

South Regional Pastoral Conference

Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center, Utica, Illinois

24-26 September 2018 featuring:

Rev. Dr. John T. Pless

and

Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes

presenting

A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON LAW AND GOSPEL

Lodging Accommodations

**Please make your lodging reservation by Thursday, August 23rd.
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

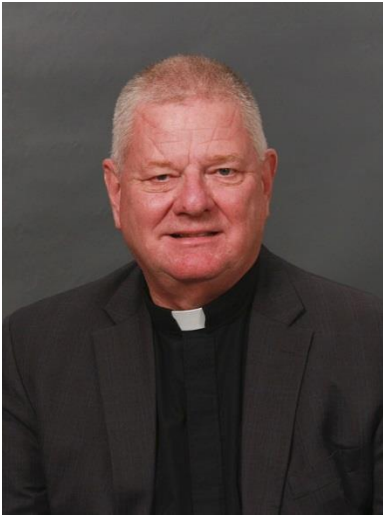
Availability: Monday and/or Tuesday nights: Reserve only the nights you need.
(A limited amount of rooms are available Sunday night at these same rates.)

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 lhleplano@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. Mark Mattes



Mark Mattes serves as Chair of the Department of Theology at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to this call, he served parishes in Gardner, Illinois and Antigo, Wisconsin. He holds the Ph.D. from The University of Chicago, the M.Div. from Luther Seminary, and earned his BA from St. Olaf College, where he was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He has authored several books, including *Luther's Theology of Beauty: A Reappraisal* (Baker Academic, 2017), *The Role of Justification in Contemporary Theology*, *Imaging the Journey*, and *Law and Gospel in Action: Foundations, Ethics, Church* (New Reformation Press, forthcoming). He has also co-edited Gerhard Forde's theological essays, *A More Radical Gospel* and *The Preached God* and has co-translated works of Oswald Bayer, *Theology the Lutheran Way* and *A Contemporary in Dissent* and Klaus Schwarzwäller, *Cross and Resurrection*. He also edited *Twentieth-Century Lutheran Theologians* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht). Additionally, he has authored numerous essays and reviews for peer-reviewed journals and serves as an associate editor for *Lutheran Quarterly*. He also serves on the Continuation Committee of the International Luther Congress. His wife teaches with Des Moines Public Schools and his three grown children live in Des Moines.

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.

7:00 p.m.	Evening Registration w/ refreshment	LaSalle Room
9:00 p.m.	Compline—Circuit #15	LaSalle Room

TUESDAY, September 25:

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. Mattes	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. Mattes	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. Mattes	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. Mattes	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 26:

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Great Hall
8:30 a.m.	Matins — Circuit #153	Starved Rock Room
9:00 a.m.	Session 5 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Mattes	Starved Rock Room
10:00 a.m.	Break (room check-out)	
10:15 a.m.	Session 6 — Dr. Pless and/or Dr. Mattes	Starved Rock Room
11:15 a.m.	Conference Business, Concluding Remarks	
11:30 a.m.	Responsive Prayer 2 — Circuit #15	
11:45 a.m.	Box Lunch (eat at tables or “on the go”)	Great Hall

Display Tables

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.

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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

