Dr. Vincent Evener
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Dr. Vincent Evener joined the United Lutheran Seminary in fall 2015 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Dr. Evener is director of the seminary’s annual Luther Colloquy. His research examines how Martin Luther and other sixteenth century reformers sought to bring about a transformation in the way Christians perceived their world and lived their lives. Dr. Evener will answer questions following his presentation.

**Luther, Mysticism, and the Social Order**

Talk I: Martin Luther and Medieval Mysticism
This talk will explore Luther’s use and transformation of mystical teachings surrounding the soul’s experience of annihilation of the self and union with God. Luther and his allies did not seek a Reformation of doctrine alone; rather, they wanted to teach Christians how to experience God’s redemptive presence and to carry God’s love into the world.

Talk II: Mysticism, the Reformation, and Lutheran Spirituality
Luther taught Christians to seek union with God through faith in Christ and to exercise this faith in service to others within the social order. But other views of union with God and appropriate social action soon emerged. The use of mystical literature and concepts to describe faith remained both common and contested.

**How to Register**

This event is FREE. Refreshments will be provided. Registering prior to the event helps the committee plan appropriately for refreshments, seating and name tags.

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**Registration Form**

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