



# WORKERS TOGETHER

Monthly Newsletter of the LCMS Kansas District | [kslcms.org](http://kslcms.org)

NOVEMBER 2020

## For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! (LSB 677)

*Image above: A statue of Martin Luther (with Verse 1 of "A Mighty Fortress" and "Here I Stand" inscribed on the back), stands in the Martin Luther section of Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka.*

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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. Joe Barlau – Redeemer, Seymour, IN to Faith, Abilene – accepted
- Rev. Philip Wolf – St. John, Purdy, MO to Christ, Wathena – accepted
- Rev. Anthony Fields – St. Paul, Coffeyville to Immanuel, Honey Creek, MO – accepted
- Rev. Mike Penikis – Hope, Shawnee to Tabor, Mountain, WI and Emmanuel, Suring, WI – pending
- Rev. Perry Sukstorf – Redeemer, Olathe to St. John, New Orleans, LA – pending
- Rev. Martin Lee, IIM – Immanuel, Lawrence to Faith, Ottawa – declined

### PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

- Rev. Ben Siebert at St. Paul, Lincoln (new partnership with St. John, Lincoln) – installation Nov. 29
- Rev. Philip Wolf at Christ, Wathena – installation date and time TBD
- Rev. Joe Barlau at Faith, Abilene – installation January 3 at 4 p.m.

### CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

- Erie, Good Shepherd and Hepler, Immanuel (sole)
- Herington, Our Redeemer (sole)
- Herington, Immanuel (Shady Brook) and Herington, St. John's (Lyon's Creek; sole)
- Leawood, Lord of Life (sole)
- Linn, Zion (sole)
- Mission and Shawnee, Trinity (associate)
- Ottawa, Faith (sole)
- Paola, First (sole)
- Scott City, Holy Cross (sole)
- Shawnee, Hope (senior)
- T.I.G. Partnership (Trinity, Garden City; Immanuel, Lakin; and Grace, Ulysses; associate)

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For weekly call updates, visit the [Calls and Vacancies](#) page of the Kansas District website. The list is updated every Tuesday (typically by 10 a.m.).

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### CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- Emporia, Messiah – DCE

### COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- Principal Scott Johnson – St. John, Norwood Young America, MN to Good Shepherd, Marysville – pending

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## Pre-Lent Conference Update



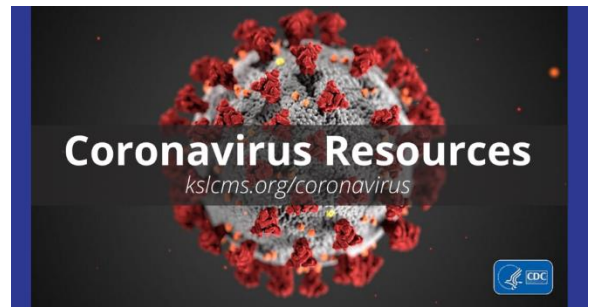
The annual Pre-Lent Conference, typically held in January, has been canceled this year due to pandemic-related concerns. "We've seen events and meetings canceled at the last minute, and we've had to do some scrambling ourselves," said President Justin Panzer. "With so many unknowns that could strike in January, we thought it would be best for everyone involved to cancel our Pre-Lent Conference in 2021." The circuit visitors meeting that usually precedes the conference has also been canceled.

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## COVID-19 UPDATE: Help for Tenants and Landlords

### *From the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation:*

The economic impact of the pandemic has left many Kansans unemployed or underemployed, uncertain how they will pay rent. While moratoriums provide temporary protection from eviction, rent continues to accrue each month, leaving tenants unsure how they will pay arrears, and leaving landlords without monthly income to pay bills and manage maintenance and upkeep.



Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) has worked closely with the Kelly administration, the Office of Recovery, and the Department of Children and Families to create the [Kansas Eviction Prevention Program \(KEPP\)](#). KEPP is designed to decrease evictions and increase housing stability by assisting landlords and tenants experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID pandemic.

Through the KEPP program, landlords and tenants apply for up to \$5000 per household to pay delinquent rental payments dating as far back as April 1, 2020. Payments will be made directly to the landlord, who must agree not to evict the household for nonpayment of rent for the months of KEPP assistance received. Landlords must also agree to waive any late fees accrued during the months for which assistance is received.

