The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; 
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus ... (Is. 35:1)

“The Lord prepares the salvation of His exiled people. Today, no matter what foolishness or fear has snared you, confess your sins in the confidence that the Lord has redeemed you by grace alone and has prepared for you a new way of life.” (The Lutheran Study Bible, commentary on Isaiah 35)

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OUR MISSION is to support and encourage the members of the District in carrying out the mission Christ has given His Church.
President’s Office

Calls and Vacancies

PASTORAL CALLS

- Rev. Michael Henrichs – Our Savior, Whitefish Bay, WI to Hope, Shawnee – pending
- Rev. Aaron Schnelle – St. Peter, St. Joseph, MO to Bethany, Wichita – pending

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS – PASTORS

- Rev. Cody Norton – Christ, Wathena to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces – May 10

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

- Abilene, Faith (sole)
- Clay Center, St. Paul (associate)
- Elkhart, Christ (sole)
- Ellsworth, St. Paul (sole; seminary)
- Erie, Good Shepherd and Hepler, Immanuel (sole; seminary)
- Herington, Our Redeemer
- Leavenworth, St. Paul (associate; seminary)
- Overland Park, Bethany (associate; seminary)
- Shawnee, Hope (senior
- Topeka, Christ (sole)
- Topeka, Faith (senior)
- T.I.G. Partnership (Trinity, Garden City; Immanuel, Lakin and Grace, Ulysses; associate)
- Wichita, Bethany (sole)
- Wichita, Holy Cross (associate; seminary)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- St. Paul, Leavenworth – Teacher
- Trinity, Atchison – Principal
- Bethany, Overland Park – Teacher

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- DCE Erika Troester – Holy Cross, Dodge City to Beautiful Savior, Lee’s Summit (English District) – accepted
- DCE Heather McCormick – Faith, Topeka to Grace, New Albany, IN – pending
- Principal Eric Pralle – Zion, Independence to Trinity, Atchison – pending
- Teacher Miriam Murray – St. John, Alma to Christ, Columbus, NE, pending
- Teacher Rebecca Blessing – Faith, Las Vegas to Holy Cross, Wichita – pending

At a Glance: 2020 Call Day

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
April 28

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
April 29 (Vicars & Deaconesses)
April 30 (Candidate Calls)
February Board Report Summaries Available

The February 2020 Board Report Summaries are now available on our website, with links from the homepage as well as our Board of Directors page. **If you’re looking for news to share about the Kansas District with your church council, boards, or voters, we encourage you to take a few minutes to scan through the summaries.**

A few highlights:

- The District Office will resume management of the Retreat Center, with thanks to Rev. Mark and Kristi Lovett for their recent service.
- A survey on teacher colloquy sent to Kansas District principals revealed a need to raise awareness of the desirability of rostered status for teachers.
- Circuit visitors have been encouraged to submit call documents to Heather Williams in the Business Office for financial review before calls are officially extended. This will help address any financial peculiarities or concerns before the call reaches the worker.
- Congregational receipts for 2019 totaled 98.62% of the budgeted amount of $1,449,625.
- We expect to launch our 2021 convention webpage May 4, in conjunction with the nominations mailing that marks the start of the public phase of the convention cycle.

The Board also welcomed newly elected secretary Rev. Robert Grimm (taking notes in the photo to the right, next to Dave Bruns). Grimm is stepping in for Rev. David Meier, who continues to work on recovering his health. Pastor Grimm has served as pastor at St. John, Alma since 1997 and has served the Kansas District in various roles, including vice-president (2003-2009), secretary (2009-2012), and member of the Constitution Committee (2009-present).

### 2020 Pastors Conference: Call for Sectionals

**Attention Kansas District pastors:** The committee for the 2020 Pastors Conference, to be held October 4–6 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City, is inviting submissions for breakout sectionals. The sectionals will be 60 minutes in length and should be pastoral/theological in nature.

