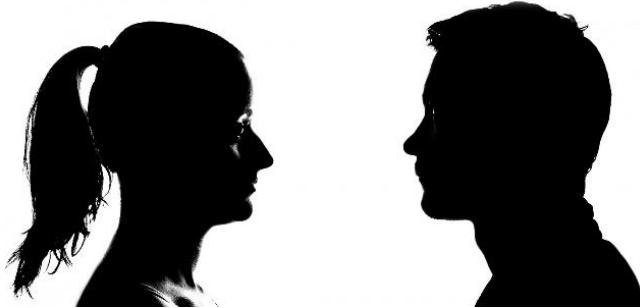


The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
North Wisconsin District Fall Pastors' Conference
"Our Humanity in Christ in a 'Gender Neutral' Culture"
September 23-25, 2019
Holiday Inn -- Marquette, Michigan



What does it mean to be human? With shifts in cultural attitudes regarding sexuality and identity, and with ever-evolving developments in the area of artificial intelligence, this question becomes increasingly relevant. As pastors, how do we help our people understand their genuinely human and redeemed identity in Christ? Rev. Dr. Robert Weise will be joining us to share insights from his study of the culture and his work in bioethics as we seek to care for our people and address these complex issues with grace and truth.



Dr. Robert Weise is a professor emeritus of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

He retired in 2014 after 22 years of distinguished service as professor of Practical Theology and the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis Chair in Pastoral Ministry and the Life Sciences (1992-2014).

Dr. Weise has published several articles in the fields of zoology, clinical pathology and bioethics. He wrote the Bible study series *Playing God: Redesigning Life* (Concordia Publishing House) and *Changing Currents: Embryonic Stem Cell Research* with Robert Baker (Concordia Publishing House) and "Transgender Identity in Light of Biblical Identity" in *Ethics of Sex: From Taboo to Delight* (Concordia Publishing House).

He testified before the National Human Embryo Research Board as well as the National Bioethics Advisory Commission regarding human embryo research and cloning and is a frequent speaker on those topics. His research interests include creation as related to human sexuality and current trends in genetics and artificial intelligence.

He and his wife, Janice, have five daughters and eight grandchildren.

Fall Conference Information

CONFERENCE COST:

\$100 which includes a hot breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Tuesday evening banquet. Be sure to indicate a Banquet entrée choice at the bottom of your registration form.

CONFERENCE HOUSING:

Hotel arrangements should be made directly with the Holiday Inn by calling 906-225-1351. The hotel is located at 1951 U.S. 41 West, Marquette, MI 49855.

RATES:

\$109.95 per night single/double. Please make all hotel arrangements directly with Holiday Inn (unless you choose alternate housing). They have adequate rooms available but, please make arrangements as soon as possible. **You will need to mention the Pastoral Conference to receive contracted rates.** You may also need to justify your own tax-exempt status at check-in.

RETIREES:

Retired pastors and their spouses are invited to attend with no registration fee. Housing for the conference is the responsibility of those who attend – please call the Holiday Inn directly at 906-225-1351.

DEADLINES:

Deadline for room reservation is: September 8, 2019

Deadline for conference reservation is: September 16, 2019

SPOUSES AND FAMILIES:

All are invited and welcome. Be sure to indicate banquet entrée if attending.

Meal cost for spouse: \$50 (Includes 2 breakfasts & banquet)

Meal cost for children (ages 5-11): \$25

Meal cost for children (under 5): Free

Additional information on local activities and sights of interest for spouses and families will be available at check in.