

## IN-GATHERING: HMONG MINISTRY

This year's In-Gathering will be for two Hmong ministries. Hmong Lutheran Mission of Eau Claire LCMS ([www.hmonglcms.org](http://www.hmonglcms.org)) is a mission outreach of the area LCMS churches of Eau Claire to the Hmong Community. Initially Hmong ministry started in 1991 with Vicar Yia Vang. Then in 1999 there was a renewed effort for Hmong ministry. The ministry has been taking place at St. Matthews and supported by the Eau Claire circuit. Seminary graduate Chou Vang will be the new pastor of the Hmong mission. He will be ordained and installed on September 11, 2016.

The second ministry is Wausau Hmong ministry which is in the infant stage. After various efforts over the years it appears Hmong ministry is finally happening in Wausau. At the present time the Hmong ministry will take place at Christ Lutheran and be supported by the Wausau LCMS churches. Rev. David Wetmore is working with the Hmong and leading worship. He will provide us with an update on this developing ministry.

What is needed? Both of these ministries assist by buying some groceries, they could use Asian or Jasmine rice, water, dried food, noodles, and school supplies. For that reason, monetary donations (gift cards) would be greatly appreciated (and the most useful) at this time. It would be easier to give money for a case of water than for you to bring a case of water to the gathering. Both ministries would be very grateful for your support.

## CHRISTIAN MARTYRDOM from NERO to ISIS

Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier

Those who heroically gave their very lives for the faith deserve special attention. This seminar will deal with the causes and kinds of martyrdoms, the perpetrators and the victims. *Was their blood "the seed of the church?"*

## "LEARNING about and SINGING HYMNS"

Mark A. Schultz

Mark was born and raised in Reedsburg, Wisconsin and graduated from Concordia University in St. Paul with a degree in elementary education and music. He has also earned a Master's Degree in music education from UW-Whitewater, as well as a Master of Church Music Degree from Concordia University Wisconsin. Mark accepted a Call to Trinity, Wausau in 2008 to serve as the Minister of Music. He has been a full-time church musician for over 30 years serving congregations in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Nebraska.

Mark is married to Ramona, who is a 4K teacher at Trinity. They have two adult daughters who live in the Ann Arbor, Michigan area. Mark enjoys spending time with his family and is a lifetime Packer fan who enjoys watching sporting events as well as learning more about God's gift of music.

The music Mark has selected for this event will include some familiar hymns, as well as some written about Martyrdom in the Christian Church.

# Adult Gathering

## "Christian Martyrdom from NERO to ISIS"



**October 18, 2016**

Registration/Check-in 9:30 am

Opening 10am

Closing 2:30pm

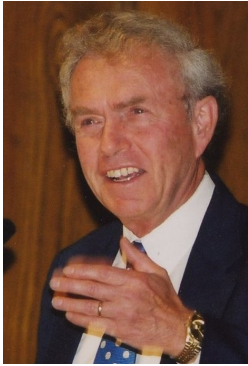
**Mount Olive Lutheran Church**

6205 Alderson Street

Weston, WI 54476



## KEYNOTE: Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier



Dr. Paul L. Maier is the Russell H. Siebert Professor of Ancient History (em.) at Western Michigan University, a four-term Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and a much-published author of both scholarly and popular works. His novels include two historical documentaries: *Pontius Pilate* and *The Flames of Rome*, as well as a theological thriller that became #1 national bestseller in religious fiction., *A Skeleton in God's Closet*. The sequels, *More Than a Skeleton* and *the Constantine Codex* completed the trilogy.

His non-fiction works include *In the Fullness of Time*, a book that correlates sacred with secular evidence from the ancient world impinging on Jesus and early Christianity; *Josepheus – The Essential Works*, a new translation/commentary on writings of the first-century Jewish historian; and *Eusebius – The Church History*, a similar book on the “father of church history.” Maier’s most recent work is a fresh edition of *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*, the famous record of Christian martyrdom from Nero to the Reformation era. More than five million Maier books are now in print in twenty languages, as well as over 300 scholarly articles and reviews in professional journals.

Dr. Maier lectures widely, appears frequently in national radio, television, and newspaper interviews, and has received numerous awards. He has also penned seven children’s books, and hosted six video series dealing with Jesus, St. Paul, the early church, the Bible, and current Christianity. Dr. Maier married Joan (nee Ludtke) in 1967, and they have four daughters, all living in West Michigan.

## DEVOTION LEADER: Rev. Dwayne Lueck



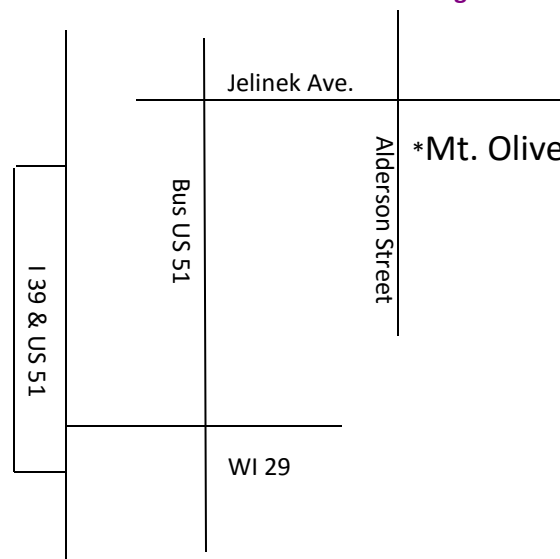
Rev. Lueck was born in Shelbyville, Illinois and grew up in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1979. He has served congregations in Nebraska and Oklahoma.

In 1987 he received a call from the LCMS North Wisconsin District to serve in the position of Mission, Evangelism, and Stewardship Executive. In June 2012 he was elected President of the LCMS North Wisconsin District and was re-elected in 2015.

He is married to Cheryl. They have one son, Ben (who is married to Michelle), and two daughters, Kim, and Alison (who is married to David).

### Directions to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

6205 Alderson St., Weston, WI 54476  
715-359-5546 [www.mtoliveweston.org](http://www.mtoliveweston.org)



## 2016 Adult Gathering Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$20 per person**

(Includes lunch, breaks, program)

For additional registrations, please make copies.

\$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of people)

You can register online (credit card is an option) at: [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org) under “Events and Information” on our Home page **OR** complete this form and return with your check made payable to: **North Wisconsin District**

### Send check and registration form to:

North Wisconsin District  
3103 Seymour Lane  
Wausau, WI 54401

Please note, this event is on a first-come/first-serve basis—you are not considered registered until payment is received.

Deadline: Oct. 4, 2016

**Limited to 275 people**

Questions: 715-845-8241 ext. 100