

Virginia Synod

Gathering of the Ministerium 2014

Know Your People

Virginia Beach

Quality Inn & Suites Oceanfront

705 Atlantic Avenue

Mon – Wed, October 13 – 15, 2014

Gather to meet, re-connect, worship, relax, learn, sing, pray and play together while overlooking the ocean.

With facilitator Michael Maxey, we will gather for table discussions, idea swapping, resource sharing and more, as we learn about getting to **know our people** in the congregations we serve by getting to know one another better.

Maxey is the president of Roanoke College and prides himself on knowing his faculty, staff and students, as well as his home congregation, College Lutheran in Salem. Rather than offer keynote speeches, he will be assisting us in how to better **know our people** through guided table conversations.

Our Schedule

Monday Afternoon

- 12:30 Registration + Reunion (lunch on your own)
- 1:45 Opening Worship with Eucharist and Covenant Renewal
- 2:45 Short Break
- 3:00 Welcome and Introduction of Guests & New Leaders
- 3:15 Know Your Table
- 3:30 Table Conversation: Know Your People
- 4:30 Short Break
- 4:45 Shop Talk: Idea Swap
- 5:30 Have Fun
- 6:00 Dinner at the Festival Center (across the street)
- 7:00 Table Conversation: Know Your People
- 8:00 Evening Prayer
- 8:30 Social Time at Chix
- 9:00 Have Fun!

Tuesday

- 7:00 Breakfast at Chix (available until 8:15)
 - 8:30 Morning Prayer
 - 8:45 Table Conversation: Know Your People
 - 10:00 Break
 - 10:30 The Bishop's Time
 - 11:15 Synod Sharing
 - 11:45 Prepare for Free Time and Activities
 - 12:00 Have Fun! Lunch on your own and free time activities.
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- 6:00 Dinner at Waterman's Surfside Grille
 - 7:30 Evening Prayer
 - 8:00 Shop Talk: Idea Swap
 - 9:00 Have Fun!

Wednesday Morning

- 7:00 Breakfast at Chix (available until 8:30)
- 8:45 Table Conversation: No Nickname Necessary
- 9:30 Shop Talk: Resource Sharing
- 10:30 Closing Worship with Eucharist
- 11:30 Have Fun, Hit the Road!



Our Facilitator

Roanoke College president Michael Maxey is committed to a close relationship between the College, its students and the local community for the betterment of all. A graduate of Wake Forest University, a Virginia native and an active member of College Lutheran in Salem, he also serves in many roles in Lutheran and Virginia Higher Education.



Tuesday Afternoon

We are renewing our Tuesday free time by focusing on a smaller number of options. Formal programming will be limited to: Golf, Spa Offerings, Horseback Riding and a Cornhole (beanbag) Tournament. This time is still yours, and we will be furnishing a brand new guide to Virginia Beach to help you plan your free time.

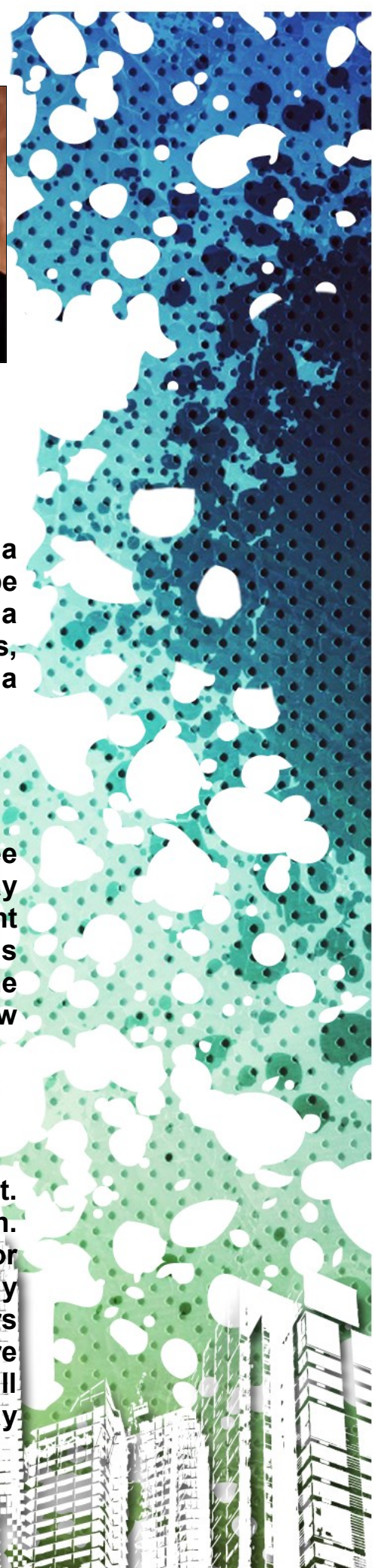
New This Year

Included in your registration fee this year is a full dinner on Tuesday evening at Waterman's Restaurant (415 Atlantic Ave). We hope this cozy venue will support our theme while we continue to get to know one another.



Our Accommodations

We will be staying at the Quality Inn & Suites Oceanfront. All rooms and our main meeting space overlook the ocean. You are welcome to bring your non-rostered spouse or family by paying for a single room, but meals are only included for the main registrant, and only rostered leaders are invited to take part in our sessions and meals. You are invited to come early or stay late, and the hotel will guarantee the same rate for adding Sunday, Wednesday and/or Thursday nights.



