

Curriculum Vitae

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OBJECTIVES

Mary seeks to serve local congregational needs and prepare resources for the Lutheran church at large.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Mary is a classical homeschooling mother with six children, and she writes books, poetry, and curriculum as time allows. She has also created and moderates several websites for the sake of compiling and developing resources for Lutheran writers (maryjmoerbe.com), Lutheran educators (LutheranHomeschool.com), and Lutherans in general (Cranach.org). She is passionate about connecting resources with those who would benefit from them.

She is a flexible problem-solver, who fills in as needed, whether that means learning piano to accompany worship services or teaching early elementary music during a nearby school's Covid modifications. She works well independently or in group settings and enjoys organization and technical writing, as seen in her work rewriting both the Constitution and By-Laws and the Policy Manual and Handbook of the Concordia Deaconess Conference. She loves to enable and encourage others, as can be seen in her development of pastoral planners, curriculum options, websites, and in-person diaconal care, because she affirms that vocation, as revealed in God's Word, demonstrates that human lives are an interwoven web of support.

She has skills in typing, writing, editing, publishing, speaking, organizing, research and Wordpress. In the past, she has dabbled in Excel, PowerPoint, and InDesign.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Theology with deaconess certification, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2008.

Bachelor of Arts cum Laude in Letters (Interdisciplinary degree combining history, literature, philosophy, and languages, based on the Oxford model), University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 2003.

Bachelor of Musical Arts with a secondary emphasis in Russian Area Studies and minors in Religious Studies and Latin, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 2003.

WORK EXPERIENCE

CURRENT

Trinity Lutheran Church, Blackwell, Oklahoma
Church Pianist/ Accompanist (2020-present)

Accompanist for Sunday, Wednesday, and catechetical services
Deaconess (February 2019-present)
Choir Director (2010-2020)
Church & Little Lamb Lending Librarian
Social Media Administrator
Mercy Outreach
Pre-catechetical teaching

LutheranHomeschool.com, a central location and marketplace for digital Lutheran resources (May 2019-present)
Founder, Developer, Webmaster

Cranach.org, the website for the Cranach Institute (CTSFW), Moderator and Developer (2019-present)

MaryJMoerbe.com, a blog and resource website known as *Meet, Write, and Salutory* (January 2016-present)

Encourages Lutherans to write
Guides and supports Lutheran authors through publication
Maintains lists of Lutheran publishing resources for writers and lists of living Lutheran authors for Lutherans at large
Supports Lutheran authors through announcing new releases and reviewing books

Classical Homeschooler, preschool through sixth grade (August 2013-present)

Freelance & Contract Author (August 2008-present)
LCMS World Relief & Human Care
The Cranach Institute

WORK HISTORY

First Lutheran School, Ponca City, Oklahoma, **Part-Time Early Elementary Music Teacher** (August 2020-May 2021)
Taught 4K and First Grade music once a week.

Part-Time Research Assistant to George Strieter (December 2019-April 2020)
I researched copyright use, roofing companies, and wrote a few chapter summaries.

PALS Wives Facilitator for Oklahoma District LCMS (2014-2015).

The Cranach Institute (CTSFW), **Diaconal Writer** (March 2009-February 2011)
I researched and co-wrote *Family Vocations* with Dr. Gene Veith.

GOOD NEWS, Circulation then **Assistant** then **Executive Assistant to the Editor** Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz (July 2003-June 2005).
Initial work consisted of customer service, filing, and filling shipments singly and bulk.
Later work included dictation, maintaining extensive research databases, correspondence, etc.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Norman, Oklahoma, **Choir Director** (2002-2003)

University of Oklahoma, **Fine Arts Library Assistant** (January 2001-2003)

Manpower, Annapolis MD, **Temporary Worker** (Summers of 2001 & 2002)

I worked for bank executives, a mortgage company, and pharmaceutical researchers.

INTERNSHIPS & FIELD WORK

- LCMS World Relief & Human Care (WR-HC) at the LCMS International Center (IC) & St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbia, Illinois, Deaconess Internship (2007-2008)
 - Supplemented visitation for the congregation and Deac. Karen Pitkin at a large retirement center
 - Took minutes for LCMS World Relief & Human Care staff meetings
 - Assisted WR-HC prison ministry, mercy medical trips, and communications
 - Worked with WR-HC deaconess ministry, hosting vending tables, researching projects, developing visitation resources, etc.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Bingen IN, field worker (2005-2007)
 - Supplemented visitation
- Diaconia Center, Riga, Latvia, Summer Intern (Summer 2006)
 - Taught English to childcare workers
 - Helped with food distributions
 - Cataloged the center's theological library
 - Helped with a children's program

