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Out of the Wilderness ... *Hope*
1 Kings 19:17-19

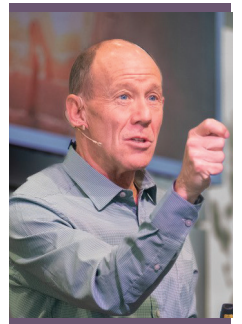


Michigan District, LCMS presents
South & East Pastors Conference
May 13-14, 2025 | Frankenmuth, Mich.

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Speakers

Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing serves as The Edwin F. and Esther L. Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn. He is also the university's director for the Center of Biblical Studies and director of the university's pre-seminary program. Reed has authored books in the *Concordia Commentary* series that include Isaiah 40-55, Isaiah 56-66, Amos, Jonah, Zechariah, and Lamentations. He has also written *Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah* as well as *Deliver Us: God's Rescue Story in Exodus*. Reed has co-authored two books with Andy Steinmann: *Prepare the Way of the Lord: An Introduction to the Old Testament* and *The Message of the Messiah: Patterns, Predictions, and the Presence of Jesus in the Old Testament*.



Reed is an avid jogger, biker, hiker, and cross-country skier. He has three adult children and four grandchildren—all of whom live in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Note: All sessions & meals will be in the Composer Rooms
 Exhibits and Breaks will be held in the Composer Rooms' Lobby


Tuesday, May 13, 2025

- 9–10 a.m. Registration and Coffee/Juice | St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 10–11:30 a.m. Divine Service | St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration | Composers Rooms' Lobby – Bavarian Inn Lodge
- 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch
- 11:30–5:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 1–2 p.m. **Session 1 – Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing | Navigating the Book of Numbers**
- 2–2:30 p.m. Church Extension Fund – Mr. James R. Saalfeld, Mr. John H. Bates, & Mr. Andrew O. Sohn
 Wellspring – Mr. David M. Gehm
- 2:30–3 p.m. Break
- 3–4 p.m. President's Report | Rev. David A. Davis
- 4–5 p.m. **Session 2 – Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing | From Sinai to Paran (Numbers 1–12)**
- 5–5:15 p.m. Devotion | Rev. Aaron W. Roggow
- 5:15–9 p.m. Bar Open | *Sponsored by Church Extension Fund*
- 6 p.m. Dinner and Gemütlichkeit

Wednesday, May 14, 2025


- 8–9 a.m. Breakfast
- 8–10:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 9–9:15 a.m. Morning Devotions | Rev. Richard A. Zeile
- 9:15–9:20 a.m. Compassion Ministry | Pan de Vida
- 9:20–9:35 a.m. Good Friend Ministries | Rev. Dr. Mark T. Hanneman
- 9:35–10:35 a.m. **Session 3 - Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing | From Paran to the Plains of Moab (Numbers 13–36)**
- 10:35 a.m. Itinerarium/Closing Devotion | Rev. Daniel C. Howard

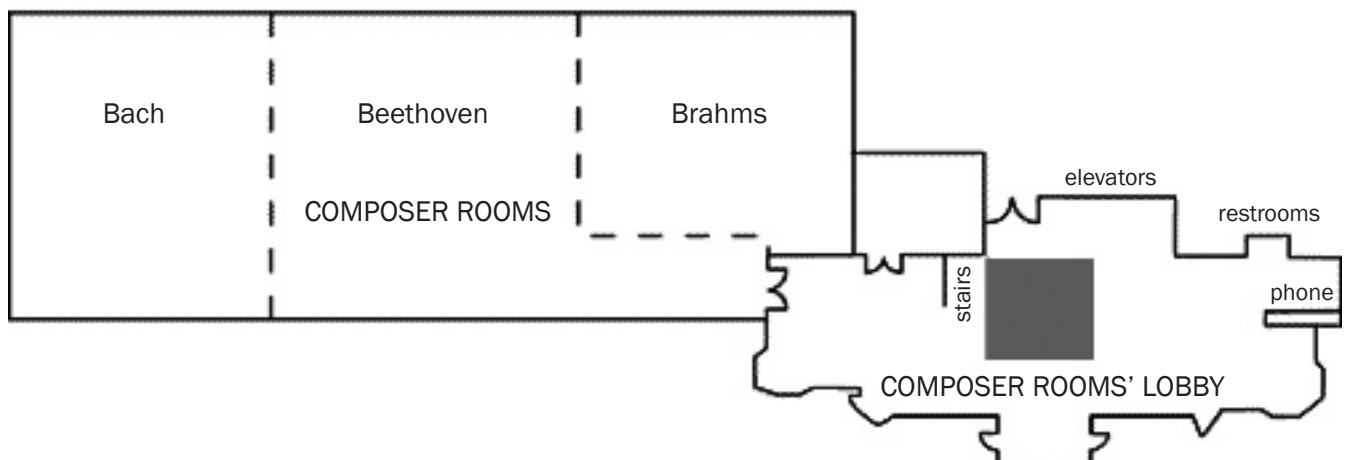
* The 2025 South & East Pastors Conference will be supporting Pan de Vida with the worship offering.



