

With
DR. SAM
GIERE

The logo for 'Pitchfork & Hay' features a line-art illustration of a pitchfork on the left and a roll of hay on the right. The word 'Pitchfork' is written in a large, black, cursive font, and '& Hay' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The background of the logo is a large, stylized, golden-brown ampersand shape.

Pitchfork & Hay

GIVING YOU TOOLS FOR
MINISTRY
AND THE NOURISHMENT
TO USE THEM

FEAR NOT

FAITH, THE CHALLENGE(S) OF NATIONALISM, AND THE

Reconciled Imagination

4-6 MARCH
2024

Shalom Hill Farm
Windom, MN

ALL-INCLUSIVE RETREAT W/LODGING | \$400
COMMUTER RATE | \$275

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RETREAT OVERVIEW

The complicated relationship between politics and religion predates the founding of the republic. With the ratification of the First Amendment (1791) and Jefferson's clarifying statement that the first amendment built "a wall of separation between church and state" (1802) the scene was set for a series of battles over this relationship that continues to the present. At present, the growing influence of nationalism, particularly Christian nationalism, presses upon the "wall of separation" having increasingly divisive impacts on grassroots communities and congregations. This division is often rooted in the cultivation of a "gospel" of fear, that runs contrary to the freedom that comes through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Dr. Giere's presentations focus on the nature and appeal of Christian Nationalism and a theological response rooted in the transformative power of the Gospel, the promise of faith in Jesus Christ, and the particular freedom that faith in Christ yields.

FACILITATOR BIO

S.Dr. "Sam" Giere (Ph.D. - University of Saint Andrews) serves as Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, USA, Earth. His most recent publication is *Freedom & Imagination: Trusting Christ in an Age of Bad Faith* (Fortress, 2023). In the interest of exploring the fleshy quirks of his humanity, he enjoys being engaged by varied narratives, playing with language, exploring the theological heart of the faith, and pondering the expansive nature of God's mercy and love revealed in Jesus Christ. Oh yeah..., he is also interested in fishing (not so much in catching) and in bagpiping and delights in time spent with family and friends.



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RETREAT FEES

\$400 all-inclusive

includes three meals daily, lodging March 3-5, continuing education

\$275 Commuter Rate

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FACILITY AMENITIES

Basic Amenities:

Beds with linens provided
Towels, washcloths
Homemade meals
Coffee and refreshments
Fireplace
Library
Wi-Fi

Recreation:

Large Sauna
Ping Pong
Pool Table
Ample nature trails for:
-Hiking, Snowshoeing, or
cross country skiing (bring
your own equipment)
-Outdoor fire circle and
labyrinth



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RETREAT SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 3rd

**Afternoon/
Evening**

Welcome! Arrival and check-in

Monday, March 4th

8:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM

Morning Devotion + Introductions

9:30 AM

Session One

10:30 AM

Break/Snack

10:45 AM

Session Two

High Noon

Dinner

1:00-6:00 PM

Retreat Time: Movies, Snowshoeing, Cross country skiing, Sauna-ing, Board gaming, Pool, Table Tennis, Napping, and/or Relaxing with a book by the fire.

5:00-6:00 PM

Optional Breakout Session: Casual Conversation with Sam on the topics of the morning or questions you have been pondering.

6:00 PM

Supper

7:30 PM

Evening Fellowship Time: Snacks with beverages of choice

Tuesday, March 5th

8:00 AM

Breakfast

9:15 AM

Morning Devotion

9:30 AM

Session Three

10:30 AM

Break/Snack

10:45 AM

Session Four

High Noon

Dinner

1:00-6:00 PM

Retreat Time: Movies, Snowshoeing, Cross country skiing, Sauna-ing, Board gaming, Pool, Table Tennis, Napping, and/or Relaxing with a book by the fire.

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RETREAT SCHEDULE, CONT.

Wednesday, March 6th

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Session Five
10:00 AM	Packing up and setting up for worship
11:00 AM	Closing Worship
High Noon	Grab n' Go Lunch (or Sit n Eat before you go if you like)

MISCELLANY

Retreat attendees are encouraged and welcome to bring any snacks or beverages to consume or share with the group. Alcoholic beverages **are** permitted at the retreat center. Please contact Shalom Hill Farm (phone: 507-831-2232 email: shfdirector@gmail.com) with any dietary restrictions or other accommodations that may be needed.