The deadline for applications is November 30. Program funds must be expended by December 30. Visit the [KEPP web page](#) for more information.

### **Soldiers of the Cross Amplified: Assistance Still Available**

Our church workers remain in our prayers during these challenging times. If you're a church worker suffering a financial setback related to the financial fallout with the pandemic, the Soldiers of the Cross Amplified Program is here to help. Applicants may receive up to \$2000 to help them get through a financial difficulty. The program is a joint effort of the LCMS, LCEF, and the Kansas District. Contact District SOC Grant Administrator Rev. Dan Galchutt [dangalchutt@kslcms.org](mailto:dangalchutt@kslcms.org) if you have any questions. For application materials, visit our [Coronavirus Resources page](#).

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## In Photos: 2020 Pastors Conference

The Pastors Conference looked a little different this year, with a smaller crowd, fewer vendors, and safety precautions in place, but the core elements remained the same. Clockwise from top: Pastors celebrating milestones in ministry; speaker Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs, who graciously agreed to deliver the keynotes on short notice; and Rev. Bob Grimm, in a one-of-a-kind mask.




The 2021 Pastors Conference is scheduled for October 10-12 and will again be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City.





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


- ❖ **Those grieving the loss of loved ones**, including
  - Tami Lierz and family at the death of her father, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Chris Weber, November 2
  - Rev. Joshua Woelmer and Kantor Bethany Johnson and family at the death of their grandfather, Don Woelmer, October 26
  - BOD member Jeremy Pera and family at the death of his brother, Rev. Gerhard Pera, former Kansas District pastor, October 26
  - President Justin Panzer and family at the death of Rev. Panzer's grandmother, Loretta Polson, October 10
  - The family of Norma Wolff Jacobs, former teacher at Grace, Kansas City, at her death October 5
  - The family of Steve Vandemark, former principal in the Kansas District, at his death September 25
  - Rev. Mark Wenzelburger and family at the death of Pastor Wenzelburger's mother, Barbara, June 3, and father, Edward, September 20
- ❖ **Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues**, including Chuck Jedele, Sheryl Sullivan, District President Rev. Brian Saunders, Deacon Bill Kuehn, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Tim Lavrenz, District President Rev. Barrie Henke, Diane Harries, Rev. Richard Andrus, Rev. Dave Meier, and Judy May
- ❖ **Those affected by the coronavirus**, including our Synod, districts, congregations, schools, and organizations; government leaders, health care workers, and other essential workers; and those dealing with isolation, illness, loss, or unemployment
- ❖ **Those affected by recent natural disasters**, including wildfires and hurricanes
- ❖ **Churches and schools on our [Facebook](#) prayer list in November**:
  - Hope, Shawnee and Hope Lutheran School, this week
  - Grace, Iola, November 9
  - Mt. Calvary, Marysville and Good Shepherd Lutheran School, November 16
  - St. Luke, Wheaton, November 23
  - Grace, Strong City, November 30



Together **We Pray** | November 2  
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

PSALM 23:4



### **We're still praying!**

"Together We Pray," our 90-day prayer campaign during the pandemic, ends Nov. 29. You can get the whole [collection of prayers](#) on our website on the [Together We Pray](#) page.

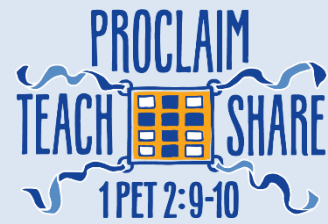


## NOVEMBER

- 6-7** LCMS Foundation Advocates Training, **POSTPONED**
- 9** Convention Planning Meeting, District Office, 12-3 p.m.
- 12** Worker Conference Planning Committee Meeting, District Office, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 12** Principals Meeting, Zoom, 1-2 p.m.
- 12** Partnership Advisory Group Meeting, Zoom, 2-3 p.m.
- 13** Professional Development Committee Training, District Office
- 14** LERT Leadership Team Meeting, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.
- 15-19** LCMS Council of Presidents Meeting (virtual)
- 15** Children's and Family Life Committee Meeting, 4-5:30 p.m.
- 17** Early Childhood Summer Conference Planning Meeting, Zoom, 1-2:30 p.m.
- 21** Kansas District Youth Gathering (virtual)
- 25** District Office closes at 2 p.m. for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 26-27** Thanksgiving Holiday; District Office closed

## DECEMBER

- 10** Principals Meeting, Zoom, 9-10 a.m.
- 15** Older Adult Ministry Committee Meeting, Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon
- 24-31** Christmas Holiday, District Office closed (reopening January 4)



### LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

Nominations for elected office and delegate forms are due November 30. For forms, visit the [convention webpage](#) at [kslcms.org](http://kslcms.org).

