South Regional Pastoral Conference

Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center, Utica, Illinois

24-26 September 2018 featuring:

Rev. Dr. John T. Pless

and

Rev. Dr. James Nestingen

presenting

A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON LAW AND GOSPEL

Lodging Accommodations

Please make your lodging reservation by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 23rd</u>. After this date our block of rooms will be released to the general public.

Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center

www.starvedrocklodge.com 800-868-7625

As in past years, *all attendees are responsible for making their own room reservations*. Make your reservation with a major credit card by calling Starved Rock Lodge at the toll-free number listed above. Feel free to bring your wife or to room with another pastor. The room rates below do not include applicable taxes of about 11%.

Room Rates: \$100/night West Wing 1 king -or- 2 queen beds single or double occupancy

\$100/night East Wing 1 king -or- 2 double beds single or double occupancy

Availability: Monday and/or Tuesday nights: Reserve only the nights you need.

(A limited amount of rooms are available Sunday night at these same rates.)

Block of Rooms: South Regional Pastoral Conference

Lodging Deadline: Thursday, August 23rd

Registration Form

Complete the Registration Form and return it to Rev. James Barbey, SRPC Registrar, with a check payable to South Regional Pastoral Conference by August 31st. Please follow the instructions on the Registration Form. Any questions should be addressed to the Conference Registrar Rev. James Barbey at lhlcplano@hotmail.com (630-552-3926).



Presenter **Dr. John T. Pless**

John T. Pless was born in Hickory, North Carolina, to John A. and Betty Pless. He is a graduate of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas (B.A in Theology and Philosophy) and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio (Master of Divinity). He entered the ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by colloquy in 1983. From 1979-1983 he was on the pastoral staff at the Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University. He served as campus pastor at University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis from 1983-2000 when he was called to the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne where he still serves as assistant professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions and the director of Field Education. He was awarded an honorary doctorate (D.Litt.) by Concordia University – Chicago in 2018.

In addition to his work at Fort Wayne, Dr. Pless has served as a visiting professor of practical theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa. He frequently lectures at seminaries and pastoral conferences in Madagascar, the Philippines, India, Japan, Sweden, Norway and Indonesia. He is also the Luther Academy Fellow for Madagascar.

He was a founding editor of *Logia: A Lutheran Journal of Theology* in 1992 and continued as a book review editor for that journal until 2017. He is a member of the board of editorial advisers for *Lutheran Quarterly*. Dr. Pless is the author or editor of twelve books, as well as many articles and chapters in theological journals and books. Several of these books have been translated into German, Spanish, Danish, Finnish, Turkish, Portuguese and Chinese. Most recently, he contributed fourteen entries to the new *Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions*, edited by Timothy Wengert (Baker Academic, 2017), and four essays in *The Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, edited by Mark Lamport (Rown & Littefield 2017).

He was on the Agenda Committee for *Lutheran Service Book* and he served as one of the primary drafters for the Synod's revision of *Martin Luther's Catechism with Explanation* (2017). Over the years he has served on several LCMS boards, committees and task forces. He is currently chairman of the Synod's Commission on Doctrinal Review and he represents the Synod in official dialogues with the North American Lutheran Church. He served two terms as president of the English-language section of the International Wilhelm Loehe Society. In 2013, his former students recognized his 60th birthday with a festschrift, *Theology is Eminently Practical: Essays in Honor of John T. Pless*, edited by Jacob Corzine and Bryan Wolfmueller.



Presenter **Dr. James Nestingen**

James Nestingen was first affiliated with Luther Seminary as an instructor from 1976-78. After serving two years as assistant to the pastor of St. Ansgar Lutheran Church in Toronto, Canada, he returned to Luther Seminary as assistant professor of church history in 1980. He was named professor of church history in 1992 and professor emeritus of church history in 2006.

A graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., in 1967, Nestingen earned the master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary in 1971 and the master of theology degree in 1978. He received his doctorate in theology from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, in 1984.

