

## Beautiful Feet 2018 Speaker Information

### Morning Sessions:

10:15-11:00 & 11:15 -12:00

Speaker	Topic	Room #
Dr. Grant Carey	<p><b>Love is an Orientation: How the Church Can Better Love Our Gay Friends</b></p> <p>Topic Description: "When I first started coming out of the closet, I knew that the church wouldn't approve. So picture being gay and wanting to seek counsel or spiritual advice. Why would I go to a church? They already have thrown heaps of guilt on me and condemned me before I even stepped my foot in the door." - Penny (and many others wrestling with sexuality and spirituality)</p> <p>This session will look at ways we can love and serve our gay neighbors without giving up our convictions and beliefs. We'll wrestle with the unique task of distinguishing between law and gospel while discovering what Jesus' Church is called to do in the midst of a messy world.</p> <p>Biography: Dr. Carey has been a professor of Religious Education at Concordia Texas for the past 6 years and loves talking about culture, sexuality, and theology. Before teaching, he served as a DCE working with teens in Alaska, Arizona, and Nebraska. When he's not watching sports (Go Cowboys!), he loves being active and watching his daughters play sports.</p>	F-203
Laura Davis	<p><b>Sharing the Gospel through Life Issues</b></p> <p>Topic Description: While life issues such as abortion, unplanned pregnancy, and assisted-suicide can be controversial and complicated, this workshop will help students learn to address them with grace, compassion, and the loving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Biography: Laura Davis has served as the director of Y4Life, the youth and young adult program at Lutherans For Life, since 2012. She is from Katy, Texas and a graduate of Texas A&amp;M University. She lives in the Seattle, Washington area with her dog, Ginny. Laura has a deep passion for helping the church reach out to those struggling with life issues in a practical, loving, and Gospel-centered way.</p>	F-202

<p><b>Mark Giardinelli</b></p>	<p><b>Bringing Hope to the Women of Asia</b>  Biography: Mark Giardinelli got involved with Gospel for Asia as a volunteer after reading the book Revolution in World Missions by K.P. Yohannan. He knew from seventh grade, God was calling to be a missionary after going on a short-term mission trip to Laredo, TX/Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.  He went to college at Concordia University Texas and graduated in 2012.  After college, in January 2013, he went to two years of learning what it means to be a disciple of Christ at Gospel for Asia. In the first year, he got to go see Asia and the work Gospel for Asia is doing there.  Mark knew God wanted me to join staff from that time on, but the leaders insisted I take another year of spiritual formation, so in 2015 he did the second year of School of Discipleship.  He was accepted to staff at Gospel for Asia in August of 2015.  After support raising, He arrived back at Gospel for Asia on February 21, 2016 and have been at GFA for over two years.  He works in the writing department, encouraging others to get involved in evangelism and to grow in discipleship.  My hobbies are reading, running and watching movies.</p>	<p><b>C-223</b></p>
<p><b>Rev. Dr. Joel Heck</b></p>	<p><b>The Art of Asking Questions</b>  Topic Description: Jim Petersen once wrote, “Any subject, if explored far enough, will lead us into a discussion of the good news.” This workshop will demonstrate how the art of asking questions, which gives the non-Christian the opportunity to speak, allows the Christian witness to talk about religious beliefs without forcing the issue, and it will show how the art of asking questions is a very biblical practice, starting from the opening chapters of Genesis.</p> <p>Biography: After nine years at Concordia as Vice President of Academic Services, Dr. Joel Heck serves Concordia University Texas, Austin, Texas, as Professor of Theology. Previously he served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Valley Park, Missouri, and Professor of Religion at Concordia University Wisconsin. He holds the Th.D. in Exegetical Theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and he teaches various religion courses at Concordia University Texas, including Old Testament, New Testament, Reformation, and C. S. Lewis, including a course entitled “Narnia meets Middle Earth.” He is the author or editor of fourteen books, most recently From Atheism to Christianity: The Story of C. S. Lewis (Concordia Publishing House, 2017).</p>	<p><b>C-233</b></p>