This year’s theme is “One Body,” based on 1 Corinthians 12:12, but sectionals may address any topic. Although sectional choice is open, the committee is looking for sessions that focus on St. Paul’s writings, especially his writings on the topics of Koinonia and theology of the body, including marriage, gender, and sexual identity. The conference speaker, Rev. Lucas Woodford, president of the LCMS Minnesota South District, will also be addressing the writings of Paul.

**If you would like to present a sectional,** please submit a [Pastors Conference Presenter Form](mailto:apfelpastor@gmail.com), available on the homepage of the Kansas District website, to Rev. Michael Apfel ([apfelpastor@gmail.com](mailto:apfelpastor@gmail.com)) and Heather Williams ([heather@kslcms.org](mailto:heather@kslcms.org)) no later than May 15. You don’t need to have a completed presentation or paper by this date; simply fill in the information on the form. Spaces for sectionals are limited. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

This is a great opportunity for the pastors of the Kansas District to sharpen their thoughts on a subject and do the godly work of leading their fellow servants in preaching and teaching. It’s also a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with other pastors, to open together the Word of God, and to strengthen one another in the true faith.
Prayer Requests

This month, we ask that you keep in your prayers:

- **Those grieving the loss of loved ones**, including
  - Rev. Perry and Susan Sukstorf (Redeemer, Olathe) and family at the death of Susan’s brother, Robert Berghel, Jr., February 22
  - Family of Rev. Dr. Karl Barth, president emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, who entered eternal rest in Jesus Sunday, Feb. 16, in Wauwatosa, WI
  - Rev. Ron Gloe and family at the death of Pr. Gloe’s mother, Delores Gloe, February 5
  - The family of Rev. Dale Lehfeldt, former Kansas District pastor (St. Paul, Preston), at his death January 11
  - Rev. Philip and Monique Miller (Mt. Calvary, Marysville) and family at the death of Monique’s father, Robert DeYoung, January 7

- **Those celebrating births**, including Rev. Aaron and Sarah Fenker (Immanuel and Bethlehem, Bremen), who welcomed a son, William, February 26


- **Those affected by the coronavirus**, that the Lord would bring healing and comfort to the sick and grieving, protect the vulnerable, and end the spread of the virus, according to His will

- **Churches and schools on our Facebook prayer list in March**:  
  - St. Andrews, Wichita, this week
  - Risen Savior, Wichita (church and preschool), Mar. 9
  - Bethany, Wichita (church and early childhood center), Mar. 16
  - St. John, Moundridge, Mar. 23
  - St. Paul, Lincoln, March 30

Rosters and Statistics Reports Due March 31

On January 31, a memo with log-in information was sent to all LCMS congregations by Synod Secretary Rev. Dr. John Sias, requesting completion of the **2019 Congregational Statistics Report** and the **Congregation Lay Leaders** document. **Reports are due March 31, 2020.**

The Kansas District exceeded 90% reporting last year. Let’s keep that streak going! If you need assistance, contact Rosters and Statistics at **rosters.stats@lcms.org**.
District Calendar

MARCH
Mar. 2–4: Six Pack Meeting (Regional Council of Presidents), Memphis, TN
Mar. 7: KAIRS Early Childhood Conference, Holy Cross, Wichita
Mar. 18–20: Great Plains Meeting (Regional Council of Presidents), South Dakota
Mar. 19: Pastors Conference Planning Committee GoToMeeting, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Mar. 21: LERT Train the Trainer Event, District Office, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
March 27–28: Pastors’ Wives Retreat, Retreat Center, Herington
March 31: Children’s and Family Life Committee Meeting, District Office, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

APRIL
April 9: Maundy Thursday; District Office closes at 2 p.m.
April 10–13: Easter break; District Office closed
April 24–28: LCMS Council of Presidents Meeting, St. Louis
April 28: Call Day, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
April 29: Call Day, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (vicar and deaconess assignments)
April 30: Call Day, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (candidate calls)
April 30: President’s Council (Board of Directors), District Office

You can find the full District calendar on the website HERE.

