Dear brothers in Office,

Greetings in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

This year’s Fall Pastoral Conference will be held October 3-5 (Monday – Wednesday) at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Casper, WY. Mount Hope is located at 2300 Hickory St.

The speaker is Rev. Dr. Roland Ziegler, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Confessional Lutheran Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary. The conference theme is: Apologetics and the Early Missouri Synod.

Enclosed you will find a Conference Information Sheet, Schedule, information about our Speaker and theme, and the Minutes from our last conference.

We wish to highlight the following:

1. The dates for the Spring Conference are May 8-10, 2017. More information regarding that will be forthcoming.

2. All of the enclosed and much more can also be found at the District website: http://www.wylcms.org/.

We look forward to seeing you in Casper on October 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Rev. Jared Tucher, Committee Chairman

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DIRECTIONS
Mount Hope is located at 2300 Hickory St. adjacent to the District Office. See the attached map for directions.

HOTELS
Discounted rates have been arranged at the Quality Inn, the Best Western Ramkota, and the Shilo Inn. Please mention “Lutheran Ministries” for discounted rates. Other hotels are available in the area:

- **Quality Inn and Suites**
  821 N. Poplar St. (307) 266-2400
  [http://qualityinn.com](http://qualityinn.com)
  $72.99 single, $77.99 double occupancy, mention Lutheran Ministries

- **Best Western Ramkota**
  800 N. Poplar St. (307) 266-6000
  [http://casper.bwramkota.com](http://casper.bwramkota.com)
  $72/night, mention Lutheran Ministries

- **Shilo Inn**
  739 Luker Lane (307) 237-1335
  [http://shiloinns.com](http://shiloinns.com)
  $65/night, mention Lutheran Ministries

- **Parkway Plaza**
  123 West East St. (307) 235-1777
  [http://www.parkwayplaza.net](http://www.parkwayplaza.net)

- **Super 8** (near Mount Hope)
  3838 CY Ave. (307) 266-3480
  [http://super8.com](http://super8.com)

RESTAURANTS
Nearly all the main restaurant choices are on CY Ave, near the hotels, downtown, or near Eastridge Mall.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Activities in the Casper area can be found online at [http://www.casperwyoming.info/](http://www.casperwyoming.info/).
# Wyoming District Fall Pastoral Conference

**Location:** Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Casper, Wyoming  
**Dates:** October 3 – 5, 2016

## Apologetics and the Early Missouri Synod

### SCHEDULE

#### Monday, October 3rd

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<td>1:00 pm</td>
<td>Service of Prayer and Preaching</td>
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<td>Welcome &amp; Overview</td>
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<td>Session #1 – The Apologetic Landscape in the 19th century</td>
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<td>Session #2 – Fundamentals: The Need, Right, and Limits of Apologetics</td>
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<td>District President's Report</td>
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#### Tuesday, October 4th

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<td>Session #3 – In Defense of the Bible: Fides Humana and History</td>
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<td>Conference Business</td>
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<td>Daily Prayer: Noon</td>
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[Break for Afternoon/Evening Activities]

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<td>Session #5 – What can we learn from the Apologetics of the early Missouri Synod?</td>
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*Happy Trails!*
Apologetics and the Early Missouri Synod

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Roland Ziegler

Dr. Ziegler joined the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, faculty in 2000. He serves as the Robert D. Preus Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Confessional Lutheran Studies.

Born in the state of Baden-Württemberg, Germany, he studied at the Universities of Tübingen and Erlangen. He received his M.Div.(1993) from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Oberursel. A scholarship enabled him to study as an exchange student at CTSFW. He received his Dr.theol. from the Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen in 2011.

Note to Retired Pastors

At the 2010 Wyoming District Convention, Resolution 3-03-2012 (To Honor Veterans of the Cross) was passed, authorizing our retired clergy to receive reimbursement for the expenses to attend pastor conferences. To that end, the current reimbursement for retired pastors is as follows:

- Full cost of hotel room
- Per diem for meals
  - Breakfast - $15
  - Lunch - $15
  - Dinner - $30
- Mileage to and from the conference

When filling out the district expense form, please note your retired status for proper expense accounting by the district.
Wyoming District Spring Pastoral Conference
May 9-11, 2016
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alliance, NE

Forty-seven (47) present. Twelve (12) excused absences.
Excused Absences:
David Bott
Peter Bertram (1/2 of conference)
Kevin Rose
Sam Christensen
Terry Wiley
Shawn Kumm
Duane Simonson
Paul Bundschuh
Samuel Needham
Lee Rupert
Richard Keuck
George Naylor

Conference opened with the Service of Prayer and Preaching at 1:10 p.m. on May 9, 2016.

