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To join the meeting via Zoom, click this url: <https://umn.zoom.us/j/8907500663>

Jennifer Schultz earned a Ph.D in health economics and paid for her education using student loans, scholarships, and by working multiple jobs, starting with parking cars at the county fair at age 14, then working at a restaurant and grocery store. Today she lives in Duluth with her husband (a criminologist) and two teenage sons. Jennifer previously served eight years representing Duluth in the Minnesota Legislature, working with both Republicans and Democrats in a divided government, where neither party had complete control.

While in the Legislature, she served as Chair of House Human Services Finance & Policy Committee where she advanced measures to improve access to affordable healthcare and reduce prescription drug prices. She also served on Ways & Means, Taxes, Health Finance and Redistricting Committees, as Vice Chair of the Council of State Government Great Lakes Legislative Caucus Executive Board, and as a Commissioner on the Great Lakes Commission where she advocated for the protection of the Great Lakes, climate resilience, restoration of habitat, invasive species, and economic development.



A listing of unanswered questions from LSF's September 1st discussion between Pastor Aaron Fregard and LSF's Rod Froseth.



- What secular people fear: Biblical view of women, Abolishing contraception, Homophobia -- Leviticus, Letter to Romans, Outlawing abortion, All the dark side of the Old Testament.
- Do you agree that we humans behave differently when in a group? (Tribalism of any kind can and does distort morality. Thus patriotism can also distort morality just as religion or political ideology)
- Why do evangelical Christians embrace Donald Trump who is one of the least Christ-like figures in American politics, ie his penchant for adultery, falsehoods, fraud, sexual assault, cruelty, greed, etc? Would you agree that the Harris/Walz agenda of providing for the needy, treating women respectfully, investing in children's health, taking care of the elderly, etc. be a more "Christlike" aspiration?
- Secular people fear a theocracy, because "Theo" seems imaginary to us. Thus, infinitely corruptible and easily self-deluded humans are empowered to tell us (construct) His ideas and commands.
- Which presidential candidate do you expect to best support the opportunity for Patriotism not Nationalism?
- Is it possible Jesus' message was corrupted and the disciples messed it up so badly that we, today, can't get the "real" messages? (Not a yes no answer. Is it Possible?)
- "Charismatic" please define. How dare pastors apply this description to themselves? Shouldn't the audience decide who is charismatic? Why can't Christian Nationalists learn the lessons of history? All the theocracies of the past and those of the present. How can they believe they are any different? Can we say they are delusional? Theocrats succumb to "conservative" creep. That's what secularists fear!
- What would it take for you to leave Christianity? Why did you leave Christianity? Where do values come from? Nature or the Bible? Regarding gays -- do you "Love the sinner and hate the sin?"
- What makes a church "charismatic"? Does the Bible address "charisma"? Not metaphorically but literally?
- Your type of religion seems to have been adopted by the Republican Party. They have been targeting the LGBT+ and people of color community in harmful, painful, and dangerous ways. They're banning books and denying or withholding legislative funds for diversity and inclusivity programs. How is this hatred and fear, Christian? If you don't think this is happening, look at Idaho.
- What is the 7 Mountain Mandate?
- Today, it's about "power" (takeover) Have you read "The Power Worshippers"?
- A basic question: Does God exist? The universe is X billion years old. So, is God a fiction?
- How do you know that your religion is the only true and correct religion?

JOIN US FOR **HAPPY HOUR**

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday,
October 3rd at Mexico
Lindo, Fitgers Brewery
Complex**

**Mexico Lindo will validate your
parking and we will validate your
skepticism about religion.
See you there!**





Join us Wednesday October 16th at 5:30pm for LSF's Social Dinner at the LYRIC in the downtown Holiday Center 205 West Superior Street.



Don't miss the last Pavilion Party of 2024!

Join us October 26th, Rain or Shine, at 1pm, at the home of Bill Van Druten, 2931 Greysolon Road.



Maybe bring a food item or a magical libation to share with other attendees. Talk and laugh and tell spooky stories at Dr. Van Druten's home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!