<p><b>Steve Hughey</b></p>	<p><b>How to Go 10 Rounds with Satan and Come Out on Top!</b>  Topic Description: This session at B.F. will present a Biblical review with real-life examples from the mission field for would-be missionaries about Spiritual Warfare and why it's important to know your enemy and understand his tactics.</p> <p>Biography: Dr. Steve Hughey has over 50 years of missionary experience having served as a church planter in Venezuela; Director of the Spanish Lutheran Hour in South and Central America; Parish Pastor, Church Planter and Equipper of Cross-cultural workers in El Paso, Texas; Director of Mission Partnerships for LCMS World Mission; and most recently Executive Director of the Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS). He is also the founder and presently a board member of the Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies (ALMA), an association for over 75 Lutheran mission agencies. The Beautiful Feet Mission Conference was his brain child and he served as it's counselor for its initial years.</p>	<p><b>D-224</b></p>
<p><b>Beau Jacobson</b></p>	<p><b>Body Image: Looking in all the wrong places</b>  Topic Description: Beau suffered from an eating disorder for 3 years but recovered by the grace of God. Join him as he shares his testimony and offers his insight in how God plays a HUGE part in overcoming the body image issues that are affecting so many people.</p> <p>Biography: Beau Jacobson has a passion for helping people and shares his testimony in order to help others deal with the struggles we face in today's culture. He places an emphasis on body image as he suffered from binge eating disorder for several years. By the grace of God, Beau is 3 years recovered from binge eating disorder and has shared his story on the Today Show, Yahoo! and internationally through the Daily Mail. Beau also sings Sinatra style music which is available on iTunes. Additionally, Beau serves as the Worship Leader for Youth Services at Peace Lutheran Church (Hurst, TX) where he has attended church his whole life and is also a CPA at EY. Beau was born and raised in DFW and attended Texas Tech University where he obtained a Master's Degree in Accountancy.</p>	<p><b>C-125</b></p>

<p><b>Aaron Littman</b></p>	<p><b>Adventure is Calling . . . Will You Answer?</b>  Topic Description: So many people want to do big things for God. They say, “here I am, send me!” but do they mean it? The truth is people love to be comfortable; it’s easy and convenient. However, God doesn’t call us to convenience but rather calls us to a cross. Our faith centers on a radical place of discomfort, but it’s in those moments that we find the greatest adventure. In this session, we will dive into what it looks like to abandon comfort and find the adventure that God has planned for you. Adventure is Calling...Will You Answer?</p> <p>Biography: Aaron Littmann has been serving as Chief Executive Officer of Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Texas since August 2017. Before his current role, Aaron served as Director of Youth Ministries at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Columbus, Indiana from 2014-2017. While in Indiana, he passionately equipped students to lead teams of local, national, and global missions. He also served as Director of Retreat Programs and Marketing Assistant at Camp Omega in Waterville, Minnesota from 2012-2014.</p> <p>In 2012 Aaron received his B.S. degree from Texas A&amp;M University majoring in Recreation, Park &amp; Tourism Sciences with an emphasis and Youth Development. He completed his Director of Christian Education Colloquy through Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2014. Aaron has been married to his bride, Jane, since 2013. In their free time, Aaron and Jane enjoy running, kayaking, rock climbing, eating good food and drinking great coffee with friends and family, and watching the Fightin’ Texas Aggies.</p>	<p><b>C-123</b></p>
<p><b>Christal Neuendorf</b></p>	<p><b>No Ordinary Day</b>  Topic Description: International missionary service: where there are no ordinary days, only days of walking with people in their daily lives and sharing Jesus. Not into ordinary? Come and take a listen.</p> <p>Biography: Christel Neuendorf serves the Lord through The Lutheran 0 Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Over the last ten years, Christel has served in various capacities in this region, assisting at the local level and at the international level. She is currently supporting the work in Puerto Rico with LCMS Disaster Response in caring for those affected by hurricane Maria.</p>	<p><b>C-227</b></p>
<p><b>Tanner Olson</b></p>	<p><b>Hope doesn't let our story end.</b>  Topic Description: How to continue sharing your story and the story of Jesus in a heavy world.</p> <p>Biography: Tanner Olson is a writer, storyteller, and the creator of Written to Speak, a spoken word and writing project that seeks to share hope and announce love. Tanner currently serves at ACTS Church Lakeline in Austin, Texas as their Director of Community and Communications. He loves dogs, breakfast food, Orlando Magic basketball, coffee, and his wife, Sarah.</p>	<p><b>D-260</b></p>