## November Staff Travel Schedule

### President Justin Panzer

- Nov. 1** Preaching at Faith, Abilene (70<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- Nov. 3** Circuit 9 Winkel, St. John's, Herington
- Nov. 8** Preaching at Grace, Liberal (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- Nov. 10** Circuit 4 Winkel @ St. John, Aliceville
- Nov. 15-19** LCMS Council of Presidents (virtual)
- Nov. 17** Circuit 3N/3S Winkel (virtual)
- Nov. 22** Preaching at Redeemer, Lawrence (Rev. Bob Leiste retirement)
- Nov. 29** Preaching at St. Paul, Lincoln (Rev. Siebert installation) and St. John, Lincoln

### Rev. Dan Galchutt

- Nov. 8** Mission Festivals at Trinity, Fort Scott and Immanuel, Hepler
- Nov. 10** Circuit 7 and 13 Meeting, Concordia
- Nov. 15** Retirement Reception, Redeemer, Lawrence

### Jim Bradshaw

- Nov. 1-3** NLSA Accreditation Site Visit, Bethany, Overland Park
- Nov. 4** School Visit, St. Paul, Leavenworth
- Nov. 10** DCE Cluster Meeting, St. Luke's, Manhattan
- Nov. 11** School Visit, Hope, Shawnee
- Nov. 18** School Visit, Trinity, Atchison

### ON THE ROAD IN OCTOBER



Exterior of St. Paul, Coffeyville, snapped by President Panzer. "Spiritus Gladius" is Latin for "Sword of the Spirit," a phrase St. Paul uses in Ephesians 6:17 ("take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ...").

# Missions and Stewardship

## Grant Opportunity: No Kid Hungry

Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign is soliciting applications from rural school districts, food banks, Tribal communities, faith-based organizations, and other community-based providers seeking support in their efforts to alleviate child hunger and food insecurity. Applications can come from a single organization or any lead organization representing a partnership effort.

Through this project, Share Our Strength seeks to identify, document, and better understand promising practices within rural communities that achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased food security among children
- Increased participation in one or more [federal Child Nutrition Programs](#)
- Decreased stigma associated with accessing federal Child Nutrition Programs and/or additional food assistance resources
- Broad-based community engagement to understand and address community needs related to child food security, as well as sustained partnerships to enable meaningful interventions over time

Share Our Strength will prioritize grant funds to organizations located within and projects serving Communities of Color and historically marginalized populations, including Tribal communities and immigrant populations.\* Additionally, we will prioritize funding to rural communities located within [nonmetro counties designated as persistently poor](#), according to Census and/or American Community Survey data.

Visit our [No Kid Hungry Grant Opportunity: Promising Practices to End Rural Child Hunger inquiry form](#) to share limited details about your proposed project. Share Our Strength staff will then reach out to qualifying applicants with an invitation to submit a full project proposal. Inquiry forms must be submitted no later than **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, November 18.**

*\*Share Our Strength classifies "Communities of Color" as counties, districts, or schools that are 50 percent or more non-white.*

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## Life Conference Registration Opens November 30



The third annual Kansas District Life Conference will be held January 22, 2021, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church (901 SW Fillmore St., Topeka). Online registration for the conference will open Monday, November 30 at noon on the [Life Ministry page](#) of [kslcms.org](#).

The event begins with check-in at 9 a.m., followed by Matins at 9:30. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, professor and chair of the Exegetical Department at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW). Dr. Scaer will be giving two presentations, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Between his presentations, attendees can participate in the annual March for Life in downtown Topeka, which will provide an opportunity to learn more about efforts to defend life in our own state.

Questions? Contact Rev. Matthew Durance at [pr.matthew.durance@gmail.com](mailto:pr.matthew.durance@gmail.com), or call him at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church office, 785-747-2407.

