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Albert Collver III

“The Professorship That Never Came: Professor comes from a Latin word about speaking in public: profiteri, the same root as confess. In May 1948 Hermann Sasse wrote President Behnken six pages on what Bad Boll would face. He crossed the ocean that summer as Missouri’s guest. The faculty that invited him to teach did not let him teach.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. October 22, 2026. Badbollbook.com

The Fourth Film: Propaganda is a Latin word about gardening: propagare, to root a new plant from a pinned-down shoot. In December 1947 Bishop Meiser asked the Americans to guard against it. After supper in 1948, they showed films. Three were about the Synod’s work. The fourth told a story about a German church.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. October 15, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“1948: The Augsburg Confession: Confess comes from a Latin word about speaking: confiteri, to acknowledge openly. In June 1948, three days after Germany changed its money, 311 German churchmen came to a Swabian spa to read the Augsburg Confession with Missouri. The question of Scripture came early and was never argued through.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. October 8, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“Ebenezer: Ebenezer is Hebrew for “stone of help.” It is also the name of a Welsh tune that two Bad Boll men turned into one of the Missouri Synod’s best-loved hymns. Did the conferences have anything to do with “Thy Strong Word”? The documents say more than a coincidence and less than a cause.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. October 1, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“Decide Between Boll and Sasse: Decide is a Latin word about cutting: decidere, to cut off. In February 1948 a cable from Stuttgart demanded a cut — Bad Boll, or

Hermann Sasse in Saint Louis. No document records the decision ever being made. The file simply goes cold, and that is the story.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. September 24, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“*Begegnung*: Conference is a Latin word about carrying: conferre, to bring things together. The documents that planned Bad Boll kept reaching for a different word — one with “against” hidden inside it — and the difference tells much about what the enterprise thought it was for.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. September 17, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“The Telegram and the \$1.9 Million: Relief is a Latin word about weight: relevare, to lift again. Before the Missouri Synod sent Germany a single theologian, it sent \$1.9 million worth of milk, clothing, and books — and a telegram its editors printed exactly as the wire delivered it.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. September 10, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“Emergency: Emergency is a Latin word about water: what is emergent is what rises up out of it. The machine that carried the Missouri Synod to Germany first broke the surface in 1932, on a letterhead, formed to save the Synod from its own debts.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. September 3, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“Bad: Three hundred theologians came to a spa town to reconsider the Augsburg Confession. The name of the place is a bath; the academy that received them was three years old; and the house, it turns out, was Blumhardt's own.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. August 27, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“The Shining Star of Materialism: He was born in Minnesota, raised in China, trained at a St. Louis seminary, and spent his life writing the history of Württembergers who left. Then he came back with an American army.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. August 20, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“A Letter from Württemberg: The last post said the next would come in September. A reader in Württemberg had other ideas and sent three pages that changed the book.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. August 13, 2026. Badbollbook.com

“Why This Series Runs on Thursdays: A hometown paper in Moline recorded a young man's summer in 1953. Nineteen years later he wrote the sentence this book takes as its warrant.” Albert Collver. Thursdays at Bad Boll Series. August 6, 2026. Badbollbook.com