**  
**September 27 - 29, 2023**  
**Lake Williamson Christian Center**  
**Carlinville, IL**



"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4 - 6



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## **September 27, 2023**

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM** - Registration Check in to your room beginning at 4 PM, rooms may be available earlier, but are not guaranteed before 4 PM

**4:45 - 5:15** Fellowship Time

**5:15 - 6:30 PM** Dinner

**6:00 - 6:45 PM** Private Confession and Absolution

**7:00 PM** Opening Worship - Preacher - President Vinovskis

**8:30 - 10:30 PM** - Dessert and Fellowship

## **September 28, 2023**

**7:45 - 8:20 AM** Breakfast

**8:30 - 9:15 AM** - Morning Worship - Preacher - Rev. Wally Arp

**9:15 - 9:30 AM** - Welcome and Introductions

**9:30 - 9:45 AM** - Get to know you/Video reports

### **Break**

**10:00 - 11:30 AM** - ***"The Royal Priesthood Identity and Mission"*** - **Rev. Dr. Larry Vogel, CTCR**

This presentation shares the title of a recent CTCR report. Rev. Vogel will summarize the report, discussing the biblical idea and historical development of a royal priesthood while distinguishing the royal priesthood from the office of the ministry. In addition, he will share his perspective on the importance of the royal priesthood today.

**11:45 - 12:20 PM** - Lunch

**12:30 - 1:00 PM** - Midday Prayer - SELC News/Reports

**1:00 - 2:30 PM** - **Session 1: *"Family Discipleship"*** - **Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann**

A Common focus on Christ to unite the LCMS and its families. By focusing on a simple, biblical definition of family discipleship, we can foster unity in our LCMS efforts to equip parents and caregivers to be the primary faith shapers of the next generations so that families will be united, strong, and bold in Christian witness.

## **Break**

**3:00 - 4:30 pm - Session 2 - "Family Discipleship: Reformative Power" -  
Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann**

Uniting around Christ's gifts for powerful reform in and through families. God's Word provides us simple and memorable guidance for family discipleship that can bring us together as a synod with its tremendous reformative power.

## **Break**

**4:45 - 5:10 PM** - Evening Worship

**5:15 - 6:15 PM** - Dinner

**6:45 - 10:00 PM** - SELC Recreation and Fellowship

## **September 29, 2023**

**7:45 - 8:30 AM** - Breakfast

**8:40 - 9:00 AM** - Morning Worship

**9:15 - 10:45 AM - Session 3: "CCF & The Life in God's Way Series" -**

**Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann**

Tapping into the power of Family Discipleship. This will be a practical presentation on training and resources available through Concordia Center for the Family (CCF), especially the *Life in God's Way* series of materials for equipping pastors, church workers, lay leaders, and families in the basic principles of family discipleship.

## **Break**

**11:00 - 12:00 SELC Business/Reports/Synod Convention**

**12:00 - 12:15 PM - Closing Prayers**

**12:15 - 1:30 Lunch and Conference ends**

## **Speaker Information**

**Rev. Dr. Larry M. Vogel** has served in the public ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for 44 years. He served for two years as a called Worker-Priest teacher on the Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation; for ten years as a missionary/pastor in New York City; for 18 years as a pastor in Pennsauken, New Jersey; and, since 2009, on the staff of the Commission on Theology and Church

Relations (CTCR) of the LCMS (where he served full-time for twelve years and has been serving part-time as a deployed staff member since July 2020). His responsibilities for the CTCR include writing position statements, giving oral presentations, and drafting theological reports and opinions on various questions and societal issues. He also represents the LCMS in ecumenical meetings with other church bodies.

**Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann** is the Senior Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, MI. He previously served as Pastor of Calvary LCMS in Parma, OH from 1995 – 2007 and he also served as the SELC District Evangelism Chairman from 1998 – 2007.

Since 2005 Pastor Biermann and his wife Heather have traveled around the world teaching and modeling Christ-centered marriage and all relationships through their *Life in God's Way* materials. The focus of Dr. Biermann's book, *Handing Out Life*, is the way a complete Christian worldview is shaped by God's teaching on marriage and family relationships. He is the Executive Direct Elect for *Concordia Center for the Family* (CCF).

## **Registration**

**Registration fees:** All registration fees include overnight room for two nights and 6 meals.

Single Room: \$350.00

Double Room: \$260.00

Please go to this link to register -

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6h8yyfabb&oeidk=a07ejwa22it8351b118>

Or you may also call the District Office to register by September 14, 2023. Check-in is at 4 PM. If you need financial assistance, please contact the District Office.

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## **Recreation Available at Lake Williamson Retreat Center**

These recreation options are available at Lake Williamson at no additional cost.

### **Indoor Recreation**

Indoor recreation activities are housed in the Activity Center. There is a gym, blacklight gym, game room, and fitness center.

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Wallyball
- Dodgeball
- 9 Square
- Blacklight Sports
  
- Blacklight Mini Golf \*new!
- Billiards
- Table Tennis
- Board Games
- Fitness Center (for guests 18+)

### **Outdoor Recreation**

Outdoor recreation is located throughout the property, but most activities are situated around the Activities Center.

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| • Sand Volleyball                             | Basketball       |
| • Bocce ball                                  | Hiking           |
| • Horseshoes                                  | Playgrounds      |
| • Hayrides                                    | Bonfire Sites    |
| • Multiple Fields for Recreation & Activities |                  |
| • Football                                    | Soccer           |
| • Archery                                     | Wacky Basketball |
| • 9 Square                                    | Gaga Ball        |
| • Obstacle Course                             | Mini Golf        |
| • Disc Golf                                   | Ladder Golf      |
| • Human Foosball                              | Softball         |