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## Circuit Explores Administrative Partnerships

On October 29, pastors and laypeople from Circuit 6 congregations gathered for “Maintain the Ministry, Grow the Mission,” a meeting focused on exploring administrative partnerships. After working on a Bible study led by Rev. Dan Galchutt, participants met in small groups to discuss possibilities for working together in the areas of communication, business (e.g., human resources; contracts), and maintenance. One early theme that emerged: **Congregations would benefit from sharing information** about resources and processes.

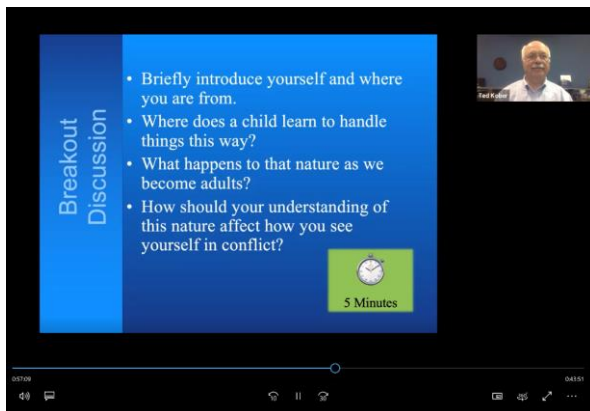


“This first exploratory meeting has been a long time in the making,” said Circuit Visitor Jon Bruss, who organized the meeting. “We look forward to seeing where the Lord will lead us as we continue to investigate ways to support one another in the many overlapping functions of our congregations.”

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## Education & Youth

### Educators Conference Highlights

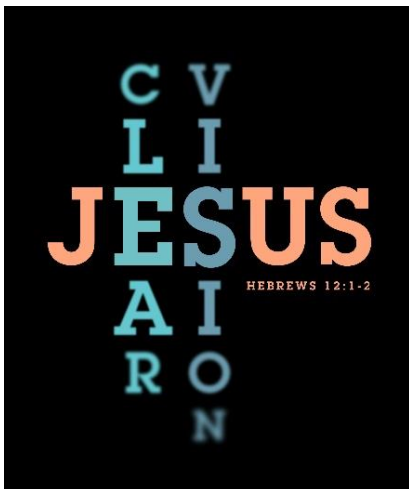


136 educators registered for the first-ever all-virtual Educators Conference, held October 12-13 with keynote speaker Ted Kober of Ambassadors of Reconciliation. The two-day event featured three keynote addresses, 25 sectionals, and a business meeting, with no major technology glitches. (Fun fact: Just two days after the conference the District's server went down, leaving the office without Internet access for several hours.)

The 2021 Educators Conference has been scheduled for October 3-5 in Junction City.

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### Youth Ministry Updates



#### Kansas District Youth Gathering | November 21 (Virtual) | [REGISTER](#)

How has your vision been in 2020? Have you seen God at work this year? Could you use some *Clear Vision*? There's still time to register for KDYG 2020! Don't miss out on this year's one-day all-digital event on Saturday, November 21! Pastor Scott Giger will guide us through scripture looking at our theme, "Clear Vision," focusing on how the world uses illusions to distract us from God and cloud our vision, taking our eyes off our Savior and the life He has called us to live.

Have you never been to the District Youth Gathering? This is the perfect year to try it out with one flat registration fee of \$25 per person! Download the registration packet and find out more at [kslcms.org](https://kslcms.org)!



◀ Higher Things Conference  
 “Forgiven”  
 Summer 2021  
[REGISTER](#)

Lutheran Youth Fellowship ▶  
 has a new name!  
 YouthLead  
[APPLY](#)

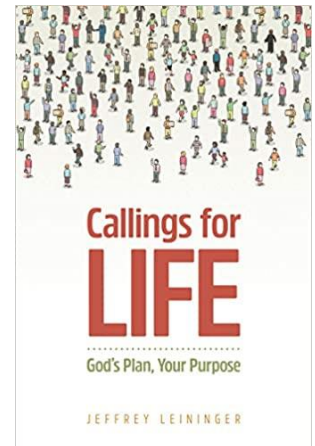


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## CFLC Recommends: Callings for Life

*James Bradshaw, Staff Advisor, Children's and Family Life Committee*

The Children's and Family Life Committee of the Kansas District continues its monthly focus on matters addressing lifespan Christian education topics. In November, we're looking at a Concordia Publishing House (CPH) resource “hot off the press” that explores Christian vocation. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger unpacks this critical topic in his new book, [Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose](#). Leininger, who serves as the university pastor at Concordia University-Chicago, reminds young adults, church leaders and households of faith that our primary calling is as baptized children of God. He states that “our calling in life is better understood in the plural ... as God has placed us in multiple callings in this world and gifted us to be His instruments in multiple ways to a world in need.”



