

Steven P. Mueller

Education	1997	Ph.D. Durham University (England) Major: Systematic Theology Dissertation: <i>The Christology of C. S. Lewis: A Lutheran's Evaluation</i>
	1991	S.T.M. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN Major: Systematic Theology Minor: Exegetical Theology
	1990	M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN Concentration: Exegetical Theology
	1986	B.A. Christ College Irvine Summa Cum Laude Faculty Award in Religion Faculty Award in Speech Outstanding Senior Award Major: Liberal Arts (DCE Program)
Other Training		
	2011-2012	Thrivent Fellows Program
Professional experience	1995-present	Concordia University Irvine Current Position: Professor of Theology & Dean of Christ College
	2014-present	St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irvine, California Assistant Pastor (called)
	2012-2014	St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irvine, California Assisting Pastor
	1999-2012	Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest California Pastoral Assistant
	2002	Instructor, Christ Academy Concordia Theological Seminary
	1998-2002	All Saints Lutheran Mission, Aliso Viejo, California Pastoral Assistant
	various	Concordia Theological Seminary Adjunct Faculty, Doctor of Ministry Program

1991-1995	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa Assistant Pastor
1990-1991	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana Graduate Assistant, Department of Pastoral Theology
1990-1991	Bethany Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana Director of choral and handbell music
1988-1989	Vicar, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Denver Colorado
1981-1988	Staff, Arrowhead Lutheran Camp summer programs (3 years as program director)

**Service to
Concordia**

	Committees served: Academic Council, Administrative Council, Aesthetic Responsiveness Target Team, Assessment Committee, Christian Literacy & Life Target Team, Church Vocations Council, Cross-cultural Ministry Center, Distance Education Committee, Division Chairs, Ethnic Pastors Certification Program Executive Committee, Executive Council, Faculty Policies, Faculty Retreat Committee, Honors Committee, Kern Family Foundation Planning Team, Lutheran Bible Institute liaison, Missions advisory council, Nursing Education Advisory Board, Professional Programs Council, Program Planning and Review Board, Reformation 500 committee, Search committees (many in all five schools as well as administrative) Strategic Planning (many), Teaching-Learning-Technology Committee,
2011-present	Dean of Christ College
2006-2011	Dean of Christ College Undergraduate Studies (following merger of School of Theology and Christ College)
2003-2006	Dean of Christ College (church work programs) & Associate Dean, School of Theology
2017	Participant, Kern Family Foundation Faith, Work & Economics Initiatives & Grant writer.
2016-2017	Reformation 500 planning, content creation, editing, and curation. Festival event content creator & editor.
2017	Grant writer, Lutheran Bible Institute in California Professor of Biblical Theology
2017-present	Editor, <i>Common Ground</i> curriculum
2016	Speaker, Senior Fest.

2014, 2017	Instructor, Around the World Semester, Kolkata, India
2015	Acting Director Lutheran Placement & Colloquy
2015-2016	Leadership in FiveTwo Network Local Meeting.
2014-2016	Acting Director of Ministerial Formation.
2013	Faculty Delegate to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod National Convention.
2008-2009	CUI/PSWD Task force on DCE Ministry.
2006-2008	Member, planning team for the Institute for Faith and Society; consultant to the planning team for multiple locations (regarding Arrowhead Lutheran Camp).
2005-2006	Assisted in provost vacancy, overseeing faculty retreat, choral and theater activities, student newspaper, literary magazine, and yearbook.
2005	Represented Concordia to the LCMS What a Way Initiative. Designed events for church work recruitment (used synodically), and secured grant for recruitment at CUI, resulting in new initiatives and increased enrollment.
2004-2005	Acting Director of Lutheran Placement & Colloquy.
2004	Chaired committee drafting Concordia's faith statement.
2002-2003	Inaugural holder of the Harry and Caroline Trembath Chair of Confessional Theology.
2003	Speaker, Special Friends of Concordia University Events in Danville and Palm Desert, California.
2000-2002	Coordinated work on The Lutheran Difference Bible Study Series with Concordia Publishing House. Written primarily by Concordia University Faculty and Adjunct Faculty.
1997-2003	Director, Pre-seminary Program
1999-2000	Acting Chair, Religion Division
2000-2001	Researched & developed new honors program
1998-2002	Vicarage Supervisor, EPCP Program
1998-2000	Liaison to Lutheran Bible Institute
1995	Speaker, parents weekend