March Staff Travel Schedule

President Justin Panzer
March 1: Worship at St. John’s, Topeka; Lutherans for Life Event, Mt. Calvary, Wamego
March 2–4: Six Pack Meeting (Regional COP), Nashville, TN
March 5: Partnership Meeting, Bethlehem, Greenleaf
March 8: Worship at Immanuel, Junction City
March 9: Pre-call Meeting, Redeemer, Herington
March 10: Circuits 7 & 8, St. Paul, Clay Center
March 12: Pre-call Meeting, Christ, Wathena
March 18-20: Great Plains Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD
March 23: Pre-retirement/Pre-call Meeting, Faith, Ottawa
March 27: Pastor Wives’ Retreat, Herington

Rev. Dan Galchutt
March 1–5: Exponential Conference, Orlando, FL
March 10: Circuit 12 Meeting, Grace, Lyons
March 11: Preaching at Trinity Family of Faith, Basehor
March 22: Preaching at First, Phillipsburg
March 24: Circuit 3 Meeting, Christ Our Savior, Louisburg
March 31: Circuits 10 & 11 Meeting, Redeemer, Arkansas City

Jim Bradshaw
March 5: District Youth Gathering Planning Meeting, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka
March 7: KAIRS Early Childhood Workshop, Holy Cross, Wichita
March 27: KAIRS Executive Committee, Wichita Diocese

FEBRUARY SCENES

DCE Denise Sprengeler (Trinity, Leavenworth) is pictured above with a quilt she made for the Kansas District Retreat Center. Sprengeler presented the quilt, along with a Bible study called “Covered in Truth,” at the DCE Retreat in Herington, held February 23–24. Thank you, DCE Sprengeler!
In February, the Kansas District Board of Directors approved mission grants totaling nearly $142,000 to support mission outreach in Kansas in 2020. We pray that the Lord would bless the mission outreach efforts of all the recipients listed below.

**Church Planting**
- Ascension, Pratt
- North Central Kansas Outreach (Concordia)
- Kansas City Church Planting

**Hispanic Ministry**
- Grace, Wichita
- Kansas City Hispanic Ministry Support

**Campus Ministry**
- Haskell LIGHT
- Fairmount Ministries: An Outreach of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Wichita
- LCMS U at KSU – Campus Ministry
- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lawrence

**Congregational Projects**
- Christ, Topeka – Community Library
- Holy Cross, Wichita – International Friendship Center
- KansaSEED – Deaf Ministry
- St. Luke’s, Kansas City – Disciple Garden
- Risen Savior, Wichita – Early Recovery for Addictions
- Trinity, Mission and Shawnee – Enhanced Older Adult Ministry
- Zion, Newton – “Good Night Moon!” book project

*Every One His Witness and re:Vitality*
- Support for Kansas District congregations

**Progress on Partnerships, Church Planting**

**Partnership Meeting #2**
The partnership brainstorming group, made up of pastors and district personnel from Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, met at University Lutheran Chapel in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 10. Rev. Dan Galchutt and Kris Bruss from the Kansas District shared drafts of partnership materials that are in development, and the group provided input on fine-tuning and next steps. A webpage with partnership resources is expected to go live on the Kansas District site mid-April.

**Church Planting Meeting #2**
On February 22, around 15 people attended a follow-up meeting at Trinity Family of Faith in Basehor to continue the discussion of church planting possibilities in the Kansas City area.

“I think we came out of this meeting with many positives,” said Rev. Michael Hageman, chair of the Church Planting Committee. “We advanced the conversation and identified others who are willing to take the lead in the greater Kansas City area. This is a huge step! Rev. Jason Boetcher will be great in leading the group to look at a church plant along the K/10 corridor or in the De Soto area.”

Please keep this effort in your prayers!
Sacred Ground Event at Haskell

Haskell LIGHT Campus Ministry recently hosted a Sacred Ground event focused on healing from past traumas such as child sex abuse, child neglect, and domestic abuse, which are common in the Native community. Deacon Robert Prue, who leads Haskell LIGHT, noted that 35 people—mostly students, with some community and faculty members—attended the three-day event, during which presenters shared stories and then listened to participants in small groups. (Pictured to the left is one of several igloos the group used to accommodate breakout sessions).