<p><b>Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke</b></p>	<p><b>Lions, and Dragons, and Lambs: Mission in Revelation</b>  Topic Description: Revelation is probably the most misunderstood book of the Bible filled with all kinds of strange creatures, terrifying catastrophes, and cosmic events. But, Revelation is really about Christ's presence with His church, spreading His Word in the midst of suffering and persecution. In Revelation humanity serves The Lamb by proclaiming God's word and by baptism, just as Christ commands in the Great Commission. Come learn why one scholar says, "The Revelation of St. John may well be the most evangelistic book of the entire Bible."</p> <p>Biography: Rev. Dr. Schielke is the Coordinator of the School of Natural and Applied Sciences, an Associate Professor of Computer Science, and the Director of the Computer Science program. He completed his Doctorate in Computer Science at Rice University, is an ordained LC-MS pastor, and served as a missionary in Central Asia.</p>	<p><b>C-234</b></p>
<p><b>Taylor Schmidt</b></p>	<p><b>Speak Life: The Art of Missional Conversations</b>  Topic Description: People are the tapestry that display the beauty of God's character. After traveling to 14 countries in 11 months at age 23, I've learned the importance of conversation and the blessing of relationship. The World Race was a journey that the Lord took me on to show me more of who He is, through His children. Join me as I share the beautiful stories of people I met around the world. Come and be empowered to share the love of Jesus by simply starting conversations with others and begin to understand what it truly looks like to live life as a living sacrifice.</p> <p>Biography: I grew up in a small town in southern Illinois as a lover of the outdoors, camp enthusiast and the oldest sibling of my three siblings. As the first to step foot in new communities throughout childhood and into adulthood, I began to see the impact and power in conversation. I have a God-given passion for relationships. Moving on Concordia's campus in 2013 allowed that passion to really bloom. After graduating in 2017, I went on The World Race: a mission trip traveling to 11 countries in 11 months. I saw the Lord use my words and my "yes" in big ways. Conversation with anyone has become an open door for me to share the love of Jesus. As I continue to learn how to pursue the hearts of God's children, I am excited to share my experiences, successes and failures; because the Lord uses all things to glorify Him. Conversational ministry is a simple and powerful avenue for people to walk in and share the love of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p><b>C-270</b></p>
<p><b>Dr. Carl Trovall</b></p>	<p><b>Popular Religion in Traditional Mexican Culture:  Day of the Dead, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Las Posadas</b>  Topic Description: Dr. Trovall will explore three common cultural and religious traditions in Mexican and Mexican-American culture, and the appropriation of those traditions in outreach to Mexican populations.</p>	<p><b>C-127</b></p>

<p><b>Leslie Urie</b></p>	<p><b>Becoming an Acts 2 Mission Mobilizer</b></p> <p>Topic Description: Before the thousands heard Peter at Pentecost, the disciples were...waiting. This workshop explores what often happens when we are waiting, and how waiting upon God often leads to more action than we ever could have imagined.</p> <p>Biography: Leslie joined the World Mission Prayer League after having been inspired by the call to live a commissioned life along with the thousands of other WMPL pray-ers. She has always been called to serve with the Home Office, being astounded at the ways “God provides.” Currently Leslie is helping to inspire church members to become prayer and mission mobilizers in their own communities and thereby participate in bringing the gospel to some of the hard places of the world.</p>	<p><b>C-222</b></p>
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## Beautiful Feet 2018 Speaker Information