Following his ordination in 1971, he served as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Coquille, Ore., for three years before becoming curriculum editor at Augsburg Publishing House from 1974-1976.

Nestingen has written and spoken prolifically on Luther's catechisms and confessional Lutheran theology. In March 2001, he was one of the featured speakers at The Book of Concord Lectures held at Luther Seminary, which celebrated the latest translation of *The Book of Concord* and discussed its relevance for the 21st Century.

Nestingen's books include: *Martin Luther: His Life and His Teachings* (2004, 1982)*Manger in the Mountains* (2000); *The Faith We Hold* (1983); ; *Roots of Our Faith* (1978); and *Free to Be* (with Gerhard Forde, 1975).

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Schedule

MONDAY, September 24:

Afternoon Free Time (golfing, hiking trails, relaxing at lodge, etc.)

- ✓ GOLF: Go golfing at a local course. Tee times will be scheduled for early afternoon. If interested, please contact Rev. Steven Lange at revslange@yahoo.com
- ✓ STATE PARK: Enjoy Starved Rock State Park with its hiking trails, visitor center, and more. Visit www.starvedrockstatepark.org for more information. (Free)
- ✓ Dinner on your own
- ✓ In a change from prior years, we will pray Compline beginning at 9:00.

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7:00 p.m.	Evening Registration w/ refreshment	LaSalle	e Room
9:00 p.m.	Compline—Circuit #15	LaSalle	e Room
TUESDAY, Sept	tember 26:		
7:30 a.m.	Morning Registration	Great Hall	
7:30 a.m.	Coffee, Fruit and Danish available	Starved Rock Room	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer — Circuit #15	Starved Rock Room	
8:45 a.m.	Conference Welcome		
9:00 a.m.	Session 1 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Nesting	gen	Starved Rock Room
10:00 a.m.	Conference Business, Officer Nominations, Vendor Introductions		
10:30 a.m.	Break Time	, , , , , ,	
11:00 a.m.	Session 2 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Nesting	gen	Starved Rock Room
Noon	Lunch	Great Hall	
1:00 p.m.	Concordia University-Chicago		
1:15 p.m.	Session 3 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Nesting	gen	Starved Rock Room
2:15 p.m.	Conference Business, Officer Elections	,	
2:45 p.m.	Break		
3:00 p.m.	Session 4 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Nestingen Starved Rock Room		
4:00 p.m.	Vespers — Circuit #15		
4:30 p.m.	Break, Free Time		
6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Great Hall	
7:00 p.m.	District President's Report	Starved Rock Room	
8:15 p.m.	Responsive Prayer 1 — Circuit #15		
8:30 p.m.	Fellowship with Refreshments (Indoor Mingle and Outdoor Campfire)		
WEDNESDAY:	September 27:		
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast		
8:30 a.m.	Matins — Circuit #153	Matins — Circuit #153 Starved Rock Room	
9:00 a.m.	Session 5 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Nestingen Starved Rock Room		
10:00 a.m.	Break (room check-out)		
10:15 a.m.	Session 6 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Nestingen Starved Rock Room		
11:15 a.m.	Conference Business, Concluding Remarks		

Display Tables

11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.

A limited number of tables will be set up in the Great Hall of the lodge for organizational displays. To reserve a display table, please contact Rev. Joel Dietrich, SRPC Secretary, at revdietrich@aol.com or (708) 308-6260.

Great Hall

Contact Information

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Responsive Prayer 2 — Circuit #15

Box Lunch (eat at tables or "on the go")

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Directions

- ✓ Based on your starting point, route yourself to Interstate 80
- ✓ Take I-80 west from the Chicagoland area OR take I-80 east from I-39 or the western part of the state
- ✓ Take Exit 81 (the Utica exit)
- ✓ Turn South onto Route 178
- ✓ Go approximately 4 miles on Route 178 (thru Utica and across the river)
- ✓ Follow signs to Starved Rock Lodge, located inside the State Park