PROJECTS

Books

- *Trinity for Tots* (Independently published April 24, 2021).
- *Ecclesial Poetry: Volume I: Introduction* (Independently published October 11, 2019).
- *Blessed: God's Gift of Love* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2016).
- *Whisper, Whisper: Learning about Church* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2015).
- *How Can I Help: God's Calling for Kids* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2014).
- *Family Vocation: God's Calling in Marriage, Parenthood, and Childhood*, co-written with Gene Veith (Wheaton: Crossway, 2012).
- Liturgical Planners published through Lulu.com
 - *Pastoral Planner* for 2022-2023
 - *Deaconess Planner* for 2022-2023
 - *Pastoral Planner* for 2021-2022
 - *Pastoral Planner* for 2020-2021
 - *Pastoral Planner* for 2019-2022

Contributions to Books

- *CCLE Resource Guide*, compiled by Cheryl Swope, upcoming 2022 or 2023
- *Church Year Connections Series – Year A*, edited by Tom Nummela, Seven devotions at the end of the church year (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2016.)
- *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt* (St. Louis: LCMS, 2016).
 - "A Merciful Servant of the Cross: Theology of the Cross for Christian Caregivers"

- “Called to Help: Vocation in Mercy Work”
- *Eternal Treasures: Teaching Your Child at Home*, edited by Cheryl Swope and Rachel Whiting (LCMS, 2015)
- *Visitation*, edited by Arthur Just and Scot Kinnaman (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2008)

Articles (Excluding Blog Posts)

- *The Lutheran Witness*
 - “Collect Your Thoughts; Collect Your Prayers,” February 2021
 - “Rise and Go,” April 2020
 - “Getting It Done,” September 2018
 - “Home Sweet Home,” September 2016, 14-15.
 - “Give Parents a Chance,” co-written with Gene Veith, February 2013, 18.
- “Prepare the Royal Highway,” Christ Academy Advent Devotional, *Come, Greet Your Promised King*, CTSFW 2021
- Crossway Online Articles
 - “An Open Letter to Daughters on Father’s Day,” (June 21, 2020)
 - “Help! I’m Feeling Stressed about Finances,” (July 13, 2019)
- “The Harvest,” *Modern Reformation*, July/August 2015, Vol. 24, No. 4.
- “Family as Calling: How Martin Luther’s doctrine of vocation can mold marriage, parenting, and childhood.” Interview by Caryn Rivadeneira, *Christianity Today*, March 2012, 51.
- “A Merciful Servant of the Cross: Theology of the Cross for Christian Caregivers,” *Toward a Theology of Mercy Contest*, LCMS Board for World Relief and Human Care (St. Louis: LCMS 2008).
- *Sharing* (LCMS World Relief and Human Care)
 - “Small-town Care Center Shares Christ in Big Ways,” May-June 2008.
 - “Reviving Malnourished Children in Africa,” March-April 2008.
 - “Deaconess Establishes Pregnancy Center,” January-February 2008.
- *Caring* (LCMS World Relief and Human Care)
 - “A ‘Heart for Service’ on the Border, 3.” Spring 2008.
 - “New Campaign Helps Asian Mothers Choose Life,” 13. Spring 2008.
- “Donation Helps Russian Pregnancy Centers,” Supplement to the *Reporter*—Prepared by LCMS World Relief and Human Care, 3.
- “Mercy Medical Teams: Bringing a Touch of Christ’s Mercy,” *Mercy Works*, Summer/Fall 2007, 12-14.

Additional Projects

- Event Planning for Oklahoma District Pastors’ Wives’ Retreats
 - Sullivant Center, Norman, Oklahoma 2019
 - Bricktown, Oklahoma City, 2018
 - Woodward, Oklahoma 2014
- Study Guides
 - *Mercy in Action: Essays on Mercy, Human Care and Disaster Response* (LCMS 2017).
 - *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt* (LCMS 2017).
- *Dear Mother*, a booklet of encouraging devotions for new mothers (LWML 2017).
- Coloring book with commentary for children affected by domestic violence (LCMS 2015).

- Coloring book with commentary for children affected by abuse (LCMS 2015).
- *Portals of Prayer* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House),
 - October 2015
 - Additional Prayers, April-June 2008

Presentations & Speaking Engagements

- Phoebe Academy, CTSFW
 - Family Vocations, 2021
 - Devotional Life & Writing, 2020
- LCMS Montana District Church Workers' Conference, October 2020
 - "Vocation, the Word, and Baptism"
 - "A Great Exchange and the Office of Child"
 - "Brothers & Sisters"
 - "Pre-Question and Answers"
 - "Marriage"
 - "Parenting and More"
- "Vocation is Now," pertaining to parents of teens, Real Love Waits, Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 2013.
- Family Vocation Seminar, Indiana, March 2013.
- Family Vocation Seminary, Circuit 14 Pastor-Lay Leadership Retreat, Palestine, Texas, February, 2013.
- "Family Vocations: God's Work in and for Wives," Tell the Good News about Jesus Evangelism Convocation, Casper, Wyoming, January, 2013.

Memberships

- LWML (2010ff): Society President (2017-present)
- Concordia Deaconess Conference (2009-present): Vice President (2021-present) & Editor (November 2009-2014)
- Consortium for Classical Lutheran Educators

Licenses & Certificates

- In-Process to receive CCLE Educator Certification
- Deaconess Certification (CTSW 2008)