**Service to the
Church**

2014-present	Member, LCMS committees on Lutheran identity in the Concordia University System: President's task force on Lutheran Identity in the Concordia University System (2014), 501A task force (2014-2016), and 702B task force (2016-present).
2010-present	Member, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Commission for Doctrinal Review
2006	Led Introductory Workshops for <i>Lutheran Service Book</i> .
2004-2010	Pacific Southwest District Task Force for Professional Church Work Recruitment.
2002-2007	Editorial Board, <i>Called by the Gospel</i> Textbook Series.
2002-2011	Board of Directors, Arrowhead Lutheran Camp (Vice-President 2003-2005; president 2005-2011).
2000-present	Instructor, CUENet Online colloquy program
2005	Chairman, CUS task force to design church work recruitment events for LCMS "What a Way" Campaign
2003	Designed Christian doctrine curriculum for district lay ministry certification program
2002	Instructor, Christ Academy, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
2000-2001	LCMS Task force "Building Consensus in Worship
1999, 2001-2005	Camp Pastor, Arrowhead Lutheran Camp
1999-2000	DCE Call Committee, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
1995-present	Regular service as guest preacher, Bible study leader and other pastoral services in district congregations
1998-1999	Instructor, District Lay Ministry Training Courses in New Testament & Christian Doctrine
1997-1998	Reviewer of hymn & liturgical materials for <i>Hymnal Supplement 98</i>
1999	Chair, pastoral call committee, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
1995	Instructor, PELT Program Course in New Testament

1996	Workshop leader, Pacific Southwest District Equipping Conference
1993-1995	Secretary/Treasurer, Sioux City/Le Mars bi-circuit pastoral forum
1989	Experiential Ministries Planning Team LCMS Youth Gathering
Community Service	2002-2003 Member, The Arroyo Seco Library Network Council. (Representing Academic Library Concerns to the Library of California.

Publications

Always Reforming: Brief Reflections on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. (Editor and contributor). Concordia University/ CreateSpace, 2017.

"Christ Alone, the World's Redeemer." Hymn text in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Concordia University Irvine, 2017.

Hymn of the Day Bible Studies. LCMS Commission on Worship, 2017 (contributor).

Confessing the Gospel: A Lutheran Approach to Systematic Theology. Concordia Publishing House. (contributor). 2017.

Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization. London, Blackwells, 2011. (contributor).

"Lutheran Theology and Higher Education." in Scott Ashmon, ed., *Lutheran Theology and Higher Education.* Concordia Publishing House, 2015.

"Love's Tapestry." Hymn Text for the wedding of Jacob & Alyssa Mueller. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Goleta, CA, 2017.

"Lord You Make us Your Disciples." Hymn Text for the 40th Anniversary of Concordia University Irvine, 2016.

"In the Garden, God Created." Hymn Text for the wedding of Christopher & Tina Mueller. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverside, CA, 2016.

Hebrews. The Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary. Concordia Publishing House, 2015. (Author).

"God, You Send Your Word." Hymn Text. Setting by Charles Raasch. Concordia University, 2012.

The Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary. Concordia Publishing House, 2012-2016. (General Editor)

"Your Word Brought Forth the Universe." Hymn text. Setting and Concertato by William R. Brusick. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL,

2012.

"*The Doctrine of God.*" in Joel Heck and Angus Menuge, eds. *At the Foot of the Cross: A Lutheran Vision for Education*. Austin: Concordia University Press, 2011.

"Worship." in Edward A. Engelbrecht, ed. *The Lutheran Difference: An Explanation and Comparison of Christian Beliefs*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2010.

"Lord You Call Us as Your People." Hymn Text. Setting by Michael Burkhardt. Concordia University, 2010, Morningstar, 2012.)

"Is Justification Relevant Today?" *Concordia Pulpit Resources* 20:2 (February 2010).

"The Stories of Advent." Advent Sermon Series. *Concordia Pulpit Resources* 20:1 (November, 2009).

The Lutheran Study Bible. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2009. (contributor and associate editor).

"In Many Times and Various Ways." Hymn text. Lake Forest: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 2009.

The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization. Blackwell, 2008, 2011. (contributor)

Theologia et Apologia: Essays in Reformation Theology and its Defense. Eugene Oregon: Princeton Theological Monographs, 2007. (co-editor, contributor)

Review of *Teaching C.S. Lewis* by Richard Hill and Lyle Smith. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007. In *Concordia Theological Quarterly* 71 (2007) 378-379.

Called to Believe: A Brief Introduction to Christian Doctrine. Eugene Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2006. (author/editor)

"Christ, the Word of God, Incarnate." Hymn text. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006. (Also included in *Christian Worship Supplement*, Northwestern 2008).

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Savior." *The Lutheran Witness*, Dec. 2005.

Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology. Eugene Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2005. (author/editor)

"Loving Christ, Serving Others." Lutheran Social Services of Southern California 60th Anniversary Bible Study, 2005.

"Beyond *Mere Christianity*: An Assessment of C.S. Lewis." *Christian Research Journal*, Sept/Oct 2004.

Worship. Lutheran Difference Bible Study Series. Concordia Publishing

House, 2004.

"Exploring Narnia With Your Children." *Family Talk*. Summer, 2003.

