

Purpose

In a day in which Lutherans are being challenged to re-examine traditional positions and search for new relationships and ministries, it is of utmost necessity to understand what it means to be truly "evangelical." The Seventh Annual Institute on Theology in Practice Today will provide an opportunity for participants to examine and discuss the historical and contemporary meanings of being "evangelical." In view of the discussions concerning pulpit and altar fellowship between The American Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, it is appropriate that the speakers in this institute represent both church bodies. Every pastor and church worker will benefit from this in depth discussion. Those who plan to attend the alumni gatherings at Concordia Seminary at this time or to enroll for summer sessions beginning June 19 will note that this institute is scheduled at a time convenient for them.

Personnel



REV. CARL A. GAERTNER :

Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas, and member of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Dr. Gaertner has participated in many functions in the church. He was an official observer at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Helsinki, Finland in 1963, and published articles in The Lutheran Witness, Advance, and the Concordia Theological Monthly. At present he is active in the inter-Lutheran discussions.

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KENT S. KNUTSON

Professor and Chairman of the Department of Systematic Theology at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Knutson has made many contributions within the church. He has written articles and published a book, His Only Son, Our Lord (Augsburg, 1966). He participated in the Lutheran - Roman Catholic conversations that began in 1965. He is also a member of the Division of Theological Studies of LCUSA. We welcome his participation.



Program

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Early registration in Loeber Hall from 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast

8:30 - Registration in Sieck Hall

10:00 - Chapel Worship

10:30 - Presentation and Discussion by Kent Knutson

12:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Presentation and Discussion by Carl Gaertner

3:00 - Coffee Break

3:30 - Small Group Discussions

5:30 - Dinner

7:00 - Presentation and Discussion by Kent Knutson

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 - Chapel Worship

8:30 - Presentation and Discussion by Carl Gaertner

10:00 - Coffee Break

10:30 - Small Group Discussions

11:45 - Closing Devotion

12:00 - Lunch

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THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH--AN EVANGELICAL APPROACH

- I. The New Testament and the Church--How did We Come into Being?
 1. The church is a principal category.
 2. The church is understood from a variety of perspectives.
 3. The church is an historical reality.
 4. The two great words--ecclesia and soma tou Christou.
 5. The church is thus inescapably a sociological reality.

- II. The Signs of the Church in the World--How is the Church Known to
 1. The Word of God theology
 2. The ~~Event~~ Character of the Church.
 3. The symbolic and effective signs.

- III. The Reformation and the Church--How do We Understand this Renewal?
 1. The functional meth^odology of Reformation theology.
 2. The living character of the church.
 3. The simplicity of Reformation language.
 4. The principle of simultaneity.

- IV. The Ministry and the Church--What is a Valid Ministry?
 1. The New Testament and the ~~Variety~~ of ministries.
 2. The functional formula for ministry.
 3. The charⁱma of ministry.
 4. The public and private ministry.
 5. The symbolic character of public ministry.

Kent S. Knutson
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