As participants talked, leaders focused on listening from the heart and walking alongside them. “It was a great event,” said Prue. “Attendees were able to share their stories and hear the Gospel. It was a good step to allow healing to begin and to let participants know who the true Healer is.”

Prue said small groups will continue meeting once a week, as Haskell LIGHT continues to focus on building up the healing ministry on campus. They’re also hoping to expand their facility to create additional space to accommodate their ministry activities.

Seeking Planned Giving Advocates

The Kansas District is working to provide planned giving support for member congregations in partnership with the LCMS Foundation (lcmsfoundation.org). We’re now recruiting advocates in Kansas who will help congregation members learn about opportunities to practice Christian stewardship through planned giving while supporting their local congregations and other entities of the LCMS. Individuals interested in pursuing planned giving opportunities will then work with members of the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Team to create a plan that leaves a lasting legacy to the Church. More details are coming in the months ahead.

Our planned giving advocates in Kansas will receive training and support to carry out their role. Promising candidates will be personable, enthusiastic about planned giving, and willing to give presentations to congregations in their area. Please contact Jeff Maltz (Jeffrey.Maltz@lcef.org) to learn more about serving as an advocate in the Kansas District.

Short Takes: International Missions

1 MISSIONS GIFT: Senior Pastor Mark Schulz (left) of Trinity, Mission and Shawnee, presented a check from Trinity’s foundation for $60,000 to Pastor Brent Smith, mission development counselor at Mission Central, for mission work in central Asia and Mongolia.

2 CONTRIBUTOR LIST GROWS: In a recent presentation to Kansas District circuit visitors, Smith noted that the total number of 2019 contributors in Kansas, including churches, households, and other organizations, was 1,904, a number that has increased each year since 2016. Thanks be to God!

3 MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2020 Pentecost Offering on May 31 will give ALL Kansas District congregations the opportunity to join together to support mission work in West Africa. Details about how you can get involved will be coming soon.
Conference Offering to Support Worker Care

The 2020 Educators Conference worship service offerings have been designated for the District Church Worker Care Fund. All congregations and/or schools are highly encouraged to designate September’s chapel/Sunday school offerings for additional funding of this fund. This District discretionary fund has historically assisted both pastors and educators, spouses and their families in addressing a variety of unforeseen emergency worker needs. The goal for this special appeal is to invite each District school/congregation to raise a minimum of $50 each. The offerings will be received on Tuesday morning, October 13, at the Educators Conference in Junction City. Please set aside the month of September for this challenge!

Early Childhood Workshops

THIS MONTH! KAIRS Early Childhood Workshop

The 9th annual KAIRS Early Childhood Education Workshop, “STEAM for the Young Learner,” is coming your way Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School, Wichita.

Workshop director Jen Myers of Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool will open the day with "Making STEAM Achievable in Any Classroom." Keynote speaker Bryan Osborne, a speaker, writer, and curriculum specialist with Answers in Genesis, will then present "Quick Answers to Tough Science Questions." The workshop also features an afternoon of breakout sessions. Up to six clock hours are offered, pending state approval.

Register online at the KAIRS website or download and complete the registration form (available in the Quick Links section of kslcms.org).

COMING IN JULY: District Early Childhood Conference

God is the Strength of My Heart – Psalm 73:26

The 2020 Kansas District Early Childhood Conference, with featured speaker Dr. Marianne Gibbs, will be held Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church & Preschool, 21320 Midland Dr., Shawnee, KS 66218. More information will be available soon. If you have questions in the meantime, call 913-563-5280.
Free Resource on Millennials and the Church

A new, free resource from Concordia Publishing House provides a summary of the 2016 LCMS study on millennials and the church. Relationships Count: Engaging and Retaining Millennials is available in either paperback or e-book format. It is the only research project specifically targeted at young adults who were raised LCMS but later left. The three-phase project, conducted by LCMS Youth Ministry and LCMS Research, used surveys and focus groups to gain a deeper understanding of retention rates of young people in the LCMS. The information collected and the insights gained will provide invaluable assistance to the Synod as it seeks to care for and equip the current generation of young adults as well as generations to come. Get your FREE copy of the paperback (while supplies last) or ebook today!