Although the book is written for college students, I believe every Christian would benefit from reading this thought-provoking text. All Christians struggle at some point with the big question of how to discern God's will for their lives. Parents are challenged in guiding their children in their early years of life to recognize how God's hand is already at work. This book firmly reminds us that God is in control, and it is He who gifts us with our callings in all aspects of our daily life.

Luther redefined *vocatio*, applying it to the variety of God-given tasks, responsibilities, and relationships of the Christian life. Leininger nudges us to look at the faces, places and spaces of life. He asks, “Whom do you encounter on a daily basis? Where do you live, study, work, worship and play? What roles do you have at home, school, work, church and society?” He reiterates that our callings are plural, and they have already begun. We have a high and holy calling in Christ for His purpose.

Lifespan Christian education, indeed, recognizes that our callings include life within our families, communities, and the places in which we learn, as we look toward our future callings in life that God reveals in His own time. Leininger helps us to see that God gives us vocations in the present, ordinary circumstances of our daily lives. To that end, we remember that we are not called by the world, but by Jesus!

Go to [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) for this resource and additional books, Bible studies and curriculum materials that address all aspects of lifespan Christian education.

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## Adult Education Resources for Prayer and Catechesis

Pr. Mike Penikis, Adult Education Committee

Our Lord commands us to pray daily, to learn the faith, and to pass these habits of the heart along to our families. Do you struggle with daily prayer? With teaching the faith at home? The Adult Education Committee has been finding and developing resources to help adults of our Kansas District congregations grow in the faith.

You can find help with catechesis—instruction in the Christian faith—from pastors and DCEs in the *Teaching the Faith in the Home* video series, available on the [Adult Education page](#) of kslcms.org. You can also find links to daily devotions from Higher Things, LWML, LHM, Portals of Prayer, and Memorial Moment (Scott Murray) as well as *Congregation at Prayer*, a weekly devotional resource.

Soon to be added:

- ✂ *Congregation at Prayer* for the three-year lectionary
- ✂ Three videos:
  - “Congregation at Prayer” (an explanation for using the devotional resource)
  - “Getting Things Done” (how to create time for devotion and prayer in your personal and family life)
  - “Habit Formation” (developing and staying in the good habit of daily prayer)

God grant that these resources may be of help to you in growing in the life of faith in Christ and daily prayer.



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## Caring Ministry

### Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

Donna Williams, Kansas District Disaster Response Coordinator | [ksddrc@gmail.com](mailto:ksddrc@gmail.com)

#### EVENTS CALENDAR

##### LERT Leadership Team Zoom Meeting

November 14, 2020, 9-11 a.m.

Watch for an email with the agenda and the login link.

##### LERT Leadership Team Retreat

February 26-27, 2021

Kansas District Retreat Center

Watch your email for an agenda and details.

*(If you are currently on the Leadership Team list and wish to either be removed or suggest someone else to serve in your place, please let me know.)*



#### CLEANUP CONTINUES

If you're interested in lending a hand with cleanup in Iowa, Louisiana, or Alabama, contact the point people below. DO NOT TRAVEL until you have contacted the appropriate coordinators.

##### Iowa (Derecho)

- **Jason Koepnick** IED LERT Chainsaw Coordinator, 319-360-0780
- **Daniel Sanchez** Camp Director of Camp Iodiseca, 319-389-0120

##### Louisiana/Alabama (Laura, Sally & Zeta):

- **Sulphur, LA:** DCE John Ketterer, 586-945-3856
- **Southern Alabama & Florida Panhandle:** Rev. Ed Brashier, 205-296-3714

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## Parish Nurse News

**Kate McNeal** (center, pictured with Dr. Jamie Spikes, Pastor Michael Schmidt, and Mary Hume, the Kansas District Representative for Parish Nursing) completed the *Introduction to Parish Nursing* distance education course. She has been a member of St Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan and of the parish nursing team for some time.

