



# Central Illinois District

2023 Spring Pastors Conference

## May 1-3, 2023

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
901 W Jefferson Ave,  
Effingham, IL, 62401

### The Book of Joel

*and*

### Preaching

**Rev. Prof. Thomas Nass**

“Theological Topics Associated with the Book of Joel”

**Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes**

“The Useful Applications of Scripture for Preaching and Casuistry”

## Conference Schedule St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, IL

### Monday, May 1

11:30am Registration  
1:00pm Opening Divine Service  
2:30pm Break  
2:45pm Session 1 - Dr. Mayes  
3:45pm Break  
4:00pm Session 2 - Dr. Mayes  
5:00pm DP Report  
5:15pm Break  
5:30pm Daily Office  
6:00pm Dinner

### Tuesday, May 2

9:00am Daily Office  
9:30am Session 3 - Dr. Mayes  
10:30am Break  
10:45am Session 4 - Dr. Mayes  
11:45am District Reports  
12:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm Sectionals  
1:45pm Break  
2:00pm District Reports  
2:15pm Session 5 - Prof Nass  
3:15pm Break  
3:30pm Session 6 - Prof Nass  
4:30pm Daily Office  
5:00pm Dinner on your own

### Wednesday, May 3

8:00am Sectionals  
8:45am Break  
9:00am Daily Office  
9:30am Session 7 - Prof Nass  
10:30am Break  
10:45am Session 8 - Prof Nass  
11:45am Itinerary

### Speaker Biographies



**Professor Thomas Nass:** “Theological Topics Associated with the Book of Joel”

Prof. Thomas Nass grew up in Jefferson, WI, and attended the ministerial education schools of WELS, graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1982. He was a parish pastor for ten years in North Mankato, MN and Milwaukee, WI. Since 1995 he has been teaching Hebrew to pre-seminary students at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. His graduate school experience includes the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin—Madison (MA). Prof. Nass has been privileged to be involved in interchurch relations for WELS for many years. He

has been a participant in the recent meetings between leaders of the ELS, LCMS, and WELS, and he is currently the president of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (the worldwide association of church bodies in fellowship with WELS). He and his wife Janice have four married children and ten grandchildren.



**Dr. Benjamin Mayes:** “The Useful Applications of Scripture for Preaching and Casuistry”

Dr. Benjamin Mayes is Associate Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He serves as co-general editor of Luther's Works: American Edition and general editor of Johann Gerhard's Theological Commonplaces (Concordia Publishing House). Hailing from Missouri, he graduated from Concordia College, Seward, NE (1997) with a degree in music and pre-seminary studies; spent a year of exchange study at the *Lutherische Theologische Hochschule* in Oberursel/Ts., Germany; graduated

from Concordia Theological Seminary with the M.Div. (2003); and earned a Ph.D. in historical theology from Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI (2009). His dissertation was published as *Counsel and Conscience: Lutheran Casuistry and Moral Reasoning after the Reformation* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011). He served as associate pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, from 2003 to 2006, before being called to Concordia Publishing House (St. Louis, MO), where he served as editor for professional and academic books. He is married to Rebecca and has two sons.

### Registration Form

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#### Online Registration Form (Preferred Method)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3aJPDIBojoLq8tZW7XvXkSkK\\_XOj8LMuWNfTW9BjtmhJrg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3aJPDIBojoLq8tZW7XvXkSkK_XOj8LMuWNfTW9BjtmhJrg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

\*\*\*Payment still required by mail – see instruction below.

#### Mail-In Registration Form

May 1-3, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Vicar \_\_\_\_\_ Emeritus\* \_\_\_\_\_ DCE \_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_\_\_

Wife (attending conference) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*Conference fees are waived for Emeriti and their wives. However, please submit this registration form.

**Official District Photographs will be taken at the Conference (Required)**

**\*\*Please pack appropriate clerical attire for the photograph.**

Indicate your preferred date/time for the Official District Photograph to be taken:

Monday Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: \$65**

Registration fee includes dinner on Monday and lunch on Tuesday.

Meal for spouse not attending conference: \$10 each Mon. Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Tues. Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration (either a printed copy of the first page of your confirmation email to verify your online registration or the above form filled out by hand) to the **District Office** with a check for your total expenses made payable to the **Central Illinois District—LCMS** no later than April 14, 2023

Conference Registration  
Central Illinois District—LCMS  
1850 N. Grand Ave. West  
Springfield, IL 62702-1626

This is an official District Conference. Your attendance is required! If you have not registered by April 14, the District Office will contact you. If you are unable to attend any portion of this conference, please send regrets (with reason for your absence) to the Conference Committee Secretary: Rev. Justin Cullen, Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 109, Sullivan, IL 61951 or email at [pastor@faithsullivan.org](mailto:pastor@faithsullivan.org) or to Pres. Michael Mohr at the District Office: [mmohr@cidlems.org](mailto:mmohr@cidlems.org)

## **Conference Location**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 901 W Jefferson Ave, Effingham, IL 62401

## **Lodging Information**

### **Hotels:**

#### **1. Hampton Inn & Suites**

Either Single King (\$124.00/night) or Double Queen (\$139/night).

Booking link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink?cityhcn=EFFKDHX&groupCode=CHHCLD&arrivaldate=2023-05-01&departuredate=2023-05-03&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Or call the hotel directly at 217-540-5050 and ask for the CID group 5/1/23 arrival.

Cut off date for CID block rates is April 16th.

#### **2. Country Inn and Suites**

Either Single King or Double Queen room for \$100.00/night.

Call directly at 217-540-5555

Cut off date for CID block rate is April 1st.