



Our Guest Speaker
The Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil

The Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil served in parish ministry for 31 years in various small town/rural, campus, suburban, central city and mission planting settings before moving to academia.

He was Associate Professor in the Pastoral Ministry and Missions Department of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana from 2002 – 2008. In July, 2008, he accepted the call to serve DOXOLOGY, a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, as Executive Director for Spiritual Care. Senkbeil served as an elected member of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the LCMS (1998-2002) and an elected member of the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2010-2018). In 2001 that institution awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*. He is the author of a number of books, including *Sanctification: Christ in Action* (NPH, 1989) and *Dying to Live: the power of forgiveness* (CPH, 1994), plus contributions to many other books and professional theological and pastoral journals. His friends and colleagues celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination into the office of the holy ministry with a festschrift entitled *Take Courage* (New Reformation Publications, 2016). His book on pastoral work, *The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart*, was published by Lexham Press in 2019, together with a companion volume, *Pastoral Leadership for the care of souls*, co-authored with DOX Collegium Fellow Dr. Lucas Woodford. In 2020 Lexham published his *Christ and Calamity: Grace and Gratitude in the Darkest Valley*, and *The Lord's Prayer for All God's Children* in 2022 (a FatCat Book).

He and his late wife, Jane, are the parents of three children and four grandchildren, all of whom live near Waukesha, Wisconsin. Since becoming DOXOLOGY's Executive Director Emeritus in 2020, Pastor Senkbeil leads the Collegium Fellowship and serves as editor for SEELSORGER, A Journal for the Contemporary Care of Souls.