

# BIBLICAL IDENTITIES in an Age of WOKISM & TRANSHUMANISM

## Wednesday, June 29

- 7:00-7:15 pm      **Session 1: “Curved into Ourselves:  
How the New Gnosticism Cancels Our Own Humanity”**      → **PAGE 4**  
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- 7:15-8:30 pm      **Session 2: “The Creation Foundation vs. Critical Theory ‘Identities’:  
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## Thursday, June 30

- 8:30–10:00 am      **BIBEL Session: “The Ministry of the Word in Our Epilogue World”**  
*Dr. Greg Schulz, sponsored by the Bethany Institute for Biblical and  
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- 10:30-11:40 am      **Session 3: “Answering the Transhumanist Challenge:  
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in an Age of Wokism and Transhumanism”**  
*Panel Discussion*

## About the Sponsor

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod's **Center for Apologetics and Worldviews** presents evidence for the truth of Christianity, critiques worldviews that oppose Christianity, fortifies believers with a proper interpretation of Holy Scripture, and engages unbelievers in conversations leading toward the Gospel proclamation of forgiveness in Christ. The Center serves students at Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, boards and member congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the church at large, while furthermore welcoming all people to consider the evidence for Christianity.

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## Keynote Presenter

**Pastor Jonathan Conner** (husband to Rebecca and father of six children) loves words—words like propitiation (see 1 John 4:10), *splagchnizomai* (see “compassion” in Luke 15:10), and *chesed* (see “steadfast love” in Exodus 34:6). Those words will put fire in your veins. Reading this biographic paragraph about Pastor Conner’s 18 years as a parish pastor in western Iowa, along with the numerous boards and committees on which he has served, conferences at which he has spoken, articles he’s written, and master’s degrees that he has earned (Concordia Seminary St. Louis and Biola University) will turn your blood to sludge and your brain to mush. So stop reading about Pastor Conner and go spend some time with Genesis 1, or 1 Corinthians 15, or Luke 15, or John 1, or Isaiah 11 or 35. Chew on these words. Crunch them in your teeth. Drink them as espresso for your soul. Slam them as Jolt for your mind. Ingest words that matter. And then confess them in your church, family, and beyond.

## Additional Speakers

**Dr. Ryan C. MacPherson** is Director of the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews, chair of the History Department at Bethany Lutheran College, the author of several books, including *Rediscovering the American Republic* (2 vols.), *The Culture of Life*, and *Debating Evolution before Darwinism*. As an adjunct professor for the M.A. in Theological Studies program at Martin Luther College, he teaches courses in Creation Apologetics and Bioethics. He lives with his wife Marie and their seven homeschooled children in Mankato, Minnesota. He also serves as President of the Hausvater Project, which mentors Christian parents.

**Brandon Steenbock** currently serves as Family Minister at St. Mark Ministries in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area. Previously he served as Family and Youth Minister at St. Paul’s in New Ulm, Minnesota. Brandon is a 2006 graduate of the Staff Ministry program at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, and holds a Master of Arts in Family Education from Concordia University–St. Paul (2013), and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Martin Luther College (2021). He is currently pursuing his Doctor of Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Brandon’s Master’s thesis at Martin Luther College, “Do Cyborgs Have Hope?,” investigated the hope claims of Transhumanism versus the hope offered in the Incarnation of Christ. Brandon is married to Nikki, and they have two sons, Athan (15) and Paladin (14).

**Joshua Pauling** worked in public education for thirteen years as a high school history teacher and coach, and is now a classical educator. He writes and speaks at the intersections of Christianity and culture, and runs a family business building custom furniture. He is a frequent guest on the Issues, Etc. radio show, and his writings have been featured in *Areo Magazine*, *Forma Journal*, *Front Porch Republic*, *Mere Orthodoxy*, *Modern Reformation*, *Public Discourse*, *Quillette*, *Real Clear Education*, *Salvo Magazine*, *The Imaginative Conservative*, and *Touchstone Magazine*. He studied at Messiah College, Reformed Theological Seminary, and Winthrop University. He is head elder at All Saints Lutheran Church, while he and his wife Kristi have two children who are being classically homeschooled.

