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The Program

Welcome

Deacon Bonnie E. Sherwood, Moderator

Opening Prayer

The Rev. John G. Fleischmann, Pastor

Is Greed Good? Christianity and Capitalism

Mr. Raymond J. Keating

Luther's Two Kingdoms, Vocation and Education

The Rev. Martin Conkling

Lunch in Undercroft

Christian Faith and Life

The Rev. John G. Fleischmann

Discussion will follow each presentation.

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The Presenters

Raymond J. Keating is a columnist, economist and author. His weekly column for *Newsday*, one of the largest daily circulation newspapers in the nation, covers political, economic, religious and cultural issues from a generally conservative perspective. Keating also writes the weekly "On the Church and Society" column, which appears at OrthodoxyToday.org, a website featuring commentary on religious, societal and cultural topics, and haphazardly in other publications. In addition, Keating serves as the chief economist for the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council in Washington D.C., and is the co-founder and principal of Capital Hill Research, an economic and political research and analysis service. Keating is the author of three books -- *U.S. by the Numbers: Figuring What's Left, Right, and Wrong with America State by State* (Capital Books, 2000); *New York by the Numbers: State and City in Perpetual Crisis* (Madison Books, 1997); and *D.C. by the Numbers: A State of Failure* (University Press of America, 1995). Additionally, Mr. Keating has contributed essays to four other books. He is a contributing editor to *The Freeman*, published by the Foundation for Economic Education, and has written hundreds of studies, and articles in a wide array of publications including, among others, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. Mr. Keating received a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Economics and Business Administration from Saint Joseph's College, December, 1985. He received an MBA in Banking and Finance from Hofstra

University, 1987, and received a Master of Arts degree in Economics from New York University, 1995. Mr. Keating is an active member of Christ Church, serving as Financial Secretary from 2002-2003. He has organized the *Christian View* series of presentations, as well as Christ Lutheran's "Book and Movie" Club.

The Rev. Martin E. Conkling received his Master of Divinity Degree and Master of Sacred Theology Degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis after completing twenty years as an Army officer and serving in many parts of the world. His pastoral experience includes five years at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO. He has served as Professor of Religion and Pre-Seminary Director at Concordia College – NY since Fall 2005. Since November 2006, he also serves as Pastor at the Lutheran Chapel, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. He has completed his dissertation in historical theology from Concordia Seminary. He has published a number of articles, most recently, "A.F.C. Vilmar and the Timely Question of the Church," in the Fall 2006 issue of *Lutheran Forum*. His daughter, Stephanie, attends Concordia College where his wife, Brigitte serves as Archivist. His son, Chris, attends Tuckahoe High School.

The Rev. John George Fleischmann has been Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, East Moriches, NY, for the past 14 years. Prior to serving at Christ, he was Assistant Pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Patchogue NY, from 1986-1990 and Associate Pastor of Emanuel from 1990-1991. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Music from Concordia College, Bronxville, NY (1982) and a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO (1986). He was ordained on August 10, 1986, in Pennsauken, New Jersey. Rev. Fleischmann has written several hymns and articles that have been published. The most recent article was entitled, *The Lutheran Service Book: Some Observations*, and published in the Winter, 2006 edition of *Lutheran Forum*. He is a member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, and serves as an instructor in the Atlantic District-LCMS diaconate program. He is the author of the present workbook on the Letter to the Romans utilized by the diaconate program. In October, 2005 he was the keynote speaker at the Atlantic District Diaconate Convocation. From 1998-2000, he served as a member of the Long Island Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue. He is also an adjunct professor at Suffolk County Community College. Additionally, Pastor is a certified New York State Paramedic, graduating from the School of Health Technology and Management of Stony Brook University, and works with Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services as the director of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team. He was directly involved in the recovery efforts for both the TWA Flight 800 disaster and following the attacks on our country in 2001, ministering to rescue personnel in both a physical and spiritual capacity. He is a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress by the American Association of Experts in Traumatic Stress and continues to function in the role of chaplain/CISM team member for the County of Suffolk. Pastor and his wife, Susan, have three grown daughters: Julie Derasmo (Tampa, FL), Kate Kidder (Manhattan, KS) and Laura (Cleveland, TN).