VIRGINIA BEACH to do

There's a A LOT to do here, so get going!

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Dining

15 mins: Chick's Oyster Bar – Where the locals go. Well worth the scenic drive up the beach and through First Landing State Park. Best oyster bar in town at good prices and fantastic atmosphere. On Lynnhaven Bay. 2143 Vista Circle, (757) 481-5757; chicksoysterbar.com \$\$

3 mins: Doc Taylors – A must for breakfast, bloody Marys, and lunch. 207 23rd St, (757) 425-1960; doctaylors.com \$\$

3 mins: Tautogs (next door to Doc Taylors) - Ditto to Doc Taylors. 205 23rd St, (757) 422-0081; tautogs.com \$\$

5 mins: Taste Unlimited – A local lunch sandwich spot with several locations because everyone loves it. Try the pimento and gelato...separately. 3603 Pacific Ave, (757) 422-3399; tasteunlimited.com

3 mins: Mojito Café - Authentic Latin Cuisine in the perfect classy hole-in-the-wall atmosphere (great character and charm); and the have delicious mojitos. 300 28th St, (757) 233-6855; mojitocafevab.net \$\$

3 mins: Baja Cantina – Definitely the quintessential Mexican hole in the wall taco restaurant. Another local favorite. 206 23rd St, (757) 437-2920 \$

8 mins: Tapped Gastropub – Great food and did we mention you can get a table with a beer tap on it?! 1550 Laskin Rd #198 (Hilltop East), (757) 965-5585; tappedgastropub.com

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Activities

Walk on the Beach – It's so obvious, but seriously, do it. The best time to find shells are in the morning, especially after a storm. During the day you may see sand crabs. At night you can jump on the wet sand and see momentary glow of the noctiluca, or "night light" bioluminescent unicellular algae.

Virginia Aquarium – A world class aquarium just 5 minutes away! They also have other natural displays and an IMAX theater. 717 General Booth Boulevard; virginiaaquarium.com

Military Aviation Museum – Home to one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II era military aircraft in the world. Just 25 minutes away! 1341 Princess Anne Road; militaryaviationmuseum.org

Norwegian Lady Statues – The Norwegian Lady stands on the boardwalk overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Virginia Beach, VA, and her twin sister stands on the beach in Moss, Norway as a memorial of a tragic shipwreck in the year 1891, and at the same time as a symbol of the friendship between the two sister cities. 25th St. and the Boardwalk; <http://thenorwegianlady.wordpress.com/about-2/>

Cape Henry Light – The Cape Henry Lighthouse silently guards the entry way into the Chesapeake Bay. Standing near the "First Landing" site of the Jamestown settlers where in

1607, Captain Newport raised a cross to offer thanks for their safe crossing of the Atlantic, the Lighthouse has stood sentinel since it was completed in 1792. 583 Atlantic Ave; <http://preservationvirginia.org/visit/historic-properties/cape-henry-lighthouse>

Old Coast Guard Station – This museum honors and preserves the history of Virginia's coastal communities and maritime heritage. 24th St and the Boardwalk; oldcoastguardstation.com

Jungle Golf – 18 holes of jungle-themed golf. A Virginia Beach favorite! 22nd St. and Pacific; jungle-golf.com

Virginia Beach Museum of Contemporary Art – 2200 Parks Ave (close to the oceanfront); virginiamoca.org

Flashback Old Time Photos – Cowboys, saloon girls, gangsters, flappers, southern belles, pirates and more! Dress up and memorialize Ministerium 2014 for years. 2018 Atlantic Ave; oldtimephotos.com

Virginia Zoo – A great zoo! 3500 Granby St. Norfolk, 23504; virginiazoo.org

First Landing State Park – Very nice hikes! 2500 Shore Drive; Google

Beer and Wine – Back Bay Brewing Co, Young Veterans Brewery, Beach Brewing Company. There is one local winery (Pungo Ridge), but it's closed on Tuesdays.



Free Time Activities



A Game of Golf

Enjoy a full afternoon on the golf course. Recently renovated Red Wing Golf Course will host golfers of all skill levels. The cost for golfers is \$32.00 plus tax and is payable at the golf course. Golfers wishing to carpool to the course should meet in the hotel lobby promptly at noon. As a church of grace, mulligans will be awarded abundantly and generously!

Cornhole Tournament

Are you ready for a little friendly competition? Come play in the Ministerium's first corn-hole tournament. Meet in the hotel lobby on Tuesday at 1:30 to walk down to the beach where the corn-hole boards will be set up. A minimum of four (4) people is needed play. No experience needed. This activity could take several hours to play depending on number of people and desire. There is no cost to participate in this activity.



Horseback Riding

Join us at 31st Street and Oceanfront Avenue 10-15 minutes prior to ride times of 2:00 and 3:00 pm, each for a 45-minute ride along the beach with experienced guides for the inexperienced rider. Horses are available for every kind of rider and ability for your enjoyment. We need 8-10 folks per group for a reduced rate of \$50.00 per person [(cash) (normally \$65.00 pp)]. Number of sessions may change depending on how many sign up.



A Spa Treatment - Not Just for the Ladies!

Perhaps you'd like some quiet time to be pampered. If so, join our spa instructor, Cindy Webb and her students from the Advanced Fuller School of Massage Therapy at the Festival Center between 12:00 pm and 4:30 pm for a 15-minute chair massage. The cost is \$ 20.00 (cash) payable at the time of treatment. May receive more than one massage!!

