

### **CAW NEWSLETTER** August 2025

Dear friends of the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews,

#### You can now watch

### The Seventh Annual Apologetics and Worldview Conference

(Recorded on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato MN, June 18-19, 2025)

Click here: "Unsurpassed Christian Apologists"

I. The Legacy of John Warwick Montgomery

(Trial lawyer Craig Parton, Director of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France)

II. The Legacy of C.S. Lewis

(Dr. Joel Heck, Lutheran theologian and C.S. Lewis scholar)

III. The Legacy of Early Church Apologists and Beyond

(**Dr. Adam Francisco,** Ph.D. from the University of Oxford in the history of Christian apologetics)



Presenters: Joel Heck, Adam Francisco, Craig Parton



MC & CAW Director: David Thompson



Seminarian/Asssitant Director: Peter Estrem



Attorney Craig Parton



Theolgoian Dr. Joel Heck



Apologist Dr.Adam Francisco







Table Talk

Q & A (Rev. Tom Heyn)

Bethany President Gene Pfeifer

### Take a look at the new apologetics study:

"Young Christian Defenders" (can also be used as an adult Bible study) This study was used at two youth camps this summer, ages 11-14 and 15-17. The study 1) helped them understand what evidential apologetics is, 2) clarified the limitations and benefits of apologetics, 3) explained numerous examples of evidential apologetics found in the Gospels and Acts, and 4) provided them with an easy-to-learn way to use biblical apologetics with their neighbors. The purpose of Christian apologetics is to provide a defense and evidence for the truth of the sure hope we have in Christ, and to do so with gentleness and respect (1 Pet. 3:15). The study comes with a 28-page booklet and a helpful chart that shows how Christianity is set apart from all other religions in very significant ways.

Click <u>HERE</u> for the booklet. Click <u>HERE</u> for the chart.

Again, note: This study is also a great adult Bible study.

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- September 13
   2025 Youth Apologetics Day: Joshua Pauling presenting on Apologetics for Living Faithfully in the Age of AI, Transhumanism, & Digital Devices, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Morristown, MN, 9am-2pm (registration required; see flyer)
- September 27
   Defending Christianity and Worldview Discernment. Circuit Mission Rally and Lay Education Conference, Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton, Iowa, 9:30am-2:45pm.
- September 28

  Preaching and Bible study ("What Happened to His Body?"), Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton Iowa. 10am and 11am.

## Another Recorded Conference Worth Watching: "From Generation to Generation" Lutheran Teaching and Parenting Conference 2025

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mankato MN sponsored its first "From Generation to Generation" Lutheran Teaching and Parenting Conference on June 20th. Three very

important, informative, and helpful presentations to watch and share. We especially recommend you watch and share the third presentation on SEL.

- "Identifying Deceptive False Worldview Assumptions That Sneak into the <u>Classroom and Home"</u> (Rev. David Thompson, Center for Apologetics and Worldviews)
- 2. "Heaven's Little Embassy The Importance of Teaching God's Word at Home" (Chaplain Don Moldstad, Bethany Lutheran College)
- 3. "The Need for Discernment in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) (Mr. Joshua Nelson, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee)

### Understanding the Basic Assumptions of Critical Theory /Cultural Marxism/ Social Justice Theory

These eleven assumptions help identify this most popular worldview in culture. Read them <u>HERE</u>

# Presentations We Can Bring to Your Church, Bible Study, Youth Group, Study Group, Christian School, Home Schooling Coop...

We are able travel to you for various presentations that last anywhere from 1 to 4 hours. There are no financial obligations (though donations are welcome). To see a list of presentations, go <u>HERE</u>

### Please Help in Ways You Can, and Let Us Know How We Can Help You

I again invite you to support us in our efforts. At this time, we are the only biblical and confessional Lutheran church body to have both an apologetics board and an apologetics Center. You can support us in three ways. First, pray. Second, spread the word to others. And third, support us financially. We are self-supporting, dependent on donations from people like you. Your first obligations are to your family and your church. But if you can and the extent to which you can, please support the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews. I invite you to donate regularly. If anyone would like to see how we handle our finances, we are more than willing to provide that info for you.

I also invite you to see how we might be of assistance to you as an individual, to your family, to your church, to your Christian school, to your homeschool coop, or to your Christian college. We have a number of resources, a lot of good information, and several Christian apologists who can even come to where you are.

#### How to donate:

- 1. Online, safely and securely, go here: <u>Donate</u>.
- 2. By check, make the check out to CAW and mail to:

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Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,
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