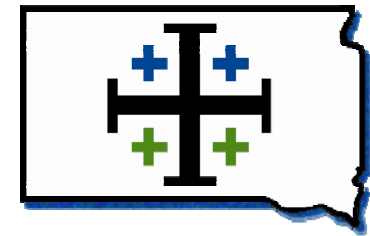


## **Building Church in Times of Crisis: Preaching's Role in Forming the Identity And Mission of the Church**

What does it mean to be the church in the 21st century? How is preaching relevant to people's lives in our ever changing society? In a time of economic unrest, there is a growing sense of uncertainty regarding how people understand themselves and their place in the church. For our Fall Theological Conference, we will examine the roles of preaching in the formation of the ecclesial identity with a particular emphasis on engaging in ministry during a period of economic crisis. During our session we will examine how preaching contributes to the ministry and mission of our local church. How can we show congregations how they participate in the continuing story of God? How does this story shape our lives and that of the church? In addition, we will examine the importance of supporting our proclamation with theological practices that will bind and strengthen our communities of faith.

## **Matthew Fleming**

Matthew Fleming teaches preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. Previously, he taught at Princeton Theological Seminary and the Candler School of Theology. He is completing his doctoral studies at Emory University under Thomas G. Long. His work may be found in *Call to Worship, Feasting on the Work, Homily Service, and Lectionary Homiletics*. Matt spoke at the 2009 *Festival of Homiletics* and will do so again in 2010. His teachings and writings focus on theologies and practices of ministry that will shape and sustain prophetic preaching. He is married to the Rev. Mandy Sloan and is the proud father of two sons, Jackson and Cooper.



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*Lutheran Memorial  
320 E Prospect Ave  
Pierre, SD*

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# Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$50.00**  
**(\$5 late fee after Sept. 11, 2009)**

**Please note: For a fee, child care will be available for the sessions only. Reservations must be made in advance.**

\_\_\_ **Yes, we will need child care for**  
\_\_\_ **children (# of children)**

Please indicate which of the Monday afternoon excursions you are interested in.

- \_\_\_ Bishop's Sporting Clays
- \_\_\_ Cultural Museum
- \_\_\_ Self guided Capitol Tour
- \_\_\_ Self guided Fishing
- \_\_\_ Golf
- \_\_\_ Kayaks
- \_\_\_ Bicycling

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Sioux Falls SD 57197**

# Fall Theological Schedule

## Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009

- 4:00-6:00pm Registration at Lutheran Memorial
- 6:30-7:00pm Devotions
- 7:00-8:30pm Session 1
- 9:00pm Relaxation & Refreshments at Governor's Inn

## Monday, Sept. 28, 2009

- 6:30am Bike ride (optional, no rentals available this early in the morning)
- 8:30am Devotions
- 9:00-noon Session 2
- Noon Lunch at Lutheran Memorial
- 1:00-6:00pm Activity Options:  
Sporting Clays, Cultural Museum, Capitol Tour, Fishing, Golfing, Kayaks for rent on the river, Single & dual bikes for rent for trail along the river.
- 6:30pm Western BBQ at Isaak Walton League (cost included)
- 8:00pm Discussion

## Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009

- 9:00-10:15 am Session 3
- 10:15-10:45am Break
- 10:45am Closing Worship

**Lodging is available at the Comfort Inn.**

### Comfort Inn



**410 W Sioux Ave.  
Pierre SD**

**Each registrant is responsible for making lodging arrangements; call (605) 224-0377**

**Room reservations must be made by August 27th.**

**Room Cost: \$65 + tax**

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