Not a Tame God: Christ in the Writings of C. S. Lewis (Concordia Publishing House, 2002)

Outspoken Heroes of the Faith: Mission Opportunities. Concordia Publishing House, 2002. (With Nina Mueller)

"Talking to Your Children About Violence." *Family Talk*. Spring, 2002. (With Nina Mueller).

Miracles of Jesus (Concordia Publishing House, 2001)

Lenten Bible Study. Series A Study Guide and Leader's Guide. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2001.

Advent Bible Study. Series A Study Guide and Leader's Guide. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2001. (With Adam Francisco).

Parables of Jesus. (Concordia Publishing House, 2000).

"The Theology of the Crucifix: The Christian Understanding of an Incarnational Image," in Daniel N. Harmelink, *Let Christ be Christ: Theology, Ethics, and World Religions in the Two Kingdoms*. (Tentatio Press, 1999).

Journey Through God's Word An Introductory Course: Revelation. (Concordia Publishing House, 1999)

"C. S. Lewis and the Atonement," *Concordia Journal* April 1999.

Journey Through God's Word An Introductory Course: The Psalms. (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999)

"Born Again... and Again and Again," *The Lutheran Witness* 117:10 (October 1998)

"Translated Theology: Christology in the Writings of C. S. Lewis," in Angus Menuge, *C. S. Lewis: Lightbearer in the Shadowlands*, (Crossway Books, 1997).

Forthcoming Publications:

A Little Child Shall Lead Them: What Children Can Teach Us About God, Faith, and Life in This World.

Common Ground. (editor). Concordia University, 2018.

Law & Gospel. LCMS Preach the Word Initiative. 2018-2019.

Lutheran Service Book: Hymnal Companion. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House (contributor).

Papers Delivered

- "Sola Scriptura and Competing Epistemologies." Crean Lutheran High School Pastor's appreciation event. October 2017
- "We Confess in our Everyday Vocations." Higher Things We Confess Conference, Irvine. 2017.
- "The Enduring Witness of C.S. Lewis." Senior Fest. Concordia University Irvine, 2016.
- "We Confess the Creed." Higher Things We Confess Conference. River Forest, 2016.
- "Understanding Islam." Lutheran Educator's Conference. Palm Springs, CA. Nov. 2016
- "The Enduring Witness of C.S. Lewis." Faith Academy. Capistrano Beach, CA. 2015.
- "Baptized for Life Together." The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod National Convention Essay. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 2013.
- "Metaphor and Descriptive Language in and Beyond Scripture." Northwest District Eastern Region Pastors' Conference. 2012.
- "Twelve: The Church in the End Times." Plenary Address. Higher Things, Irvine. July 2012.
- "Christianity, Islam, and Jesus." Higher Things, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 2011.
- "Worship *is* Theology." Concordia Texas, March, 2011.
- "Relational Imagery in Scripture and its Contemporary Applications." The Harry and Caroline Trembath Lecture in Confessional Theology. Concordia University, February 15, 2011.
- "C.S. Lewis and Spiritual Warfare." Pacific Southwest District Pastor's Conference. Scottsdale, AZ, September 2009. Rocky Mountain District, 2010.
- "Lutheran Theological Distinctives and Higher Education." Concordia University Irvine Faculty Retreat. Irvine, CA, August 2009 and Western Alliance, 2009.
- "C.S. Lewis: Defender of the Faith and Implications for Campus Ministry." Christ on Campus. Palo Alto, CA, June 2009.
- "Imaginative Apologetics: C.S. Lewis and the Defense of the Christian Faith." Contending for the Faith, Ft. Wayne, IN May 2009.
- "The Relevance of Justification in a Secular, Post-Modern, Post-Christian, Neo-Pagan World." Society of Concordia Theological Faculties,

Raleigh NC, March 2009.

"An Introduction to Hinduism." United States Air Force, Los Angeles Base Chaplaincy Lectures, Oct 2008.

"The Doctrine of Justification." Pacific Southwest District Lay Minister's Conference, Fall, 2006.

"Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask First." Pacific Southwest District Principal's Conference, Palm Desert, CA. August, 2008.

"C.S. Lewis: Defender of the Faith." Higher Things Conference, Irvine, CA, July 2008.

"The Distinction between Preaching and Teaching." *Oratio et Meditatio* Pastor's Retreat, Fall, 2006.

"Law and Gospel." Pacific Southwest District Lay Ministers' Conference. Fall, 2006.

"Starting the Conversation: Talking to Youth About Vocations in Ministry." On the Edge Conference (High School Church Work Recruitment), Sept 2006.

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Savior." Various locations and lengths including churches, schools, and campus ministries (Stanford and UCLA). Winter 2005-Spring 2006.

"The Doctrine of the Trinity." Pacific Southwest District Lay Ministers' Conference. Fall, 2005.