CONFERENCE SURVEY

What did you think about this year's conference? Please tell us! A survey will be emailed to you following the conference or you can use the QR Code at right. Please be sure to complete it and share how you have been encouraged, enriched, and refreshed. Thank you!





Hope in the Wilderness: Practical Insights from the Book of Numbers

1. Introduction

In Between

The Book of Numbers in 1 Corinthians and Hebrews

Outlining Numbers

2. Numbers 1:1

3. Israel's First Census

Preparing for Battle

Learning to Love the Levites

God's Boundaries

Personal Boundaries

4. God Loves to Bless

5. The Ark of the Covenant

6. Meet Hobab

7. Numbers 11

Panic!

Laments and Complaints

8. Moses' Cushite Wife

God's Response to Envy

God Judges Miriam

Let it Go

9. Exaggerations

10. God Laments

11. Korah's Coup

12. Numbers 20

13. Christ our Rock

14. Jesus and the Bronze Snake

15. Balaam and Balak

God Turns Curses into Blessings

A Seer of the Gods

Balak King of Moab

Balaam's Talking Donkey

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Calendar of Events

May

- 14–15 Circuit Visitors Conference
St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center, Frankenmuth
- 19 Board of Directors
St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center, Frankenmuth
- 19 Board of Directors Listening Event, N&E Region
St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center, Frankenmuth
- 20–21 North and East Pastors Conference
Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth
- 31 State Track Meet
Concordia University Ann Arbor

June

- 4, 9, 11 Next Generation Pastors
Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Troy
- 18–20 FLAME
Ann Arbor Regent, Ann Arbor
- 22–24 Michigan District, LCMS Convention
Concordia University Ann Arbor

July

- 19–23 National Youth Gathering
New Orleans, LA
- 28–30 Higgins Lake Conference
Ralph A. MacMullan Conf. Center, Roscommon

August

- 3–5 Board of Directors Retreat
Zion, Holland
- 6 Early Childhood Directors Day
St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center, Frankenmuth
- 7 Early Childhood Educators Conference
St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center, Frankenmuth
- 10–12 Best Practices Heartland
St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center, Frankenmuth
- 12–14 Junior High Gathering
Harvey Kern Pavilion, Frankenmuth

September

- 2–3 Emeriti Conference
Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth
- 17–18 Circuit Visitors Conference
Peace, Ann Arbor
- 22–25 Transitional Interim Conference
Michindoh, Hillsdale

October

- 6–8 All Pastors Conference
Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls
- 13–15 Ministry Specialist Conference
Drury Inn & Suites, Grand Rapids
- 21 Board of Directors
Historic Trinity, Detroit

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Please Note:

Hotel check-in is 3 p.m. Check-out is 11 a.m.

Cell Phones - Please don't forget to turn your cell phones to silent during sessions.

Evaluations - You will receive an email asking you to fill out an online evaluation following the conference. Thank you for your feedback!



As we approach the 2025 Michigan District Convention, we invite you to join us in prayer! Our goal is to have over 7,000 members of the Michigan District lifting up the preparations, pre-convention meetings, and all attendees—both before and throughout the three days of the convention. Will you join us? Sign up to receive a prayer packet via email, complete with prayer prompts and more!



www.michigandistrict.org/conventionprayer