



Spirituality in God's Ongoing Reformation

Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Mount Carmel & Luther Crest Lutheran Ministries

Conference Schedule

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

4:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Registration	Mount Carmel
5:30	Staff and Deans' dinner	Mount Carmel
6:45	Opening prayer/hymn sing	Mount Carmel
7:00 – 8:30	Dr. Ben Durheim <i>Crafting Justice: Worship and a Spirituality of Engaging</i>	
8:30	Portico Benefit Services	
8:40	Mission Investment Fund	
9:00	Social hour & snack.....	Mount Carmel

MON, OCT. 8

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at camps & hotels	
8:00	Registration resumes	Mount Carmel
8:45	Conference introduction.....	Mount Carmel
9:15-10:45	Dr. David W. Anderson <i>Shepherd of Souls: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships</i>	
10:45	Stretch Break	
11:00	Holy Communion Worship	Mount Carmel
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch.....	Mount Carmel
1:30-2:10	Interest Groups-session one	Mount Carmel
2:20-3:00	Interest Groups-session two	Mount Carmel
3:00	Open time	
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner.....	Luther Crest
6:30 – 7:45	Bishop's Time	Luther Crest
7:45	Social hour & snack.....	Luther Crest

TUES, OCT. 9

8:30	Gathering.....	Mount Carmel
8:45 – 10:15	Rev. Dave Daubert <i>A Communal Discipline - Learning to Tell Our Story</i>	
10:15	Snack Break	
10:30	Rev. Dave Daubert <i>An Invitational Spirit for Invitational Christians</i>	
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch.....	Luther Crest
1:00	Sending Worship.....	Luther Crest

Interest Groups

The following interest groups will present in one session from **1:30-3:00 p.m.**

The Saint John's Bible; Inspiration to Illumination

..... **Lower Level Tiered Classroom**

Tim Ternes, Director, The Saint John's Bible and HMML Programming
The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten, monumental, illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in the modern era. This session will briefly introduce participants to the Bible project and many of its rich illuminations. Participants will explore the themes of Creation and Wisdom with a simple reflective and visual discussion activity focused on Word and image.

Several volumes of the full-size fine art edition of *The Saint John's Bible* will be on hand for guests to page through and explore on their own.

Confirmation as Shepherding..... Chapel

Dr. David W. Anderson and Pastor Mark Asleson

Luther did not write the Small Catechism to harass teenagers in a classroom. He wrote it for the home and for the parish. Luther intended the catechism to be used in the home for people to study and pray the faith together. His focus was on the Christian life, not just information about the faith. This workshop will look at how to rethink confirmation ministry to be a way to nurture the faith of young and not-so-young alike. In this model, confirmation is not youth ministry, it is cross+generational ministry that shepherds souls of people of all ages.

The following interest groups will present for both sessions: **1:30-2:10p.m. & 2:20-3:00p.m.**

Prayer: What is it? Lower Level Open Classroom

Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

Is it something we "do" or is prayer building a relationship with Christ and becoming more like Christ? As a pastor what is your prayer life like? What would you like to have different? Come and discuss myths about prayer. Come and pray. Come and meet God in each other.

Experiencing Grief: A Caregivers Guide to Self-care

..... **Lower Level Lake Carlos Classroom**

Brenda Wiese

Crafting Justice: Worship and a Spirituality of Engaging

Benjamin Durheim, PhD

American Christianity is not immune to political entrenchment and vitriol. Even at worship, Christians' views of both justice and spirituality can often be cast in hues of red and blue. Yet it is especially in this context--worship--that such narratives encounter the challenge of the gospel and its faithful community. This presentation will invite a discussion of theologies of narrative formation in Christian worship, especially as Christians' spiritualities--baked in the ovens of today's fractious political climate--struggle to embody the Good News of Christ.

Bio: Benjamin Durheim, PhD is adjunct professor of theology at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University in central Minnesota. He has published articles on liturgy and ethics, Christian identity and anthropology, and ecumenism, and his book, *Christ's Gift, Our Response* was published by Liturgical Press in 2015. He currently lives in Avon, MN with his wife and daughter, and serves Salem Lutheran Church in Saint Cloud, MN, as a pastoral intern.

Shepherd of Souls: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships

Rev. Dr. David W. Anderson

Bio: Rev. Dr. David W. Anderson is Co-Director at Milestones Ministry. He received his M. Ed. from Pacific Lutheran University (1975), M.Div. from Wartburg Seminary (1979), M.Th. (New Testament Studies) from Luther Seminary (1989), and his Th.D. (Pastoral Theology) from Luther Seminary (1990). David has written numerous books and articles on partnering home and congregation in faith formation. Some of his publications include the following:

- The Child In Our Hands Leadership Manual (1997)
- Frogs without Legs Can't Hear: Nurturing Disciples in Home and Congregation (co-author), 2003
- Coming of Age: Exploring the Identity and Spirituality of Younger Men (co-author), 2006
- From the Great Omission to Vibrant Faith: The Role of the Home in Renewing the Church (2009)
- Vibrant Faith in the Congregation (2011)
- Shepherd of Souls: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships (2018)

David W. Anderson is known ecumenically and internationally for his work in cross+generational faith formation and outreach. "Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too." This message has been at the heart of Anderson's work as a pastor, speaker, coach, and author. Through his leadership at The Youth & Family Institute, Vibrant Faith Ministries, and now at Milestones Ministry, he helps develop resources, coaches leaders, and makes presentations to promote the vital partnership between home and congregation for the sake of a world in need of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Session One: ***A Communal Discipline - Learning to Tell Our Story***

Session Two: ***An Invitational Spirit for Invitational Christians***

Rev. Dave Daubert

Bio: Dave Daubert, DMin, PhD is the Lead Consultant/CEO for Day 8 Strategies. He works with faith-based organizations and with leaders to connect people to God's work in the world and support renewal for the sake of God's mission. He also serves as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL - a role he shares with his wife Marlene who is a rostered Deacon in the ELCA. The connections between the teaching, coaching and consulting that Dave does and the parish experiences that he lives bring grounded insights that make his work unique. Dave is the author of several (too numerous to be listed here) books and articles about mission, leadership and the practice of ministry. Dave and his wife live in Elgin, IL with their dog. They are the parents of two grown children.