"Why is My Church So Weird?" On the Edge Conference (High School Church Work Recruitment), Sept 2005.

"A Plan for Implementing a New Doctrine Textbook and for Concordia University System Collaboration." Conference of Concordia Theological Faculties, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri. Fall 2005.

"A Closer Look at the Lutheran Confessions." Pacific Southwest District Lay Ministers' Conference. Fall, 2004.

"Postmodernism and Apologetics: Exploring Worldviews and Responses." English District Western Region Pastor's Conference. October, 2003.

"An Anatomy of the *Corpus Doctrinae*: the Ordering of Dogmatic Theology." LCMS Theology Professors' Convocation. Dallas, Texas. March 2003.

"The Trinity: from Luther to the Social Trinitarians." LCMS Theology Professors' Convocation. Dallas, Texas. March 2003.

"Christianity and Scholarship in a Post-Christian World: The Model of C.S. Lewis." The Trembath Convocation, Concordia University, February,

2003 (also presented at Christian Heritage College, El Cajon, California. Honors Retreat, September, 2003).

"The Enduring Witness of C. S. Lewis" Christianity in Focus, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, October, 2002. Also presented at Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City, Arizona, June, 2004.

"C.S. Lewis the Theologian." Lutheran Bible Institute of California, April-May, 2002.

"The Spiritual Formation of Pre Seminarians." Presented at *Courageous Confession: Shaping the Life of the Church*. (Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) Sept 17, 2001.

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" Keynote address, California-Nevada, Hawaii District DCE Conference, May 2001.

"The History and Theology of Christian Rituals" Christianity in Focus, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, January 2000. (Presented in collaboration with Dr. Jack Schultz.

C. S Lewis as Reluctant Theologian to the People" The Academy of Christ Reformed Church, Anaheim, California. 23 October 1998

"C. S. Lewis as a Paradigm for Popular Theology." Durham University Lectures in Contemporary Theology 8 May 1997. (Also presented to Circuit 14 pastors, Spring, 2000).

"Dining and Serving at the Supper of the Lamb: The Pastoral Care of Pastors" Downey Circuit Pastor's Meeting, 13 February 1995

"Lutheran Worship in a Changing World" Pacific Southwest District Equipping Conference, 1997; and Circuit Pastors' Meeting, Lancaster, CA. Feb. 1998

"Building a More Effective Youth Ministry" Iowa District West Sioux City Circuit, Le Mars Circuit, and Spencer Circuit, 1994

"Ten Theses on Children and Music" Iowa District East Church Educator's Conference, 1993

**Conferences
Attended**

2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature, Boston.

2016 Pacific Southwest District Lutheran Educators' Conference

2012 Society of Concordia Theological Faculties, St. Louis.

2011 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and

- the Society for Biblical Literature, San Francisco, California.
- 2010 Society of Concordia Theological Faculties, Ft. Wayne.
- 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2009 "Justification in a Secular, Post-Modern, Post-Christian, Neo-Pagan World." Society of Concordia Theological Faculties, Raleigh, NC.
- 2008 Pacific Southwest District Principal's Conference, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA.
- 2007 "Worship: How is it to be Done" Pacific Southwest District Pastor's Conference.
- 2006 Oratio et Medatatio. Vallermo, CA
- 2005 "Talking about sin and the Wrath of God." Society of Concordia Theological Faculties, Dallas, Texas.
- 2005 "Wrestling with God's Word in a Tragic World." Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri, Theological Symposium with pre-symposium conference for theological faculties.
- 2005 Pacific Southwest District Pastors' Conference.
- 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2004 "The Challenge of Homosexuality: the Church Responds." Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri, Theological Symposium with pre-symposium conference for theological faculties.
- 2004 Pacific Southwest District Pastors' Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2003 "Identifying Authorities: The Limits of Theological Diversity and Confessional Unity." Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

- 2003 "Confessing the Trinity Today." LCMS Theology Professors' Convocation, Dallas, Texas.
- 2003 Symposium on Exegetical Theology, The Lutheran Confessions, and Liturgy. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
- 2002 In _____ We Trust, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature. Denver, Colorado.
- 2001 Courageous Confession: Shaping the Life of the Church. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2001 Symposium on Exegetical Theology ("The Law in Holy Scripture") & The Lutheran Confessions (:Chalcedon and the Doctrine of God One Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Years Later"), Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- 1999 Theological Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1999 Symposium on Exegetical Theology, The Lutheran Confessions, and Liturgy. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
- 1997 Symposium on Exegetical Theology, The Lutheran Confessions, and Liturgy. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Professional memberships

- Evangelical Theological Society
- Society for Biblical Literature
- Society of Concordia Theological Faculties
- The ministerium of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Honors

- 2007 Concordia University Alumnus of the Year
- 2001 Concordia University Silver Anniversary Alumni Award