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CAW NEWSLETTER
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Dear friends of CAW,

We bring to your attention several items regarding our work in apologetics and worldviews.

TWO TIMELY, IMPORTANT, AND HELPFUL TALKS SPONSORED BY CAW

(Both recorded)

1. Persecution in Nigeria and Biblical Inerrancy within Anglicanism

Testimony from The Right Rev. Dr. Benjamin Kwashi

former Nigerian Anglican Archbishop and five-year General Secretary of the Global
Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON)

On Oct. 22, Rev. Dr. Ben Kwashi spoke to an audience at Bethany Lutheran College regarding two issues of great concern:

Persecution in Nigeria

He and his wife have been eyewitnesses and victims of Christian persecution (the two of them have survived several assassination attempts). Christians there are currently experiencing unprecedented persecution where well over 7,000 have been killed just in 2025.

The fight for inerrancy in the Anglican Communion

Kwashi was Secretary General for five years of the large conservative Anglican group (GAFCON) seeking to re-establish the inerrancy of the Bible among Anglicans. Kwashi and GAFCON have now separated from the Anglican Church of England and other liberals since they continue to reject Scripture's inspiration and inerrancy. In this way, the Church of England is no different than the ELCA.

This was a very prescient presentation by a man who knows what it means to suffer and fight for Christianity. Though there are differences in teachings between conservative

Anglicans and biblical/confessional Lutherans (which we Lutherans must never compromise), we still pray for and help all persecuted Christians wherever they are found, and we must be aware of those current attacks on Scripture wherever they occur so the gospel of Christ may be preserved among us.

2. The Shroud of Jesus? Its Archeological and Apologetic Value

Rev. Dr. John Bombaro

Sr. Pastor of St James Lutheran Church (LCMS), Lafayette, IN, with earned degrees from the University of Edinburgh, King's College London, Concordia Theological Seminary, and Westfield House Cambridge

On Nov. 3 at Bethany Lutheran College, Pastor Bombaro presented evidence regarding the Shroud of Turin, likely the most studied religious archeological artifact in the world. In both 1978 and 1988 a number of scientists concluded that the Shroud was a mere medieval fake. However, their results were contested due to unscientific procedures, invalid results, and disqualifying inconsistencies. The 2020s brought fresh and exacting analysis, exploding the methodology and results of the 70s and 80s. So much so that a consensus has formed: The Shroud belongs to first century Jerusalem. And, circumstantially, the Shroud bears all the marks of being the very burial cloth that enshrouded the crucified and resurrected body of Christ Jesus.

How should Christians view this and, if it is the shroud of Jesus, what can or should they do with it? And just as importantly, what cannot or should not be done with it?

To watch these presentations, go to www.apologeticscenter.org/events.

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The **Center for Apologetics and Worldviews (CAW)** is an organization of the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)**. Therefore **CAW** confidently and joyfully is committed to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, reliable, sufficient, and powerful Word of God. And central to this Word is the Word made flesh: Jesus the Christ, and his substitutionary work on behalf of all sinners, none excluded. We also therefore confess that such sinners are only saved by faith alone in this Jesus alone. And this faith comes through the work of the Holy Spirit alone in Word and Sacrament. As such we are confessional and biblical Lutherans.

But **CAW** is also a **self-supporting organization**. All the work we do – the presenters and conferences we sponsor, the trips we make to bring presentations to churches and schools, support of our director and webmaster, the materials we produce, and the large amount of work we still need to do – come about only because of donations from supporters.

So, this is a plea to support **CAW** financially. But there is one caveat:

Your primary obligation is to your family, followed by your congregation and pastor(s). After those, you can make other God-pleasing choices. We hope to be one of those.

So, if you are so moved and are able, please help. We will receive the widow's mite with rejoicing. And we will also rejoice in large contributions. If you would like to have information

about our budget – how big it is, where the money goes, and what our plans are – we will be glad to share that with you. Call or email us (507-344-7395, apologetics@blc.edu)

There are **two ways to donate**.

1. Online (go to www.apologeticscenter.org and click on the donate button).
2. By check. Write it out to the “Center for Apologetics and Worldviews,” or simply “CAW”. Mail it to:

**Center for Apologetics and Worldviews
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

In Christ, we thank you.

The Seventh Annual 2026 **APOLOGETICS AND WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE**

June 24 (7pm) & June 25 (10:30am-3:30pm)
Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato MN

Artificial Intelligence

Is AI a “giant leap for mankind”? A return to Babel? How can it be harnessed and used well? How does it impact Christian anthropology, the *imago dei*, a liberal arts education, human relationships and interaction? And what comes next?

- Presentation 1: AI Explained: How does it work? What can it do and not do? What are its benefits and obvious dangers? (Rev. Jonathan Conner)
- Presentation 2: A Deeper Look (A): Anthropology, dehumanization, and AI’s impact on a Christian liberal arts education (Rev. Dr. Adam Brasich)
- Presentation 3: A Deeper Look (B): Anthropology, companion bots, transhumanism, and what lies ahead (Dr. Brandon Steenbock)

Details will be forthcoming regarding registration.

PRESENTATIONS CAW OFFERS

(We come to you)

Here is a list of presentations available to congregations, schools, colleges, conferences, Bible study hours, youth groups, men’s groups, women’s groups, etc. Each presentation by itself typically lasts anywhere from 50 minutes to 3 hours (the length can be adjusted based on the time available), or 2-5 hours if more than one presentation is requested (again, the length can be adjusted). For more information or to request a presentation, contact us at apologetics@blc.edu or call 507-344-7295. **NOTE: CAW offers these presentations at no cost** (though donations are welcomed).

AVAILABLE PRESENTATIONS:

- The Pleasure of Defending Christianity: The What, Why, and How of Apologetics

- Identifying Deceptive Worldviews
- Discerning Parents and Teachers
- The First and Highest Work of Love (Evangelism)
- What Happened to Jesus' Body? (False theories on the resurrection)
- Three Amazing Messianic Prophecies
- How Christianity Is Set Apart from Other Religions
- How Creation and the Fall Best Explain True Reality
- Evidence for a Young Earth

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 21 through May 6 (every Wednesday, 7:00am-9:30am)

Apologetics Course (via Zoom), Evang. Luth. Diocese of Kenya Seminary

Jan. 21, 12:30pm

Apologetics lecture, Christian Social Thought course, BLC, Mankato MN

Jan. 25, 9:30am

Apologetics presentation, Advent Evang. Lutheran Church, Zionsville IN

WORLDVIEW WATCH

Please see our updated lists of podcasts and articles here:

www.apologeticscenter.org/worldview-watch/

Or click on a topic below

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Finally, today and in the days ahead take comfort and rest in the Peace and Truth that became incarnate, who is still incarnate, and always will be incarnate – Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. This is what CAW and our work confirm and proclaim.

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (Heb. 2:14-18, ESV).

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely in Christ,

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