

2016 Fall Pastoral Study Conference

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www.scdwels.wordpress.com

Excuses

If you are unable to attend conference for any reason, please excuse to 1) the Conference Chairman; 2) your Circuit Pastor; and 3) to the Conference Secretary. This helps *greatly* for planning purposes.

Dates & Agenda

We meet on **Monday-Tuesday, October 17-18, 2016**. The conference begins at 10:00am on Monday with the Divine Service w/ Holy Communion. We plan to adjourn no later than 2:30pm on Tuesday.

Location & Directions

You can find directions to Holy Word Lutheran Church using WELS Locator, Mapquest, Google Maps, as well as information on Holy Word's website: <http://www.holyword.net>.

Airport Information

Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) is the airport providing service to Holy Word in Austin Texas and is served by most airlines. It is located approximately 18 miles from the hotel.

To and From ABIA:

1. The Rental Car Center is located on the arrival level of ABIA directly across the pedestrian bridge, and is served by 12 companies. Follow the Rental Car signs to the designated pick-up area.
2. SuperShuttle and 7 Transportation Network companies (TNC's) also provide service to/from ABIA.

Accommodations

We have 30 rooms blocked off for our conference at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Austin North/Parmer Lane, 12536 North IH35, Austin, Texas 78753. Cost per room is \$120 per night. The rate can be extended to those who arrive earlier or stay later than the block dates. Included is a hot breakfast buffet. The hotel will provide complimentary shuttle service for up to 12 people at a time within 5 miles of the hotel. The special rate ends on **October 2, 2016**.

To reserve a room, paste the following address into your browser:
http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkIdData=Holy%20Word%20Lutheran%20Church%5Eauspl%60HWLHWLA%60120.00%60USD%60false%604%6010/16/16%6010/18/16%6010/02/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Or call (512)-821-0376 and ask for the group reservation under **Holy Word Lutheran Church**.

Food and Fellowship

Conference Meals (*Monday*: Lunch, Dinner; *Tuesday*: Lunch), snacks and drinks, will be provided by Holy Word Lutheran Church. There will be **\$20 per person** conference fee for those planning to eat the meals provided by Holy Word. If you will be paying by check, please make it out payable to Holy Word.

Conference Worship

The following worship assignments have been made.

Monday Opening Worship:

- Dan Laitinen (Presiding), Aaron Glaeske (Preacher); Dave Bivens (Alternate Preacher)

Devotional Text: Acts 2:42-47

Devotional Leaders:

- 1) A family of believers who is devoted to learning.
Day 1 Evening Devotion: Jon Semro (alt: Nate Sutton)
- 2) A family of believers who is devoted to fellowship.
Day 2 Morning Devotion: Andy Retberg (alt: Jim Krause)
- 3) A family of believers who is devoted to sharing/caring.
Day 2 Closing Devotion: Steve Apt (alt: Dan Schmidt)

Conference Papers:

Theme : Church Memebership – What does this mean ?

- How the Scriptures distinguish between Membership in the Church and the congregation (Pr. Eric Hartzell)
- Becoming a WELS Lutheran: A Historical Perspective on Congregational Membership (Pr. Dan Herold)
- Becoming a WELS Lutheran: A Current Sampling (Pr. Ben Reichel)
- Church Membership Practices: The Good. The Bad. The Ugly (Pr. Any Schroer)

Future Conference Dates & Sites

The 2017 Spring Pastoral Conference will be held on **April 24-25** at Grace in Norman, OK.

According to our agreed upon rotation, the 2017 Spring Pastoral Conference will be hosted by a congregation in the Gulf Circuit.