Kate received a certificate of completion and a pin to acknowledge her accomplishment. The service also included a 'Blessing of Hands' and anointing of Kate's hands as an example of the mission of parish nursing. She will now be listed in the LCMS Parish Nurse Directory, which was established to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist the faithful in their God-given vocations.



## Business Office

### Concordia Plans: Open Enrollment



**Open enrollment for 2021 benefits with Concordia Plan Services is now open!** The deadline to enroll for 2021 benefits is Friday, November 20. Workers can enroll in a 403(b) retirement savings plan, supplemental life insurance, and health benefits. Benefits enrollment for workers will continue to take place within their personalized portals at [ConcordiaPlans.org](https://ConcordiaPlans.org). Please do not miss 2021 open enrollment, as you will be required to wait until 2022 to reinstate

benefits! Open enrollment is also a great time to check dependent information and update beneficiaries. Concordia Plan Services also encourages members to log in to their portals regularly to access new and important benefit solutions and to take advantage of useful retirement calculators.

**Remember, the deadline for open enrollment for 2021 benefits is Friday, November 20!**

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### Lutheran Witness Billings

Billing statements for 2020-2021 *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions were mailed to all subscribing congregations in October. **Payment is due by December 31, 2020.** Please include a [remittance voucher](#) with payment, noting the check is for *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions. Make checks payable to the LCMS Kansas District and send to:

LCMS Kansas District  
Attn: Shannon Fender  
1000 SW 10th Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66604-1104



\*No additional additions or cancellations will be taken for this subscription year. You can, however, still make address changes. If you need to update an address on your subscription list, please contact Shannon Fender at 785-357-4441, ext. 202 or [shannon@kslcms.org](mailto:shannon@kslcms.org) for a change form.

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## 2021 Congregational Commitments

Every fall, congregations are given the opportunity to make a commitment to support our joint work in the Kansas District and the Synod for the upcoming year. This information is beneficial to the District Board of Directors as they finalize the ministry plan and budget for the upcoming fiscal year. **We appreciate your prayerful consideration of your 2021 commitment!**

Congregational commitment forms were mailed to congregations at the end of September, along with an updated "Mission and Ministry" document and 2020 budget summary. You can find all those documents in digital form on the District website on the [District Resources](#) page.

Please submit your 2021 form **by the end of the year** (January 15 at the latest) in any of the following ways:

- Email your form to Shannon Fender at [shannon@kslcms.org](mailto:shannon@kslcms.org), or call her at 785-357-4441, ext. 202
- Mail your form to LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604
- Fax your form to 785-357-5071

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## Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Communication

### *An FYI from the LCMS*

#### Background

The National Boy Scouts of America (BSA) organization filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in February 2020 after numerous individual lawsuits were filed from men who claim that they were sexually abused as Scouts.

Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code provides for an organization, like BSA, to propose a plan of reorganization to keep its business going and pay creditors.



#### Could this impact LCMS congregations or schools?

If your congregation or school hosted or sponsored a BSA troop or event, there is the possibility that your congregation or school may also be named in the lawsuit. This will depend on the state and your relationship with the BSA.

If your congregation or school does not have a charter, never had a charter, and never sponsored a BSA troop or event, you may have no legal exposure.

#### What action should we take?

Regardless of your experience or lack of experience with the BSA, you may have a claim that needs to be filed in the bankruptcy. It is difficult to anticipate the type of claim that may be filed, and **an attorney should be consulted.**

If you have or have had dealings with the BSA, you should consider filing a General Proof of Claim, which is a legal filing representing a right to payment from the BSA should scouting abuse claims be brought against your congregation or school. If a Proof of Claim is not filed, your congregation or school will have no recourse against the BSA if scouting abuse claims are made against you.

Survivors of sexual abuse would file a Sexual Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim. Others, including entities that have or have had charters, would file a General Proof of Claim.

If you or someone in your congregation or school has information about abuse in scouting or any other abuse against children, please report this information to law enforcement immediately.

The **deadline for filing a Proof of Claim is November 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).** This is a very important date!

