

Contemporary Trends in *Preaching*

“But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4 ESV



Michigan District, LCMS presents
South and East Pastors' Conference
May 13-14, 2014 | Frankenmuth, Michigan

Agenda

Tuesday, May 13

- 9:00–10:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee/Juice..... St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 10:00–11:00 Divine Service..... St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. RegistrationBavarian Inn Lodge, Composer Rooms' Lobby
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch Composer Rooms
- 12:00–6:00 p.m. Exhibits Open..... Composer Rooms' Lobby
- 12:45–1:00 Welcome and Devotion..... Composer Rooms
- 1:00–2:00 Session 1 – Contemporary Trends in Preaching – *Dr. David Schmitt*
- 2:00–2:10 Break..... Composer Rooms' Lobby
- 2:10–2:15 Church Extension Fund – *Ron Steinke* Composer Rooms
- 2:15–3:15 Session 2 – Confessional Preaching – *Dr. David Schmitt*
- 3:15–4:15 President Maier's Report
- 4:15–4:30 Break..... Composer Rooms' Lobby
- 4:30–4:35 Wellspring Lutheran Services – *Dave Gehm*
- 4:35–5:35 Session 3 – Transformational Preaching: Narrative – *Dr. David Schmitt*
- 5:45–10:00 Bar Open – *Sponsored by Church Extension Fund*
(5:45–6:30 p.m. in Composer Rooms' Lobby; 6:30–10 p.m. in Composer Rooms)
- 6:30 Dinner Composer Rooms
- After Dinner – *Gemütlichkeit* with table games & Karaoke
Sponsored by Church Extension Fund (Pastors please bring games or cards to share!)

Wednesday, May 14

- 7:00–11:00 a.m. Exhibits Open..... Composer Rooms' Lobby
- 7:00–8:00 Breakfast Composer Rooms
- 8:00–8:15 Morning Prayer
- 8:15–8:30 Concordia University Ann Arbor Presentation – *Rev. Ryan Peterson*
- 8:30–9:30 Session 4 – Transformational Preaching– *Dr. David Schmitt*
- 9:30–10:00 Break Composer Rooms' Lobby
- 10:00–10:15 Conference Business..... Composer Rooms
- 10:15–11:15 Session 5 – Conversational Preaching – *Dr. David Schmitt*
- 11:15 Itinerarium



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. David R. Schmitt has long explored the intersections of faith and culture, particularly literary culture. He attended Concordia University Ann Arbor, Mich. (B.A. 1984), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. (M.Div. 1988), and pursued a Master's Degree at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Ill. His first call was to St. John the Divine Lutheran Church in Chicago. After being called to teach at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. (1995), he attended Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. (M.A. 2002; Ph.D. 2005).

Dr. Schmitt has been writing and teaching courses in the Department of Practical Theology since 1995. Within the discipline of homiletics, he has analyzed the recent history of Lutheran preaching, has explored the Lutheran theology of preaching, and has integrated insights from the New Homiletic into preaching. Within the discipline of literary studies, he has taught courses in the devotional life and developed courses in the intersection of literary culture and theology.

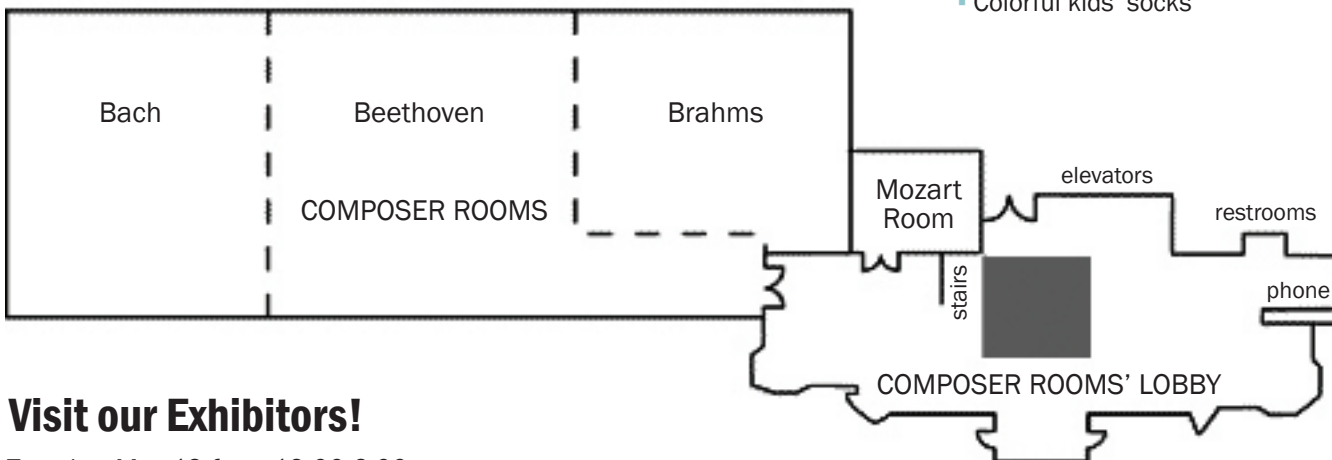
Dr. Schmitt currently holds the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Endowed Chair in Homiletics and Literature. He is interested in the intersection of faith and the visual arts and is working on two book projects: *Beholding the Sacred*, a homiletics text that explores the use of images in preaching, and *Restoration Spiritualities*, a literary study that explores faith and literary culture in the later seventeenth-century.

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