## Session 1 (Wednesday, 7 p.m.)

# “Curved into Ourselves: How the New Gnosticism Cancels Our Own Humanity”

Ryan C. MacPherson, Ph.D.

**Human Nature:** the body-and-soul person that God has created, that sin has corrupted, and that Christ redeems—what we all share in common with each other by virtue of creation, fall, redemption

**Critical Theory / Wokism:** See the chart on the next page.

**Transhumanism:** advancing evolution to a higher level by merging humanity with technology

**Incurvatus in se:** “curved back into itself”; the selfishness that characterizes original and actual sin

**Gnosticism:** a heresy that challenged the early church by privileging soul/mind over body and arguing that only the enlightened few who learned to think of the body as irrelevant could achieve salvation

“Our nature, by the corruption of the first sin [has become] so deeply curved in on itself (*incurvatus in se*) that it not only bends the best gifts of God towards itself ... but it also fails to realize that it so wickedly, curvedly, and viciously seeks all things, even God, for its own sake.”

Martin Luther, *Lecture on Romans*

“I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.” *Apostles’ Creed*

“If we deny the resurrection of the body it isn’t easy ... to defend the immortality of the soul. The union of body and soul is certainly a natural one, and any separation of soul from body [i.e., temporarily at death] is a situation imposed on nature. ... Soul is not the whole human being, only part of one: my soul is not me.” Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary*, concerning 1 Corinthians 15:17–19

“We are restless until we rest in Christ.” Augustine, *Confessions*

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## **Critical Race Theory/Cultural Marxism vs. Christianity/The Bible**

*Prepared by Joshua Nelson to accompany “One Creator, One Redeemer: What Is the Basis of Human Unity?” at the “Race, Justice, Mercy, ... & Jesus Christ” student conference, March 15, 2022, sponsored by the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews (video archive: at [www.blc.edu/apologetics/events](http://www.blc.edu/apologetics/events)).*

| <b>Topic</b>                           | <b><i>Christianity /<br/>The Bible</i></b>  | <b><i>Critical Race Theory /<br/>Cultural Marxism</i></b>   |
|--|---|---|
| Origin                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are created in God’s image by an almighty creator.</li> <li>• We are created for His purposes.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accidental abiogenesis.</li> <li>• Time + matter + chance.</li> <li>• Atheistic evolution.</li> <li>• Note: These are pragmatic; not included in writings.</li> </ul>  |
| Meaning                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are created to steward the gifts we are given by God to the glory of Christ.</li> <li>• The Great Commission.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ultimate purpose.</li> <li>• You are here to consume/enjoy life.</li> <li>• Meaning can be found from joining in the struggle of the collective.</li> </ul>   |
| Morality                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defined in absolute terms by the arbiter of the universe, who is God.</li> <li>• For our ultimate good.</li> <li>• Our identities are found in serving the Lord (and others) through our designed purposes.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible in the extreme.</li> <li>• Original sin is white privilege/supremacy.</li> <li>• Centered in the desires of the self or the collective, can change rapidly.</li> <li>• One of the only rules is that you cannot tell someone else that their choices/truth/morality is wrong.</li> </ul>  |
| Destiny                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes the sacrifice of Christ as the key to eternal salvation.</li> <li>• God will raise up everyone on judgment day and create a new Jerusalem.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essentially atheistic—this world is all there is.</li> <li>• If there is a god, there are many paths to heaven; all are equally valid.</li> </ul>  |
| Identity                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our identity is found in functioning within God’s creation ordinances.</li> <li>• Our identity comes from using the gifts and talents that God has given us within the moral constructs He has provided for our good.</li> <li>• Our identity is defined by our creator, not the other way around.</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may choose your own identity.</li> <li>• The identity you choose may or may not be grounded in objective reality (i.e. males can identify as females).</li> <li>• The notion of sin is discarded when it gets in the way of how one chooses to identify.</li> <li>• Identity of the created is self-defined, and declared sacrosanct.</li> </ul> |
| What is wrong with the world?          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am what is wrong with the world, (along with everyone else as we each have rebelled against God).</li> <li>• Mankind as a whole requires redemption.</li> <li>• Individuals.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hegemony.</li> <li>• Oppressive structures imposed (intentionally or unwittingly) by the hegemonic powers.</li> <li>• Systems.</li> </ul>  |
| What is the solution to what is wrong? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the whole of mankind, and later his return as the world’s only Savior.</li> <li>• Living our lives in response to Christ’s sacrifice vis-à-vis the biblical outline He has provided for us until such time as He sees fit to call each of us home.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional education to alleviate ignorance.</li> <li>• Additional governance.</li> <li>• A ‘root and branch’ upheaval of the current system of power (hegemony), overthrowing that system, and replacing it with a new Marxian system that will lead to a utopian society.</li> </ul>   |