### Afternoon Sessions:

**3:30-4:15 & 4:30-5:15**

Speaker	Topic	Room #
<b>Rev. Ted Doering</b>	<p><b>Church Planting - Different Churches Reaching Different People</b></p> <p>Bio: Pastor Ted Doering was born in Colorado but grew up in a suburb north of Houston, TX. He attended Concordia Texas graduating in spring of 2009. After a year working at his home church, he moved to St. Louis to attend Concordia Seminary. From Seminary he was called by Faith Lutheran Church in Georgetown, TX to plant a church. In October 2015 Narrative Church launched. It has been a rollercoaster ride full of great moments and challenging issues, but Ted wouldn't trade it for the world. He and his wife, Chelsey, live in Georgetown with their dog Gus and are authors of the book Myth of the Millennial: Connecting Generations in the Church.</p>	<b>D-224</b>
<b>Anna Gonzalez &amp; Christine Leistico</b>	<p><b>Short-term Mission Service for Long-term Impact</b></p> <p>Topic Description: Jesus died for everyone, everywhere. It's free. Anne Gonzalez sends short-term volunteers to help get that message out around the world. Christine Leistico was one of those volunteers who got to work alongside local Lutherans this summer to share the Gospel message in Jelenia Góra Cieplice, Poland. Anne &amp; Chris will share about the opportunity to share about the love of Jesus through short-term service.</p> <p>Biography for Anne: DCE Anne Gonzalez serves the LCMS by working with short-term international volunteers. She has 2 small children and has been married for 13 years to Christopher, who she met at Concordia St. Paul. She did her internship as a Director of Christian Education in Taiwan.</p> <p>Biography for Christine: Christine Leistico had the opportunity this summer to put her life-long faith into international action by serving at an English Bible Camp in Poland. Throughout her life, she has put her faith into action locally by raising 3 children, volunteering in her church and community, and working alongside her husband in his small business. Her current passion is to be able to talk with others about who God is in their life.</p>	<b>C-227</b>

<p><b>Beth Gove</b></p>	<p><b>Ever thought about joining the A.R.M.Y.?</b>  Topic Description: What do you think of when someone says world missions? Exotic locations? Travel? Adventure? Cultural experiences? High costs? Lengthy commitments? Danger? Persecution? PJs?????</p> <p>Biography: Beth Gove grew up in the Austin area, the daughter of a mission focused Pastor and wife. She served the church as a child doing the things all good PKs do, folding bulletins, polishing her father shoes for Sunday church, setting up chairs and playing piano for services among other things. At the age of 14 she left home to attend Lutheran high school in Wisconsin and Lutheran college in Minnesota. After graduation, Beth spent 30 years teaching public high school choir in Round Rock and Leander ISDs. Upon retirement in December of 2014 Beth joined her father Pastor James Radloff in starting a ministry called Joy-filled Children of the World (JCW). JCW helps children around the world improve their English speaking skills using Bible stories. Beth continues this rapidly growing ministry by traveling to various countries presenting the program to potential students. She also reaches out across America seeking volunteers to present the lessons. In 2015 JCW began with 1 class, 1 teacher and 4 students. In 2018 JCW unofficially has 90 classes with 30 teachers and 400 students. Beth is married to Pat who works in commercial construction management. Together they have a sweet, smarty pants, blind Great Dane, a small yet scrappy kitty, and a cat who is the boss of everybody..... really, everybody!</p>	<p><b>C-223</b></p>
<p><b>Rev. Barrett Grebing</b></p>	<p><b>The world doesn't need more professional Christians . . .</b>  Biography: Barrett is a church-planting pastor in Austin, TX. He loves his family, tacos, Liverpool soccer, and the local church.</p>	<p><b>C-234</b></p>
<p><b>Rev. Dr. Paul Muench</b></p>	<p><b>Living for those "Other" people.</b>  Topic Description: This presentation and discussion will focus on communicating the Good News of Jesus to people from other cultures.</p> <p>Biography: Dr. Muench served as a missionary among tribal peoples in Papua New Guinea and in St. Petersburg, Russia. He also traveled the world as the Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators. Muench has also taught Anthropology, Intercultural Communication, New Testament and Communication Theory at Concordia. His experience in mission, his travel and his degrees in mission and cultural studies give him an interesting and exciting perspective. At this conference Muench will have just returned from a month of teaching in Ethiopia.</p>	<p><b>C-127</b></p>
<p><b>Rev. Michael Neuman</b></p>	<p><b>Who Will You Be Like?</b>  Topic Description: The culture is giving you sports stars, Hollywood icons, argumentative journalists, and spiritual gurus. Who should you follow? What life should you emulate? As the 21st century emerges with all its unique challenges and opportunities, what kind of person will you be? Join Pastor Michael Newman in weighing the options for your future.</p>	<p><b>F-203</b></p>

