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## Friday, May 3, 2019

Forum Topic:
1:00 P.M. - CUW
For ages 14 and above
Topic: "This is My Body: Christian Compassion
and Courage Concerning Sexuality and Gender"
Lunch Fee Limit of \$20.00

Banquet/Presentation:
6:00 P.M. - CUW
For ages 14 and above
Topic: "Going Gracefully:
A Better End-of-Life Approach Than Assisted Suicide"
Fee Limit of \$30.00



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Hosted by Lutherans for Life's Executive Director Pastor Michael Salemink, St. Louis, MO and Concordia University Bioethics Center's Director Doctor Kevin Voss, Mequon, WI



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Forum Topic:

This is My Body: Christian Compassion and Courage Concerning Sexuality and Gender Our culture is wrestling with questions about sexuality and gender. Many of our communities, congregations, and families are struggling with these issues as well. How do our bodies reflect and confess the grace of God? For what privileges and responsibilities has He made us male and female? How does He safeguard these gifts? How can we incorporate and care for individuals experiencing suffering and temptation related to sexuality and gender? How may we speak truth and show love in such sensitive situations? We will be motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will examine instruction from Scripture, engage observations of science, and explore opportunities of servanthood.

## **Banquet/Presentation:**

Going Gracefully: A Better End-of-Life Approach Than Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide recently became legal in Canada, California, Colorado, and our nation's capital. Now Hawaii has decriminalized it too. How can Christians compassionately affirm God's gift of life in situations of pain, impairment, or advancing age? We'll examine assisted suicide's statistics and solutions, evaluate autonomy, pain, quality of life, and death with dignity, explore the Gospel's better way, and offer suggestions for upholding life in congregations and communities.

Biography of Pastor Michael W. Salemink

Pastor Michael W. Salemink began serving as executive director of Lutherans For Life in January 2016. He received a B.A. in Theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003. He has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota (2003-2005) and as associate pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette, Indiana from 2005-2015. Pastor Salemink and his wife, Heather, have been married 18 years and reside in St. Louis, Missouri where they attend Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, with their three sons: Christian, Nathan, and Luke. Pastor Salemink writes regularly and speaks nationwide, equipping Lutherans to the Gospel-motivated voices for life.

## Biography of the Rev. Kevin E. Voss, DVM, PhD, FCA

Kevin E. Voss is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Concordia Center for Bioethics at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). He has been at CUW since 2003 and teaches philosophy, bioethics, and ethics courses. Dr. Voss was in private practice in northeast Wisconsin as a dairy veterinarian for 14 years. Because of allergies and a willingness to serve the Lord in the pastoral ministry, he left practice to earn a Master of Divinity Degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and he also completed a Ph.D. in Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University. The title of his dissertation is

"An Ethics Survey of Religious Beliefs, and Reproductive Counseling Practices of Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Jewish Clergy," published in 2012 by ProQuest.

Dr. Voss earned two specialized academic certificates during his doctoral program at Saint Louis University: the Certificate of Empirical Research Methods in Descriptive Ethics and a Certificate in University Teaching Skills. Dr. Voss is a Fellow of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism, and Human Rights held annually in Strasbourg, Grance, which is directed by Rev. Dr. John Warwick Montgomery. Voss has authored several published articles including "Religious Beliefs and Reproductive Counseling Practices in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod," Christian Bioethics 21, no. 2 (August 2015): 199-213; and "How the History of the Contraception Debate in Moral Theology Can Be Understood within the Context of a Covenant-Centered Ethic," Concordia Theological Journal of Concordia University Wisconsin 1, no. 2 (Spring 2014): 66-80. He has given numerous presentations about bioethics issues across the country and is a member of the Sanctity of Human Life Committee of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, and the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

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