## Session 2 (Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.)

### *The Creation Foundation: Building Identity on God's Good Words*

- Pastor Jonathan Conner

#### Dealing in the real

- Learning Journal example
- The need for good philosophy
- Philosophy *kata Christon* – Colossians 2:8-10
- Loving our people more than our knowledge
- Give our children, their parents, our members, God's words to describe reality.

#### Resources:

- Learning Journals
- Gregory Schulz, *Philosophy Kata Christon*

#### Words matter!

- The potential accurately to describe reality or to obfuscate it
- Words like filled donuts: it matters what's on the inside!
- C.S. Lewis: *verbicide*
- Give people good words, words to reflect God's truth that has been hardwired into reality.
- Re-enchant reality with God's good.
  - The grit is gold dust.
  - "distasteful, and despised duties... are all adorned with divine approval as with the costliest gold and jewels..." – Martin Luther
- To discern what God calls good:
  - Creation
  - Ten Commandments
  - Table of Duties

#### Resources:

- *The Abolition of Man* by C.S. Lewis
- "The Estate of Marriage" by Martin Luther
- *The Creation Foundation: Truth That Equips Parents, Pastors, and Educators to Respond to Today's Woke Worldview* by Jonathan Conner ([lulu.com](https://www.lulu.com))
- *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self* by Carl Trueman
- *The World Beyond Your Head* by Matthew Crawford
- The Wall Street Journal, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, Liah Greenfeld, "The West's Struggle for Mental Health"

### Identity

- Question of our day: Identity – *Who am I?*
- The spirit of our age: Identity in internal sense/desires, the “authentic self,” the external is irrelevant
- The reality of Identity: largely something beyond me. God tells us who we are.
- The Creator comes before the Creature.
- *Male and Female*: These are the Creator’s good words (Genesis 1).
- We don’t use sexualized terms to define people.
- Reality has edges.

### Resources:

- “Standing Against the Spirit of This Age” by Jonathan Conner (available at [zionmanning.com/blog.php](http://zionmanning.com/blog.php))
- *Them Before Us* by Katy Faust
- *The Sexual State* by Jennifer Roback Morse
- *Love Thy Body* by Nancy Pearcey
- “Live Not by Lies” by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

### Desires

- Acknowledge them.
- What has the Creator called good?
- Our desires are disordered.
- We all have holes in our boats.
- The importance of habits: neurons the fire together wire together. You habit your way into new thinking.
- We order/train our desires through habits.
- Devotional life that involves mind and body

### Resources:

- *You are What You Love* James Smith
- *Atomic Habits* by James Clear
- “Devotion and Discipleship in a Discontented Age” by Dr. David Schmitt (Concordia Journal, 46.3)
- “The Devotional Life Expanded: Adding Action to Contemplation” by Jonathan Conner (available at [zionmanning.com/blog.php](http://zionmanning.com/blog.php))

### Putting into practice

- The Creator comes before the creature.
- The Creator defines reality. Gives us the words for reality.
- Use the Creator’s words because words matter!
- What has the Creator called good?

### Resources:

- “Words Matter: A Call to do a Very Brave Thing”
- “In the Name of Adult Desires, Have We Overlooked Children’s Rights?”
- “Creational Identity”
- “Questioning the Unquestioned”
- “Good Words: The Church Teaches on Sexual Identity and Gender Identity”
- “The Sexual Revolution’s Silencing of the Body and The Church’s Call to Let the Body Speak”
- “Do Sincerely Held Beliefs Determine Reality?”