Lutheran Valley Retreat July 19–24

High school students:
Spend a week in Colorado this summer with others who share your faith!

Online registration for the Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) Summer Camp is now OPEN. The retreat will be held July 19–24, 2020 in Woodland Park, CO. Programming at the retreat is designed to help youth make new friends and identify more closely with the body of Christ as they recognize that the faithful body includes not just their home congregation but also individuals from all over Kansas, gathered together as one larger visible Church.

The cost for LVR is $450 per registrant. For a registration link and required forms, visit the LVR page, accessible from the “Education & Youth” menu on the Kansas District website.

Questions? Contact DCE Paul White at dcepaulwhite@gmail.com.

Lutheran Educators Attend KAIRS Conference

The Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools (KAIRS) celebrated its 50th year in Kansas February 10–11, 2020 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Attending the event from our LCMS Kansas schools (left to right): Lisa Brookover (Trinity, Atchison), Cindy Hammons (St. Paul, Leavenworth), Eric Pralle (Zion, Independence), Jim Bradshaw (Kansas District education executive), Jane Limback (Trinity, Winfield), Harmon Butler (St. John, Alma), and Mike Glowinski (Good Shepherd, Marysville).
The Christ Lutheran School boys and girls basketball teams took home a dual title for the first time in program history during the 68th annual Topeka Basketball Tournament in February. The girls team, led by coach Jason Jones and assistant coaches David Cooper and Jason Eickmeyer, came into the tournament highly motivated after a narrow loss last year to Holy Cross, Wichita. “To finally break through and win it this year was a tremendous accomplishment for our girls!” said Coach Jones. The boys team took home the championship by a 1-shot margin over Holy Cross, Wichita. “To be down the entire game and still find a way to win shows a lot about how these boys have grown,” said Head Coach Josh Veltri, who is assisted by Shawn Heller. Both head coaches praised the Topeka tournament for being competitive and well-run.

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Initial (Basic) LERT Training Event**
Facilitated by NE Training Team (A Team)
- First Lutheran Church, Paola
- March 14, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Registration: $10 (includes lunch)
- Contact: Brian Mead brian.t.mead2@gmail.com or 859-576-1892

A registration form is available on the Kansas District website. Please use the online registration link provided with the class code 0070 and mail your print form to Brian Mead at the address indicated on the form.

**LERT Train the Trainer Event**
March 21, 2020 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kansas District Office
- Facilitator: Kathy O'Day from Lutheran Church Charities
- Registration: $10 (lunch included)
- Registration deadline: March 13, 2020
- Registration form available on the District website
- Topics: Assessments, Muck & Gut, and LERT organizational structure. If you have questions or wish to be put on the list to attend this training, please contact Donna Williams ksdrc@gmail.com

**In the works**: Basic Chainsaw Training (TBA)
Storm Spotter Training
One source of training to add to your Disaster Response toolbox might be a Storm Spotter class. Most counties start offering free classes late winter and early spring. We certainly don’t advocate endangering yourself by chasing storms instead of seeking shelter, but the information shared at these meetings can teach you the signs of severe weather as well as the appropriate action to take so you can respond in a timely and safe manner if the need arises.

Ministry with Comfort Dogs
Did you know that you can invite our comfort dog teams to your school or congregational event? Our highly trained comfort dogs and their handlers are ready to answer the call to disaster or critical events in the Kansas District. We would like to raise awareness of this dynamic ministry in the Kansas District. If you are interested in knowing more or scheduling a visit, please contact DDRC Donna Williams and/or visit the LCMS Kansas District website and click on the Caring Ministry/Disaster Response tab.

Online Giving
This is exciting news! The red DONATE button appears on the dropdown menu under Business Office! You can give to Disaster Response or any ministry you are passionate about! Please pass on the word to your congregation!

