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Pastor with over 30 years of parish experience. Trained in and experienced with reconciliation in ecclesiastical conflicts. Involved in pastoral formation as a vicarage supervisor. Experienced presenter demonstrated by numerous lectures to groups of pastors and laymen around the world. Holder of a terminal academic degree with the ability to write as evidenced through multiple publications. Able to work well with staff and multiple personnel as proven by involvement with the Iowa District East as a member and chair on their Board of Directors.

## EDUCATION

- 2004 Doctor of Philosophy | **Durham University** | Durham, England  
Supervisor: Rev. Dr. David Brown  
Thesis: *Individualism in the Christology of Helmut Thielicke's Sermons: Analysis and Response*
- 1990 Master of Divinity | **Concordia Theological Seminary** | Ft. Wayne, IN  
Major: Exegetical Theology Minor: Systematic Theology  
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Judisch  
Thesis: *The Isogogics of Isaiah*
- 1985 Bachelor of Arts | **Concordia University Wisconsin** | Mequon, WI (Cum Laude)  
Majors: Theological Languages, Humanities

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 1994-Present **Pastor**  
St. John Lutheran Church | Hubbard, IA
- 1990-1994 **Pastor**  
Trinity Lutheran Church & Calvary Lutheran Church | Millersburg, IA & Deep River, IA
- 1988-1989 **Vicar**  
Our Savior Lutheran Church & First English Lutheran Church | Crookston, MN & Eldred, MN

## REFERENCES

**Rev. Dr. Arthur Just**  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
Ft. Wayne, In 46825-4996

**Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast**  
President of CTS  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825-4996

**Rev. Dr. Bruce Schuchard**  
Concordia Seminary  
801 De Mun Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63105

**Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders**  
Iowa District East President  
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## POSITIONS HELD

### District Service

2015-2022 2000-2002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Iowa District East
2002-2015	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President of Iowa District East (termed out)
2013	Eldora Circuit Pastoral Representative to St. Louis Synod Convention
2012-Present	Chairman of IDE Board of Directors
2002-2012	Chairman of IDE Office Committee
2000-2012	Vice Chairman of IDE Board of Directors
2008	Member of IDE Task-force on Restructuring the District
1999-2002	Pastoral Advisor for Eldora & St. Ansgar Circuits Lutheran Laymen's League
1996-2002	Reconciler for Iowa District East
1997-2000	Secretary of Iowa District East
1997-2000	Chairman of IDE Bylaws & Procedures Committee
1994-1997	Chairman of Worship Subcommittee for Iowa District East
1992	Williamsburg Circuit Pastoral Representative to Pittsburgh Synod Convention

### Synod Service

2022-Present	Ordained Representative on the Concordia Theological Seminary Board of Regents
2016-Present, 1999-2003	Doctrinal Reviewer for LCMS
2013	Member of Synod Convention Floor Committee on Mercy
2012-Present	Supervisor for Seminary Vicarage Program

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## MISSION WORK

2019	Led group of 16 and youth to Juneau, Alaska for work service project
2014	Led group of 20 laymen to Palanga & Kintai, Lithuania for work service project
2010	Led group of 22 laymen to Palanga, Lithuania for work service project
2007	Led group of 21 laymen to Palanga, Lithuania for work service project
2005	Traveled to Lithuania on behalf of Iowa District East to survey potential for district to be involved in a fundraiser to help build a church & diaconal center in Palanga, Lithuania