“The Mystery of the Church: AC and Ap VII/VIII”
Question/answer time followed.

Conference Paper #2 Presented by Rev. Lincoln Winter
“Fellowship Considerations in an Erring Church, Part 2: Practical Considerations”
Question/answer time followed

District President’s Report, Part One:

He began with encouragements to receiving the gifts of God for you: absolution, the Supper, and the Word. Give attention to your families. Family devotions. Take care of yourself.

Introduced men new the District: Pastor Neil Carlson of Chapel and South Divide; Pastor Randolph Schnack of Saratoga; Pastor Daniel Prauener of Pine Bluffs and Grover.

Installations upcoming this summer: Pastor Fremer, Bethel, Lander; Candidate Rockhill Crawford/Harrison; Pastor Preus, Mount Hope, Casper; Pastor Nuss, Trinity, Cheyenne.

No vacancies in the Wyoming District as of May 2016.

Immanuel, Powell dedicates new sanctuary on August 14, 2016.
President Hill has visited 34 congregations over the past year.
President Hill engaged in conversation with Fort Wayne seminary regarding bi-vocational pastors.
Various questions entertained and answered.
Topics for discussion initiated by President Hill for Conference consideration:
   1. Introduced Amicus Brief.
   2. LCMS Convention.
   3. Lay Deacons.
   5. Seminary Floor Committee work.
   6. Discuss WYDIST convention resolution on Candidate Status.

Closing Prayer at 4:55 p.m.

Conference: Day 2, May 10.

“Parish Catechesis and Care in Relation to Fellowship”
Questions and answers followed.

President Hill’s Report, Part 2
   • PIF and SET review by President Hill is ongoing.
   • Koinonia recap from February meeting in Florida to include a review of questions posed to the Wyoming District from the Atlantic District. Significant discussion followed. President Hill recommended that the five questions posed by the Atlantic District be discussed at circuit conferences.
   • Discussion of amicus brief regarding Judge Ruth Neely.

Paper #4 Presented by Rev. Mark Preus
“The Duties of an Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Applying Them to Our Divisions Today.”
Questions and Answers followed.

Presentation by Mr. John Wolf (LCMS Missionary Project Manager deployed to Kenya). Will serve as Project Manager for Africa in support of LCMS Missionary work in Africa.
Question and answers followed.

Conference Day 3

Matins prayed at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Paper #5 presented by Rev. Jonathan Lange
“Fellowship in Its Necessary Context: The Doctrine of the Church and the Overseas Theses of 1961”
Question/answer time followed.

Paper #6 by Rev. John Hill
"Church and Visitation"
Question and answers followed.

Pastor Travis Sherman continued as secretary for the remainder of the conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor David Mogrud
Pastor Magruder,

Sorry, I kinda forgot I had these.

- Adam deGroot spoke about Philadelphia Lutheran Mission
- We took a break
- President Hill presented paper #6 and took questions and gave answers
- Conference business
  - Thanks to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School for everything they did for the conference. Thanks to Pastor Schnare and Mueller, and Kantor Hoffman.
  - The Fall conference will be Oct. 3-5 @ Mt. Hope
  - Lincoln’s Resolution on the teachings at Concordia Seminary was brought up for discussion. Lincoln spoke briefly. There was considerable discussion. The orders of the day were called and the motion died for lack of a vote.
- CMS Report—Pastor Ferminac
  - Thanks to Pastor Bourret for staying on
  - Thanks to the members of the CMS
  - Subsidy requests have been reduced
  - There was discussion about property issues at St. Andrews
  - Hispanic outreach conversation continues (Cheyenne & Scottsbluff targeted)
- CCS Report—Pastor Heinecke
  - Clothing drive in progress for Wind River
  - TTGN AJ will have a Reformation theme
  - Tim Lindahl will serve as the new Adult Ed. Facilitator
  - Men’s Retreat will be in Glenrock dealing with societal changes
  - Pastor’s Wives Retreat June 16-18
  - Those with student debt are encouraged to turn in debt reduction forms
  - 3 Students are receiving aid this year, 1 @ Ft. Wayne, 2 @ Seward. Help has also been given for those attending Christ Academy
  - LFL fetal model kits are available to our schools
  - March for life is January 27th/28th
  - There is a need for pastors to help with Lander Camp Aug 7th-11th. The theme will be Biology and the Bible.
  - The High school task force continues to meet
    - § Looking at internet-based satellite-campuses
    - § Looking for donations
    - § Fall 2017 possible start date
  - There was a presentation about new legislation on endo of life issues in WY
  - It was moved to adjourn for closing prayer

Hope this helps,
Travis