



## About the Center

**The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews (CAW)**, under the supervision of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and its Board on Apologetics, promotes evidence for the truth of Christianity and identifies and critiques worldviews at odds with the Christian worldview. We do so to fortify Christians in biblical truth and prepare them to defend the truth—with gentleness and respect—so Christ may be shared wisely and boldly in these challenging days.

As a confessional Lutheran center, we necessarily include important and distinctive biblical teachings in our approach to apologetics. We recognize “God has given me my reason and all my senses” while confessing “I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him” (Luther’s *Small Catechism*).

We are currently the only Lutheran church body that has established a synodical board and center to carry out this work (though we hope others will soon follow). By God’s grace, we will encourage and help Christians to “*be prepared to give a defense to anyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.*” (1 Peter 3:15)

The CAW was established in July of 2020 at the urging of now-sainted synod president John Moldstad, Jr. Rev. David Thompson serves as the director under the direction of the Board on Apologetics. Though CAW is a synod endeavor, it is self-supporting and dependent on donations for conferences, presentations around the country, production of resources, salary, office space, etc.

## Past, Present, and Future Work

CAW provides educational opportunities and resources for the church at large—for congregations, pastors, families, schools (day schools, home schools, colleges, and seminaries). These include essays, Q & A flyers, articles in our Lutheran Sentinel magazine, presentations by the director and board members, and apologetics/worldview conferences (including several that preceded the establishment of CAW). Please visit our Resources and Events pages to access these ([www.apologeticscenter.org](http://www.apologeticscenter.org)).

**Recent Conferences** (watch online at [www.apologeticscenter.org/events](http://www.apologeticscenter.org/events))

- *Defending the Gospel of God* (June 20, 2024)

- *For Such a Time as This – Discernment, Boldness, and Compassion* (November 4, 2023, Chicago)
- *A Culture of Deception? Equipping Christians with and Love in Tumultuous Times* (June 21-22, 2023)
- *Bringing Truth and Compassion to the Transgenderism Debate* (March 18, 2023)
- *Biblical Identities in an Age of Wokeism and Transhumanism* (June 29-30, 2022)
- *Race, Justice, Mercy, & Jesus Christ: Addressing Tough Questions with True Answers* (March 15, 2022)
- *Why Does Moses Matter to Christians?* (June 23-24, 2021)
- *The Christian Church Amid Seismic Shifts* (September 26, 2020, Chicago)
- *Making the Case for the Truth of the Bible: Bringing Jesus to My Unbelieving Neighbor* (June 27, 2019)
- *A Reliable and Defensible Christianity for Today's World* (June 21, 2018)

### **Upcoming Presentations, Teaching, Preaching**

- Friday, June 20, Confessional Lutheran Parenting and Teacher's Conference: *From Generation to Generation*. Three presentations. 8:45-3:10 (Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato MN).
- July 6-11, Camp Indianhead: *Young Christian Defenders*, held at Lutheran Island Camp, Henning MN. Four days of instruction for youth *ages 14-17*
- July 13-18, Camp Indianhead: *Young Christian Defenders*, held at Camp Omega, Waterville MN. Four days of instruction for youth *ages 10-13*
- July 14-18, Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education Conference: *Why Christian Apologetics Is Essential and Lutheran*, Concordia University Wisconsin (this presentation will be on Thursday afternoon; conf. registration required: CCLE Conference)
- Sept. 28, 10:00 & 11:00, Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton IA (preach and study)

### **Conference Presenters 2003-2025** (partial list)

Adam Francisco (LCMS)	Gene Veith (LCMS)	John Bombaro (LCMS)
Bryan Wolfmuehler (LCMS)	Ryan MacPherson (ELS)	Jay Webber (ELS)
Luke Thompson (WELS)	Angus Menuge (LCMS)	Jonathan Conner (LCMS)

Greg Schulz (LCMS)	John Brenner (WELS)	Gary Locklair (WELS)
Joshua Pauling (LCMS)	Michael Berg (WELS)	David Menton (CLC)
Joy Pullman (LCMS)	Mark Braun (WELS)	Allen Quist (ELS)
Mark Stern (LCMS)	Alvin Schmidt (LCMS)	Paul Wendland (WELS)
Beverly Yahnke (LCMS)	John Eidsmoe (AFLC)	Donald Moldstad (ELS)
Todd Wilken (LCMS)	Daniel van Voorhis (LCMS)	Steven Sparley (ELS)
Chris Rosebrough (AALC)	David Thompson (ELS)	Brandon Steenbock
Craig Parton (ELS)	Jan Lohmeyer (LCMS)	(WELS)
Paul Dare (LCMS)	Joshua Mears (ELS)	Jennifer Kom (ELS)
Joel Heck (LCMS)	Lyle Lange (WELS)	
Doyle Holbird (ELS)	Andrew Das (ELS)	

### **Continuing/Upcoming Work and Goals**

- Develop easy-to-learn apologetic approaches for Christians and congregations for evangelism and the defense of the faith.
- Produce apologetics and worldview materials for children and youth.
- Establish regional conferences and assist in planning conferences requested by congregations, schools, and colleges.
- Maintain a speakers and topics bureau for congregations, schools, colleges, and conferences.
- Develop a podcast that will include commentaries and interviews.
- Raise sufficient funds to support a full-time CAW director and its ongoing work.

We ask for your prayers and financial support according to your ability.

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