This month's Concordia Bible Institute e-Bulletin



CONCORDIA BIBLE INSTITUTE Christ in Every Word

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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, faceto-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word." -Martin Luther (*Luther*'s Works, 25:238).

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A Psalm for the Solitary

It's that time of the year when churches all over the land celebrate "Good Shepherd" Sunday. Since many this year will be observing this Sunday from the confines of their own home, I'd like to offer a brief meditation on Psalm 23, the appointed psalm for the day, that focuses especially on how this beloved text speaks to the isolated and the lonely.

"The Lord is my shepherd." It's not that the Lord *was* my shepherd and will be again someday, but that he is, right now, wherever I am and however I am feeling, my shepherd. He's made himself mine to the extent that I truly possess him at all times and in all places. "I shall not want" anyone closer; he's much nearer to me than the closest of my family and friends.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures," yes, even if he does that by removing some of life's liberties for a time. "He leads me beside still waters," even if that involves isolating me from the many distractions of my normal routine. "He restores my soul" every time he refocuses me on his words and promises, no matter what else comes along with it, and "He leads me in paths of righteousness" every time he realigns my steps more closely with the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn. 14:6).

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Yes, even when I'm anxious and afraid, you've already taken care of the worst of evils against me. Because "you are with me," not even death can separate us. Because "you are with me," even your rod of discipline comforts me, for you discipline those whom you love (Prov. 3:12).

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies," and I miss it very much. But "you anoint my head with oil," so even when I can't be at your table, I can still be nourished by the blessings of my baptism. "My cup overflows" even in lockdowns with the treasures of the one true faith.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." It's not that I follow after your goodness and mercy, but that they follow (lit., "run after, pursue") me. Not even the worst of isolations can stop your goodness and mercy from catching up with me again and again, and while I may feel like I've been dwelling for far too long in my own house, it's but a drop in the bucket for the number of days that you've arranged for me to dwell in yours.

> Dr. Brian German Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Upcoming Events

Fall In-Depth Bible Studies:

Mark your calendar for our Fall In-Depth Bible Study Series!

September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19

6:30pm to 8:30pm Friends of Concordia Room Concordia University, Mequon, WI

Please continue to check out <u>concordiabible.org</u> in the meantime for our latest podcasts, newsletters, and event updates.



Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

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					1 Samuel 2:1-10 Titus, Philemon	Psalm 121 Hebrews 1-
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Psalm 122 Iebrews 5-7	Psalm 123 Hebrews 8-10	Psalm 124 Hebrews 11-13	Psalm 125 James 1-3	Psalm 126 James 4-5	Psalm 127 1 Peter 1-2	Psalm 128 1 Peter 3-5
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Psalm 129 2 Peter	Psalm 130 1 John 1-3	Psalm 131 1 John 4-5	Psalm 132 2 John, 3 John, Jude	Psalm 133 John 1-2	Psalm 134 John 3-4	Psalm 135 John 5-6
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Psalm 136 John 7-8	Psalm 137 John 9-10	Psalm 138 John 11-12	Psalm 139 John 13-14	Psalm 140 John 15-16	Psalm 141 John 17-18	Psalm 142 John 19
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Psalm 143 John 20-21	Psalm 144 Acts 1-2	Psalm 145 Acts 3-4	Psalm 146 Acts 5-6	Psalm 147 Acts 7-8	Psalm 148 Acts 9-10	Psalm 149 Acts 11-12
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Samuel 2:1-10 Acts 13-14						

CBI Spring Seminar Rescheduled for September



Saturday,

September 26, 2020

The CBI Spring Seminar that was scheduled on Saturday, May 2, has been <u>rescheduled to</u> **Saturday, September 26**. Dr. David P. Scaer of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana will make an all day presentation on the Sermon on the Mount. Scaer put forth his views in his book *The Sermon on the Mount: The Church's First Statement of the Gospel* published by Concordia Publishing House in 2000 which as the title indicates sees this treasured section of Matthew (chapter 3 - 5) as descriptions of the lives of believers in the community of believers. Ideas

put forth in *The Sermon on the Mount* are further developed in the remainder of the gospel of Matthew especially as this section of Matthew pertains to Christ

himself. These thoughts are set forth in Scaer's *Discourses in Matthew: Jesus Teaches the Church* in 2004, also published by Concordia Publishing House. In the Confessional Lutheran Dogmatic Series he is the author of the volumes on *Christology* (1989), *Baptism* (1999), and *The Law and the Gospel and the Means of Grace* (2008). He recently published his life story in *Surviving the Storms: The Memoirs of David P. Scaer* (427 pages) available in hardcover and kindle from Amazon and paperback from Iulu. This book contains his extensive bibliography. His service at the seminary spans 54 years and for the last 20 years has been "The Scaer Professor of Biblical and Theological Theology." Serving as an instructor in dogmatic theology, his greatest love is for the gospels and he is currently working on a manuscript on the resurrection of Jesus. He and his wife Dorothy will be celebrating 60 years of marriage in June and have five children. Attendees are encouraged to bring their Bibles. Pastors may want to bring their Greek New Testaments. This event will be held on the Concordia Mequon campus.

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Please join me in spreading the word about the origination of this endowment and by praying for its growth. For ways to contribute, please

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