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<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	APR 30, 2021	Presentation on <i>Sexual Morality in the Roman Context</i> at the Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit   San Antonio, TX
	NOV 10, 2020	Presentation on <i>Sexual Morality</i> to a Tri-Circuit Meeting of the Central Illinois District
	OCT 7-8, 2019	Genders and the Image of God   Southern Illinois Fall Pastor's Conference   Grafton, IL
	MAY 6-7, 2019	Genders and Sexual Ethics   Iowa West Spring Pastor's Conference   Ft. Dodge, IA
	OCT 27-NOV 4, 2018	Sexual Ethics for the Lutheran Church   <b>4 cities in Taiwan</b>
	APR 19, 2018	Sexual Morality   Iowa District West PALS
	SEPT 16, 2017	We Have Been this Way Before – Life Issues and the Early Christians   Lutherans for Life Regional Conference   Ft. Wayne, IN
	AUG 29-30, 2017	Paul's Doctrine on the Order of Creation in Light of 1 <sup>st</sup> Century Roman Views   ACELC Conference   Lincoln, NE
	MAY 8-10, 2017	Sexual Morality   New England District Spring Pastor's Conference
	MAY 2, 2017	Sexual Morality in a Christless World   SELC seminary   <b>Oberussal, Germany</b>
	APR 24-28, 2017	24-Session Homiletics Seminar   Ukrainian Lutheran Church   <b>Odessa, Ukraine</b>
	APR 19-20, 2017	3-Session Homiletics Seminar   Pastors of the Lithuanian Lutheran Church   <b>Palanga, Lithuania</b>
	FEB 17-18, 2017	Sexual Morality   Men's Retreat   Plano, TX
	NOV 28, 2016	Current Observations on Ministry to the Same-Sex Attracted   Minnesota South District Public Policy Advisory Committee   Burnsville, MN
	OCT 31, 2016	Ministry to the Same-Sex Attracted   Missouri District Pastor's Conference   Lake of the Ozarks, MO
	OCT 2014	Pastoral Discipline Toward the Unrepentant   Joint Iowa East and Central IL Pastor's Conference
	MAR 2014	The Ethics of St. Paul in Light of 1 <sup>st</sup> Century Roman Culture   Lutheran Seminary   <b>Novosibirsk, Russia &amp; Taurage, Lithuania (Tour of Eastern Siberia)</b>
	2012, 2011	A Conservative Christian Perspective on Homosexuality   Iowa State University, Philosophy Dept.   Ames, IA
	OCT 2, 2007	Considering the Private Mass in Today's Context   IDE Spring Pastor's Conference
	2006	The Lutheran Service Book in Iowa, Three District-wide Workshops   Commission on Worship
	APR 11, 2000	Preaching Sanctification   Marshalltown Joint Circuit Pastor's Educational Event
	1998	Hymnal Supplement Workshop in Iowa   Commission on Worship

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## PUBLICATIONS

2023	In Process: Article on <i>Idolatry of Self and Sexuality</i> in Nov. Lutheran Witness
2023	Annotated Large Catechism, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Publishing House, 2022 <i>Excurses on the 6th Commandment; Divorce and Cohabitation</i> , p. 246ff
JAN 2017	Book Chapter: <i>Sex Education: The Great Cover-up</i> , Ed. Gifford Grobien in <i>Sexual Ethics</i>   Concordia Publishing House
JUN 2016	Book: <i>Sexual Morality in a Christless World</i>   Concordia Publishing House
APR 2004	Book Review: <i>Eschatology</i> , Hans Schwarz   Grand Rapids, MI   Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2000, 431 pages, Concordia Theological Quarterly, Vol. 68, No. 2, Ap. 2004
JUL 2000	Book Review: <i>Christology</i> , Hans Schwarz   Grand Rapids, MI   Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1998, 352 pages, Concordia Theological Quarterly, Vol.64, No.3, July 2000

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## INTERVIEWS

JAN 2017	Half-hour Interview on Sexual Ethics chapter, Issues etc.
OCT 2016	Fifteen-minute Interview on Sexual Morality, KFYO Radio
OCT 2016	Half-hour interview on Sexual Morality, Pilgrim Radio   Carson City, NV
SEPT 2016	Half-hour interview on Sexual Morality, KFYO Radio
AUG 2016	Hour-long book discussion on Sexual Morality, Issues etc.
FEB 2016	Hour-long interview on Helmut Thielicke, Issues, etc.



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