



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.

We are currently the only Lutheran church body that has established a board and center to carry out this work (though we hope others will follow). By God's grace, we seek to 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)

CAW is a self-supporting endeavor, dependent on donations for conferences, presentations around the country, production of resources, salaries, office space, etc.

Past, Present, and Future Work

CAW provides educational opportunities and resources for the church at large—for congregations, pastors, families, schools (parochial, home schools, colleges, and seminaries). These include newsletter, essays, articles, recommended books and podcasts, videos, Q & A flyers, presentations (see below), and conferences (see further below). Please visit our Resources, Events, and Worldview Watch pages to view these (www.apologeticscenter.org).

Presentations We Can Bring to You – for your congregation, school, college, conference, Bible study hour, youth group, men's group, women's group, etc. One or more can be presented depending on the request. (**NOTE: CAW offers these at no cost**, though donations are welcomed.)

- *The Honor of Defending Christianity: The What, Why, and How of Apologetics*
- *Making the Case for the Truth of Christ and Christianity*
- *Identifying Deceptive Worldviews*
- *Discerning Parents and Teachers*
- *The First and Highest Work of Love* (Evangelism)
- *What Happened to His Body?* (false resurrection theories)
- *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*
(and other Creation/Evolution talks)
- *Answers to the Problem of Evil and Suffering*
- *Being a Godly Husband and Father*

Upcoming Presentations

- **June 27**, *Identifying False Worldviews*, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marshall MN
- **July 11**, *Unbelievable Changes: Understanding the Times, Grounded in Scripture* (for youth), Hope Lutheran Church, Leander TX
- **July 12**, *How to Identify False Worldviews*, Hope Lutheran Church, Leander TX
- **July 14**, *See to It That No One Takes You Captive: The Basic Assumptions of Cultural Marxism*, Consortium of Classical Lutheran Educators Conference, Concordia University, River Forest IL
- **July 24**, *You Are a Special Creation* (Dr. Doyle Holbird), Lutheran Youth Association Conference, Cincinnati OH (in conjunction with ELS youth visiting the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in KY)
- **July 25**, *I Don't Know Anything: Searching for Truth in God's Word and His World* (Dr. Chad Heins), Lutheran Youth Association Conference, Cincinnati OH
- **July 25**, *Panel discussion* with scientist Bryan Osborne (Answers In Genesis), Dr. Chad Heins, Dr. Doyle Holbird, and Rev. David Thompson), Lutheran Youth Association Conference, Cincinnati OH
- **Aug. 15**, *Growing as Christian Men*, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marshall MN
- **Sept. 19**, *How to Identify False Worldviews*, Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rally, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato MN
- **Oct. 15**, *See to It That No One Takes You (and our children and youth) Captive*, MN District Lutheran Teachers Conference, St. Croix Lutheran Academy, West St. Paul MN

Past Conferences (watch online at www.apologeticscenter.org/events)

- *Unsurpassed Christian Apologists: J. W. Montgomery, C.S. Lewis, and Early Apologists* (June 18-19, 2025)
- *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 Truth 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, and 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)

Conference Presenters 2003-2026 (partial list)

Adam Francisco (LCMS)	Beverly Yahnke (LCMS)	Jan Lohmeyer (LCMS)
Bryan Wolfmuehler (LCMS)	Todd Wilken (LCMS)	Joshua Mears (ELS)
Luke Thompson (WELS)	Chris Rosebrough (AALC)	Lyle Lange (WELS)
Gene Veith (LCMS)	Craig Parton (ELS)	Andrew Das (ELS)
Adam Brasich (ELS)	Paul Dare (LCMS)	Gary Locklair (WELS)
Ryan MacPherson (ELS)	Joel Heck (LCMS)	David Menton (CLC)
Angus Menuge (LCMS)	Doyle Holbird (ELS)	Allen Quist (ELS)
John Bombaro (LCMS)	John Brenner (WELS)	Paul Wendland (WELS)
Jay Webber (ELS)	Michael Berg (WELS)	Donald Moldstad (ELS)
Jonathan Conner (LCMS)	Mark Braun (WELS)	Steven Sparley (ELS)
Greg Schulz (LCMS)	Alvin Schmidt (LCMS)	Brandon Steenbock (WELS)
Joshua Pauling (LCMS)	John Eidsmoe (AFLC)	Jennifer Kom (ELS)
Joy Pullman (LCMS)	Daniel van Voorhis (LCMS)	
Mark Stern (LCMS)	David Thompson (ELS)	

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Continuing and Upcoming Work

- Easy-to-learn apologetic approaches for Christians and congregations for evangelism and the defense of the faith
- Other apologetics materials and worldview critiques for children, youth, and adults
- Regional conferences – helping plan conferences requested by congregations, schools, colleges, etc.
- A speakers and topics list/bureau for podcasts, interviews, congregations, schools, colleges, and conferences
- Recommended resources
- Raising funds to support a full-time CAW director, other staff, and ongoing work

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

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