<p><b>Kevin Pieper</b></p>	<p><b>How to Lead a Mission Program in Your Congregation</b>  Topic Description: Kevin will talk about the key components of the model used for mission work at Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball:  1. using the Great Commandment to accomplish the Great Commission  2. Congregation-based  3. short-term teams with long-term commitment  Salem’s mission teams have used this philosophy with the adult missions to Honduras and Kenya. During September’s Honduras mission, 3800 people received medical care and 101 people received Christ as their Savior. Local pastors receive these new members into their growing churches. “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory.” (Psalm 115:1)</p> <p>Biography: Kevin, and 1976 Concordia Austin graduate, is happily married to Mary and has two sons, John and Michael, who was himself a Concordia University of Texas DCE graduate in 2010. Kevin serves as the missions leader for Salem, a mission-oriented congregation on Houston’s northwest side. Salem has conducted missions to Honduras for 22 years, and missions to Kenya for 12 years. Salem’s missions and outreach ministry touches over 80,000 people annually. Kevin loves music, the outdoors, and serving people.</p>	<p><b>C-124</b></p>
<p><b>Rev. Dr. John Reinke</b></p>	<p><b>BLAST</b>  Having a Blast - God's relationship with us!  Rev. Dr. Reinke works across the U.S. and around the world training people for Deaf Outreach. Pastor Reinke’s passion is helping people share their faith in Jesus with other people in a unique way – using American Sign Language.</p> <p>We want to equip people to reach the 98% of deaf people do not know that Jesus loves them and died to forgive their sins. World Lutheran Deaf Outreach provides workshops and resources to share Jesus with everyone, but especially with deaf people.</p>	<p><b>D-260</b></p>

<p><b>Stephanie Schulte</b></p>	<p>Is it possible to hurt someone despite having every intention to help them?  Topic Description: How can we help someone by encouraging their own ability and willingness to use the talents and skills God has given them? Stephanie Schulte will discuss these concepts plus answer questions you would like to ask of a veteran missionary to Africa.</p> <p>Biography: Mrs. Stephanie Schulte serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in West Africa. As the West and Central Africa Regional Coordinator for Mercy Medical Work, Stephanie envisions, facilitates and coordinates Community Health Education (CHE) initiatives, health clinics and the deployment of Mercy Medical Teams (MMTs) to this part of Africa. Stephanie was born in Cheverly, Md. She received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis, her registered nurse (R.N.) certification from Jefferson College, Hillsboro, Mo., and a bachelor’s degree in nursing (B.S.N.) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Stephanie has worked as a home health care nurse, a staff registered nurse in trauma/ acute care surgery at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, and as an adjunct faculty member at Jefferson College. She also served with Gary in Togo and Cote d’Ivoire. Stephanie’s hobbies include hiking and reading. Gary and Stephanie call St. John’s Lutheran Church, Arnold, Mo., their home congregation. In addition, they have four adult children - Tim, Tom, Jeff and Ariana.</p>	<p><b>C-123</b></p>
<p><b>Matt Wasmund</b></p>	<p><b>Service Opportunities in East Asia</b>  Topic Description: The present medium of outreach in East Asia principally involves education at all levels. Matt’s presentation will focus on how God might be empowering you for service through the LCMS Office of International Mission, regardless of whether or not your training is specifically geared towards this arena. Students and individuals who are looking for unique opportunities to serve the Lord, share their gifts with nationals, utilize their training in practical ways, and experience God’s leading in an exciting and different culture are encouraged to attend to learn more.</p> <p>Biography: Matt Wasmund, along with his wife, Dee Dee, and their daughters, Lily and Olivia, serves as Strategic Volunteer Coordinator – East Asia for the LCMS Office of International Mission. He and his wife were led to Taiwan in 2003 where they served as volunteer missionaries teaching English as a Foreign Language. Matt currently works to support GEO (Globally Engaged in Outreach) missionaries in the East Asia region, where thousands of lives are touched weekly with the Gospel through LCMS efforts in Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, and Hong Kong. Now living in Seoul, South Korea, they also facilitate short-term mission and service trips with the goal of enhancing existing ministries in other Asian countries, look for ways to involve US churches in overseas ministry, and strive to create and maintain effective strategies for sharing the Gospel with those in their community and beyond.</p>	<p><b>C-233</b></p>

<b>Dr. Jacob Youmans</b>	<b>The Top Ten Ways to Ruin a Mission Trip</b> Topic Description: Come learn time tested ways to ruin any mission trip regardless of location, age or experience- any trip can be effectively ruined! And in exploring how to ruin a trip you just might pick up a few ideas on how not to ruin a mission trip, as well as have your idea of what a mission trip is expanded.	<b>C-270</b>
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