

The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier Third Vice-President

The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier is serving as third vice-president, and member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a position to which he was elected in 2010. He previously served as second vice-president (2004-2010) and fourth vice-president (2001-2004).

A history professor at Western Michigan University, Maier is a specialist in correlating data from the ancient world with the New Testament. He is the author of some 16 Christian-themed books and 250 scholarly articles. All of his books are now in print in 18 languages.

Maier's first documentary novel, *Pontius Pilate*, was published by Doubleday in 1968. He also is the author of a best-selling trilogy of books on the life of Jesus Christ and earliest Christianity called *In the Fullness of Time*. Other titles include *The Flames of Rome* (1981), *A Skeleton in God's Closet* (1994) and *More Than a Skeleton* (2003). Maier's biography of his late father, Dr. Walter A. Maier, founding speaker of The Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, entitled *A Man Spoke*, *a World Listened*, was published in 1963.

Maier also is the author of seven children's books including *The Very First Christmas*, which received the Gold Medallion Award in 1999. Six videos he has produced for use in congregational Bible study have been widely used.

In addition to his professorial role, Maier was also Lutheran campus chaplain at Western Michigan University from 1958 to 1999. He has served the Synod in numerous offices. He was the chairman of the Commission on Church Literature (1980-81) and a member of the Board of Regents of the Concordia University System (1989-2001) and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2001-2010).

Maier attended Harvard College, later receiving a Master of Arts degree in 1954 from Harvard University. After studying also at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1955, as well as a Ph.D., graduating summa cum laude from the University of Basel, Switzerland, in 1957.

Maier and his wife Joan live in Kalamazoo, Mich., and are members of Zion Lutheran Church. They have four daughters.