All by Jonathan Conner, available at [zionmanning.com/blog.php](http://zionmanning.com/blog.php)

## Session 3 (Thursday, 10:30 a.m.)

### Answering the Transhumanist Challenge: Finding Our Dignity and Purpose in the Incarnate Christ

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#### Your Technological Future:

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| List technological advancements you would like to incorporate into your future life: | List technological advancements that concern you and you have rejected or intend to reject: |
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**Transhumanism Defined:** *Transhumanism is a class of philosophies of life that seek the continuation and acceleration of the evolution of intelligent life beyond its currently human form and human limitations by means of science and technology, guided by life-promoting principles and values.* – Max More (1990)

| A Common Problem   | The Transhumanist Solution  | The Biblical Solution   |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suffering</li><li>• Disease</li><li>• Hunger</li><li>• Death</li><li>• Inevitability</li><li>• Limitations</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AI, Robotics, Body Modification, etc.</li><li>• Genetic Modification</li><li>• Brain mapping</li><li>• Redefining reality</li><li>• Escape body limitations</li><li>• Make heaven on earth (or off the earth)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Face reality</li><li>• Understand the incarnation</li><li>• Speak according to the reality of the Gospel</li><li>• Direct hope toward the New Earth</li><li>• Be wise with technology</li></ul> |





# Planning Your Lunch Break for Thursday

## **Off-Campus Dining** (all within 5 to 10 min. of campus):

- **Madison Ave.** (from Bethany, drive east on Marsh St., then turn north onto Dane St., and finally turn east onto Madison Ave.): McDonald's, Wendy's, Culver's, Taco Bell, Panda Express, Chipotle, plus Perkins and Red Lobster, etc.
- **Front St.** (from Bethany, drive south on Division St., then turn west onto Glenwood Ave., keeping to the right to merge onto Cherry St., and finally turn south onto Front St.): La Bamba Mexican, Pub 500, Pagliai's, Ummies, Pita Pit, etc.

## **Bethany Bookstore** (Old Main, directly across the campus green from the gymnasium):

- Gary Habermas and Matthew Licona, *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*
- Curtis Jahn, ed., *Here We Stand: A Confessional Christian Study of Worldviews*
- John Warwick Montgomery, *History, Law, and Christianity*
- Craig Parton, *The Defense Never Rests*
- Allen Quist, *Evidence That the Bible Is True: The Apologetics of Biblical Reliability*
- Allen Quist, *The Reason I Believe: The Basics of Christian Apologetics*
- J.C. Sanford, *Genetic Entropy and the Mystery of the Genome*
- Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ*
- David Thompson, *What in the World Is Going On?: Identifying Hollow and Deceptive Worldviews*
- Jonathan Wells, *Icons of Evolution*
- ... and more!

## **Bethany Admissions Office**

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- Academic Programs
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- Etc.

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## **Pertinent College Classes**

- Philosophy 202: Intro to Philosophy
- Religion 330: Christian Social Thought
- Religion 340: Apologetics
- ... and more!

## Session 4 (Thursday, 1 p.m.)

# The Trojan Horse of Online Worship

How Embodied Souls Receive Sacramental Blessings from the Incarnate God  
Joshua Pauling / [www.muckrack.com/josh-pauling/portfolio](http://www.muckrack.com/josh-pauling/portfolio) / [jpauling@hotmail.com](mailto:jpauling@hotmail.com)

### Session Outline

- I. Understanding the Nature of the Digital Worldview
  - A. The march of progress: transhumanism, singularity, and artificial intelligence
  - B. The myth of technology as neutral tool
  - C. Social media, the internet and the digital self
  
- II. Understanding the Nature of the Human Person
  - A. Where the digital worldview goes wrong
    1. Mind/body dualism; humans as “thinking things” or “feeling things”
    2. Loss of human agency and rejection of the goodness of the body
    3. Loss of engagement with the friction of the real world and real people
  - B. The Christian corrective: Embodied Souls
    1. Philosophical/Scientific evidence
    2. Biblical/Theological evidence
    3. Practical implications of the fact that we are whole beings—unified in body and soul
  