Even with today’s technology, it is difficult to predict our weather this far out. However, in order to prepare, we try to get a glimpse of what might looming on the horizon. Some sources are predicting near-normal weather conditions through the summer season. However, tornadoes are expected to increase as early as mid-March and continue into April and May. The tornado season could be more active than usual. From June through August, weather patterns are likely to be drier and warmer than normal. Very hot weather is possible in late June and early July as well as early August which increases the fire risk. Be diligent. Be watchful. Be prayerful. Be prepared to adapt.

Donna Williams
Kansas District Disaster Response Coordinator
ksddrc@gmail.com
Isaiah 6:8
Pilot Test Underway: Church Worker Care Teams

The Kansas District Church Worker Care Committee has completed a draft resource guide for Church Worker Care Teams, which is now being pilot tested in several congregations.

Rev. Lee Hovel, chair of the committee, presented the guide at the February Board of Directors meeting, noting that he, Rev. Rocky Mease, and Education Executive Jim Bradshaw started moving in this direction in 2013.

“We’ve been listening to professional church workers about what they need. That’s what this effort is all about,” said Hovel. “Any time you hear about church worker care, I hope that you’ll include it on your prayer list and will make this a priority. Healthy church workers make for healthy congregations.”

After the pilot test period, the group will make revisions and share the resource with all congregations in the Kansas District.

Saints Alive After 55 July 12–14

Mark your calendars! The 2020 Saints Alive gathering will be held July 12–14 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, with keynote speaker Mark Schoepp and Bible study leader Rev. Dan Myers. The theme for the event is “Rejoice Always,” based on 1 Thess. 5:16–24. “Insight sessions” will feature the Kansas District Older Adult Ministry and Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT).

Business Office

Fish Fries, Soup Suppers & Door Offerings, Oh My!

Our congregations and schools implement so many amazing and creative ideas to raise money for ministry, but that soup supper, pancake feed, car wash or door offering aimed at a specific family in need could be putting your federal tax exemption at stake. There are many ways for a non-profit organization to lose its tax exemption, including participating in activities for private benefit. A 501(c)(3) organization’s activities should be directed exclusively toward their exempt purpose. Its activities should not serve the private interests, or private benefit, of any individual or organization more than insubstantially. The intent of a 501(c)(3) organization is to ensure it serves a public interest, not a private one.

A church or school could lose its exemption when an activity is purposefully aimed to benefit an individual or a narrowly defined group rather than the public, even when done in Christian love. That fish fry fundraiser for the family whose home caught fire is an example of a benefit that specifies one person, family or group. Naming an individual or family as a direct beneficiary of a church fundraiser is considered private benefit, for which the Internal Revenue Service could revoke the church’s federal tax exemption.
Before frustration sets in, this doesn’t mean that your congregation can’t help that struggling individual or family! Churches and schools can help families in need by holding fundraisers for benevolence funds, to which needy families can apply for assistance. The LCMS Congregational Treasurer’s Manual provides guidance on how these funds should be structured. Similarly, exempt organizations can also help students in need by fundraising for scholarship funds, to which students can apply for tuition funding. The key is that appeals must benefit the public, or the organization’s 501(c)(3) exemption status may be on the line. Keeping the purpose of fish fries and other fundraisers as broad as possible will eliminate the risk to your tax exemption.

As always, please contact the Business Office with any questions about how this information applies to your congregation or school.

IRS Group Exemption Error

The Business Office has been getting quite a few calls and emails from congregations asking how to prove that they are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization despite the Internal Revenue Service’s accidental deletion of the LCMS group exemption. For those unaware, in the Fall of 2019 the IRS accidentally deleted the entire LCMS out of their federally tax exempt master file. Because there is a large amount of coding to be entered in order to make the correction, the issue has yet to be resolved. To be clear, we have not lost our federal tax exemption, but congregations might continue to have problems proving their exemption until the issue is corrected. Staff at the LCMS International Center is working with the IRS to correct the deletion. This error affects every Synod organization including districts and congregations since we all share an identification number for our group exemption. If your congregation encounters difficulties because of this, please contact the Business Office.

