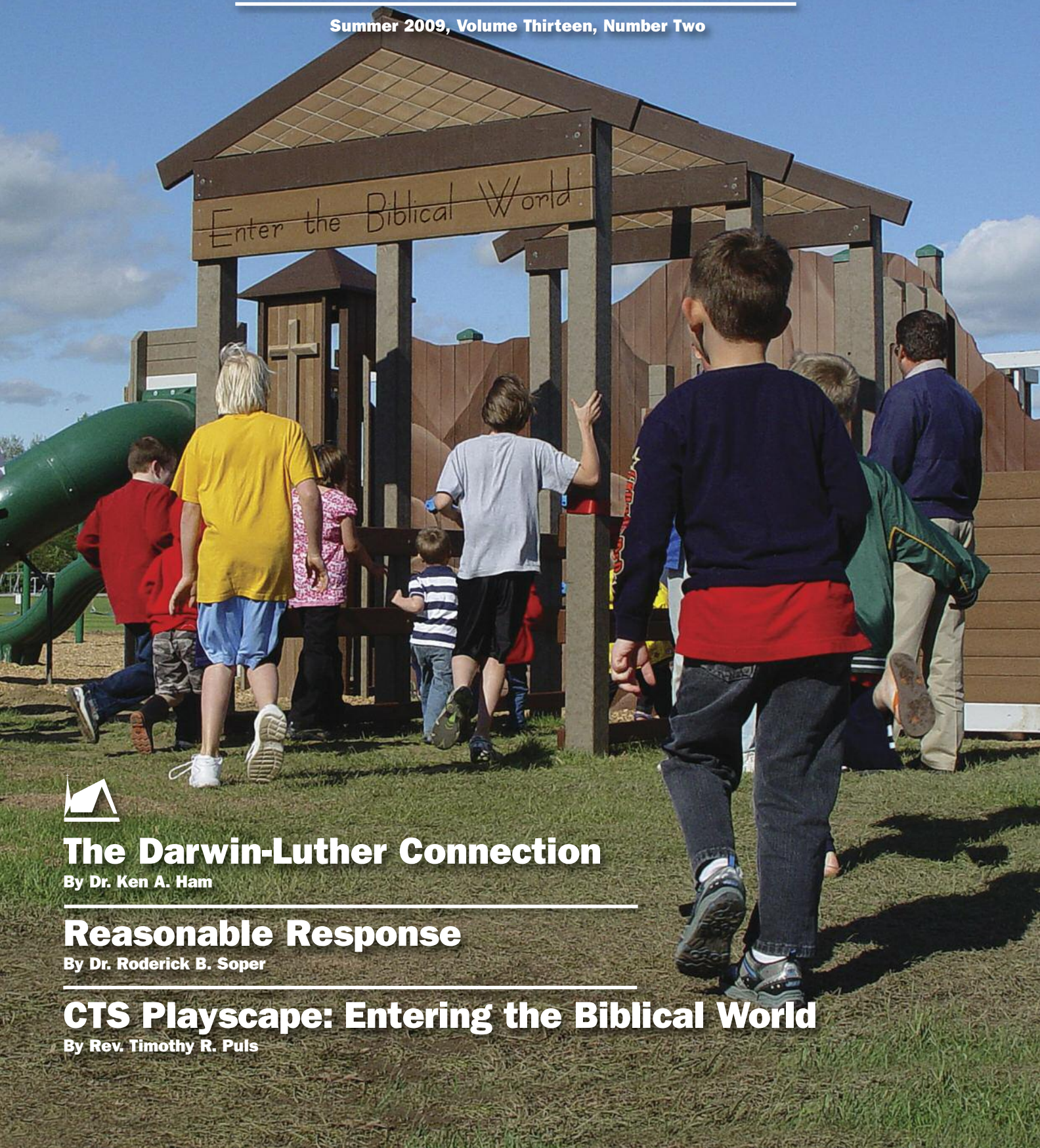


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Whether it's liberal theology, evolutionism, the age of the earth, or moral issues (e.g., abortion and gay marriage), these are all ultimately battles over the same issue. In 2 Corinthians 11:3, the Apostle Paul warns us about an ever-present danger: "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." Take one look around our world. A need for a new reformation is evident, both for our culture and for the church. We must return to the Bible as our absolute authority.

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It is critical to understand that science states that natural selection is random and undirected, meaning God (if He is out there) did not have anything to do with it. In fact, science is a method of searching for truth that intentionally keeps God out of the picture. Therein, of course, lies the rub. The Genesis account of creation puts all of the work in the hands of God, telling us that God created all things out of nothing. Seems like we have diametrically opposed opinions about how we all got here. Can both be correct?

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Children entering the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary to play on the new playground really do enter the biblical world. Not only is it an enjoyable place to explore and exercise physically, but it is also a place that exposes and illustrates some biblical truths and narratives taken from the Holy Scriptures. Children as young as age 2 can sit on and play in Noah's Ark, touch Jonah's Fish, crawl in Daniel's Den, or hop on the Seven Day Steps of Creation. The more skilled explorers can hang from Peter's Net, navigate their way up Jacob's Ladder, or climb the Mt. Sinai Rock Wall.

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# A Christian Leader for Today's World

By Michelle Bauman



**M**iss America 2009 Katie Stam is the first LCMS member ever to win the competition. In October, she will be the first Miss America to ever set foot on Concordia's campus.

"Welcoming someone to Concordia Theological Seminary in such an influential position, especially as a mentoring model for younger people, is truly an honor," said Rev. Timothy Puls, Assistant Vice-President for Church Relations.

"Katie's accomplishment is truly a testimony to her faith in Jesus Christ, her family and church. We pray for God's blessings upon her year of service in this position."

An LCMS Lutheran all of her life, Katie attended preschool at Zion Lutheran Church, in Seymour, Indiana; elementary school at St. John's Sauers Lutheran School in rural Seymour; and was baptized and confirmed at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Dudleytown, Indiana. Katie is currently a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour.

As the reigning Miss America, Katie's primary goal this year is to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, a network of about 170 children's hospitals across the United States and in Canada. Her work will provide hope and financial support for children with cancer.

In addition to her fundraising obligations, her work also focuses on bringing a message of hope, courage, and character to students of all ages. Her visit to Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will give her yet another opportunity to do so.

"Concordia's mission is to provide for lifelong learning and service among all those connected to the school. We are excited to have Katie share with our family her

unique service opportunity, learn from her story, and consider how it can impact each of us in our lives of personal service," said Terry Breining, Executive Director at CLHS.

Katie's faith has been evident from the very beginning. She has never shied away from spreading the message of Christ. This was especially evident in the talent portion of the competition as she chose to sing of Christ's crucifixion in the famous "Via Delarosa."

Her faith has also given her reign a purpose. At a recent stop at Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, Indiana, Katie encouraged students to be Christ to others. "Try to show Christ's love to others every single day. That's the most important thing you can do."

Being Christ's messenger won't always be easy for Katie. As she stated at the same stop, "I am Miss America to all people, to all opinions, to all beliefs, to all religions, and even to those who don't have a religion."

Though she may not be able to be as open about her faith as she'd like to, she plans to always be a messenger for Him. Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, President of Concordia Theological Seminary, believes her message and actions will benefit many.

"Our entire culture benefits when role models exhibit the virtues that inspire and stimulate persons to contribute their best efforts for the welfare of their neighbors, their community, and their country. Miss America, Katie Stam, is such a role model. The seminary is delighted to host her and to invite the community to hear her," said Wenthe. 