- III. Understanding the Nature of the Church
  - A. Where the digital worldview goes wrong
    1. Worship as internal act for God in our head or in our hearts
    2. Church as content-provider
    3. The self remains in control
  - B. The Christian corrective: Gottesdienst
    1. Absolution and Preaching
    2. Baptism and Eucharist
    3. Practical implications of God taking on flesh and coming to us bodily through the means of grace

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### Digging Deeper

*Amusing Ourselves to Death*, N. Postman  
*Disruptive Witness*, A. Noble  
*In the Swarm: Digital Prospects*, B. Han  
*The World Beyond Your Head*, M. Crawford  
*Transhumanism and the Image of God*, J. Schatzer  
*The Question Concerning Technology*, M. Heidegger  
*The Disappearance of Rituals*, B. Han  
*The Rise & Triumph of the Modern Self*, C. Trueman  
*Man & Woman He Created Them:*  
*A Theology of the Body*, J.P. II

*Technopoly*, N. Postman  
*Deschooling Society*, I. Illich  
*The Burnout Society*, B. Han  
*Embodied*, G. Allison  
*The Life We're Looking For*, A. Crouch  
*The Technological Society*, J. Ellul  
*Love Thy Body*, N. Pearcey  
*Strange New World*, C. Trueman

*Bowling Alone*, R. Putnam  
*Tools for Conviviality*, I. Illich  
*Non-Things*, B. Han  
*Earthen Vessels*, M. Anderson  
*The Shallows*, N. Carr  
*The Image*, D. Boorstin  
*Wonderfully Made*, J. Kleinig  
*Redeeming Technology*, T. Sutton





- **Presenting evidence** for the truth of Christianity
  - **Critiquing worldviews** that oppose Christianity
  - **Fortifying believers** with a proper interpretation of Holy Scripture
  - **Engaging unbelievers** in conversations leading toward the Gospel proclamation of forgiveness in Christ
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## Apologetics

giving a “defense/reason” for the Christian faith  
(from the Greek term *apologia*, building a case in court)

- Paul “reasoned.” (Acts 17:2,17; 18:4,19; 19:8,9; 26:25)
- Peter said be ready to give a “reason.” (1 Peter 3:15)
- The apostles were “eyewitnesses.” (John 21:24; Luke 1:2; Acts 1:8,22, 2:32, 3:15, 4:33, 5:32, 10:39,41, 13:31, 22:15, 23:11, 26:16,22; 2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1)

## Worldview

the collection of ideas, or philosophy, each person has in mind while answering life’s basic questions, such as:

- Who am I?
- Where did I come from?
- What is truth?
- What is justice?
- Does God exist?
- Does God love me?



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  - “Is the Church Really To Blame? Shedding Light on the ‘Dark Ages’” (Jan.–Feb. 2022)
  - “A Supernatural Mark Attesting the Scriptures!” (March-Apr. 2022)
  - “Creation, Fall, Redemption: In Search of Human Unity” (May-June 2022)
  - “Saved by Apologetics?” (June-July 2022)
- Monthly “Q and A Leading to Christ” flyers distributed through the Board for Home Outreach: [www.els.org/apologetics/qalc](http://www.els.org/apologetics/qalc)
- Student Conference at Bethany Lutheran College (March 2023)
- Fifth Annual ELS Apologetics Conference (June 2023)

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2. **Tell others:** Direct your friends and family to our apologetics resources. Talk to your pastor about using the “**Q and A Leading to Christ**” flyers produced by the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews in partnership with the Board for Home Outreach.
3. **Pray:** Ask the Lord to guide and sustain CAW’s efforts to present evidence for the truth of Christianity and critique worldviews that oppose Christianity. Ask the Lord to bless CAW’s efforts to fortify believers with a proper interpretation of Holy Scripture and to engage unbelievers in conversations leading toward the Gospel proclamation of forgiveness in Christ.
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|---|-----------|---------|---|---|------|
| Presentations (topics, clarity, benefit)                  | 5         | 4       | 3 | 2 | 1    |
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| Location, set up, accommodations                          | 5         | 4       | 3 | 2 | 1    |
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