Scholarships for Church Work Students

The Kansas District is once again offering scholarships to students pursuing a degree in church work at one of the Synod’s colleges or seminaries. The application deadline for 2020-21 scholarships is June 1. For an application and instructions, visit kslcms.org. Navigate to “Stewardship” and choose “Grants and Scholarships” from the menu. Scholarship amounts are based on available funds and the number of applications received. Awards are sent directly to the college or university.

Several other Kansas District organizations, including LWML, Lutheran Laymen’s League, and St. John’s Alumni Association, also offer scholarships. Links to these materials are available on the District website.

Communications

Easter Media Kit Available from the LCMS

The LCMS is making it easy for your congregation to reach out to your community this Holy Week with free media kits. The 2020 kit features the theme “Death Is Defeated – Jesus Has Won.” The 2019 kit, with the theme “Life and Death Are at Stake,” is also available. The kits include shareable social media graphics, a postcard, a newspaper column, and a newspaper ad. In addition to the customizable items, the LCMS has prepared a “how-to” guide with suggestions for using these items to reach out and share the Good News of Easter. You can access the media kits files and how-to guide at lcms.org.
Dear Kansas District Members,

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- Interest compounded and paid monthly.
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- Visa® debit card (optional).
- Additional deposits accepted ($25 minimum; new money only).
- Available to LCMS individuals, congregations and organizations.

Luke 1:37 – “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Blessings,

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Lutheran Lecture Series in Wichita

Lutheran Lecture Series XXV
April 25-26, 2020
Grace Lutheran Church, Wichita
“The Classical Education Model: Making Education Great Again!”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Thomas Korcok, Concordia University Chicago

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Korcok will teach at this year’s Lutheran Lecture Series on classical education. He will provide some history, explore the current scene and ask, “What’s wrong here?” and lay out the legacy of classical education as a better model for our Lutheran schools.

All begins on Saturday, April 25. Dr. Korcok will lecture on Saturday, preach at the Divine Services on Sunday, April 26 and lead the Sunday morning Bible class. For more information, call 316-685-6781 or email graceoffice@glc.kscoxmail.com. For an event flyer with more details, visit the Grace website.
Installations


Rev. Marty Reed was installed February 16 as associate pastor at Trinity, Atchison. From left, Jim Duitsman, Rev. Michael Dunaway, Rev. Marty Reed, Rev. Robert Ziegler, and Bart Lennington.

Job Opening: Preschool Director in Topeka

Prince of Peace Preschool seeks a passionate and energetic early childhood educator to provide leadership and direction for the staff, students and families. The ideal candidate will have a background that includes prior experience working in and/or supervising in a preschool setting, community building, and delivering a program that will engage young children in meaningful whole-child centered learning experiences. **Required qualifications:** 4-year degree in early childhood education or primary education; must meet all KDHE license requirements. **Preferred qualifications:** Experience working in and/or supervising in a preschool setting; experience in management, business, public relations or similar field. Interested candidates should submit a resume to lawless9646@gmail.com. Contact the preschool at 785-271-0913 for more information.

Choir Robes Available

Do you have a choir in need of robes? You’re in luck! Christ Lutheran in Topeka has robes that need a new home. (Christ received the robes a while back, and they don’t match the white ones they currently use.) There are 32 robes, plus one conductor’s robe with the sleeves gathered at the wrists (33 total) and 40 gold stoles. The robes appear to have been ordered in two different batches (the material on some are significantly lighter in weight) but look to have been designed to match each other; they’re nearly identical. If interested, contact Christ’s Office Manager Mel Lang at Office@christlcms.org.
**2020 Census: Every Person Counts!**

*Every 10 years the Census counts everyone living in the United States.*

*The 2020 Census is set to begin in March.*

Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, every count makes an equal impact. When you get a letter from the Census, become a part of history and participate! For more information, visit [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

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