

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Rev. Dr. Jason Lane, is associate professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis since 2024. He taught theology at Concordia University Wisconsin (2013–24), and served as pastor at Celebration Lutheran Church in St. Johns, Fla. (2010–13).

He earned his doctorate in the History of Church and Dogma (Dr. Theol.) at the *Universität Hamburg* in Germany (2015), his S.T.M. and M.Div. from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2007; 2010), and his B.A. in Psychology from Framingham State College in Framingham, Mass. (2001), where he played college basketball. He was also an exchange student at the LCMS's partner church's seminary (SELK), *Lutherische Theologische Hochschule* in Oberursel, Germany (2005–06).

He is the author of “Luther’s Epistle of Straw: The Voice of St. James in Reformation Preaching” (De Gruyter Publishing, 2018). Recently, he accepted the role as the general editor of the translation project, “The Reformation Writings: The Dogmatic-Polemical Writings of Reformation History from 1517–1546” for Concordia Publishing House, a proposed 19-volume companion to “Luther’s Works: American Edition.”

He grew up in the woods of central Massachusetts and married his pastor’s youngest daughter. He and his wife, Marta, are blessed with ten children: six girls and four boys.



Dr. Bernard Bull serves as the 11th president of Concordia University, Nebraska. His work focuses on futures; the philosophy and praxis of Christian education; models of educational research and development; and the intersection of education and digital culture.

Before joining Concordia University, Nebraska, Bull served as president of Goddard College; associate professor of education and vice provost at Concordia University Wisconsin; and as a middle and high school teacher in Lutheran schools in Illinois and Wisconsin. Throughout his career, Bull has taught students from sixth grade through doctoral studies in Lutheran schools and universities.

Bull is author, co-author, and editor of a number of books including: *Faithful and Flourishing: Strategies for Leading Your Christian School with Excellence*; *The Pedagogy of Faith: Essays on Lutheran Education*; *Digitized: Spiritual Implications of Technology*; *Imagine the Possibilities: Conversations on the Future of Christian Education*; and *Prep Talks: Tales of Challenges & Opportunities in Christian Education*. He has served as a consultant and invited speaker for more than 200 groups and organizations during the past 30 years.



Jennifer Tanner, is the executive director of school and youth ministry for the Florida-Georgia District. A former principal and middle school teacher, she has more than 25 years of experience in Lutheran education. Guided by her personal mission to lead with grace, serve with joy, and live with love, she is passionate about helping schools create healthy, Christ-centered cultures where teachers and leaders can faithfully live out their calling to make disciples.

Tanner is currently a doctoral candidate studying ways to strengthen teacher well-being through meaningful support. She believes ministry is serious work, but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t laugh together, celebrate God’s blessings, and build one another up - one good thing at a time.

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