As with any legal matter, neither the Synod or LCMS, Inc. represents your congregation or school. **When in any doubt, contact an attorney for advice and guidance.**



# Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

Dear Kansas District Members

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is here for such a time as this.**

It is my pleasure to represent LCEF and serve the ministries of the LCMS Kansas District. We are blessed with close relationships with district congregations, schools and RSOs.

**LCEF.org** got a bit of a makeover! Please visit our newly refreshed website. We now have a new chat feature that allows you to chat with one of our wonderful customer service team members for any of your questions. Check it out!

LCEF offers e-tithing and e-tuition payments through the Joyful Response program, a stewardship resource for LCMS congregations, schools and registered service organizations (RSOs). If you are not currently set up to take electronic payments please visit [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) or contact Jeffrey Maltz at 785-230-4112 or [Jeffrey.Maltz@lcef.org](mailto:Jeffrey.Maltz@lcef.org).

“God is our refuge & strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, do not fear!” (Psalm 46:1-2)

Blessings,

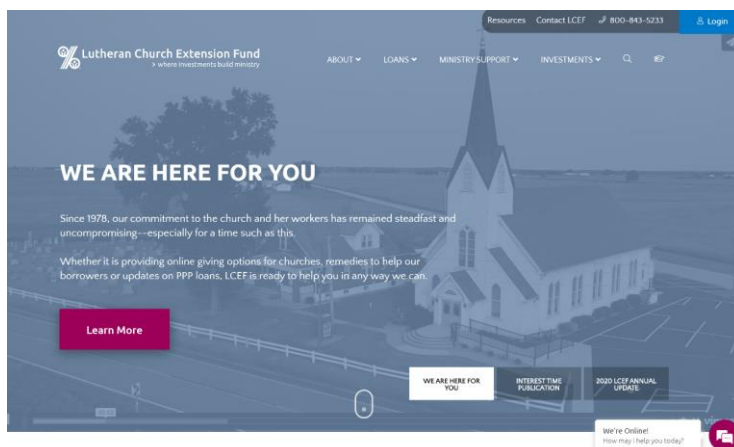
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# JOYFUL RESPONSE®

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) offers e-tithing and e-tuition payments through the Joyful Response program.**

Joyful Response is a free stewardship service for Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools and registered service organizations (RSOs).

**Joyful Response allows your members to give one-time gifts or recurring tithes:**

- ✓ On your church website
- ✓ By a mobile phone app

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## Around the District

### Pastors Installed in Clay Center and Topeka



**Rev. Michael Hofmann** was installed as associate pastor at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clay Center** **October 18**. From left, Revs. Alan Stahlecker, Joshua Hayes, Matthew Bohlmann, Mark Boxman, Hofmann, Joel Schultz, Paul Tessaro, Dave Gruoner (front), Phillip Miller, Matthew Durance, and Justin Panzer.



**Rev. Jacob Heine** was installed **October 24** as senior pastor at **Faith Lutheran Church in Topeka**. From left, Revs. Devin Kerns, Randy Weinkauff, Justin Panzer, Jon Bruss, Heine, Dan Galchutt, Martin Albrecht, Deacon Jeff Lane, and Rev. Mark Keissling.

## Educators Recognized for Service



Far left: **Sue Kleber** was recognized for 45 years in the teaching ministry at the October BOD meeting. Left: **Arlene Williams** and **Rebecca Hillman** of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Cheney celebrated 40-year milestones this year. Additional educators celebrating milestones were recognized at the Virtual Educators Conference in October. Congratulations to all these faithful servants!

## November Events



### Sunday, November 8 Grace, Liberal: 75th Anniversary

Grace Lutheran Church in Liberal, Kansas, is celebrating its 75th anniversary November 8 with a worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a meal and celebration. Kansas District President Justin Panzer will be the guest preacher. Visit [www.gracelutheran-ks.org](http://www.gracelutheran-ks.org) for information or call 620-624-5900.



### Saturday, November 14 | 2-4 p.m. (CST)

#### Green and Gold Days | Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis; online

College students and men and women considering a second career in ministry are invited to participate in [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](http://Concordia Seminary, St. Louis)' virtual [Green & Gold Days](http://Green & Gold Days) event, held online this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. Prospective students can learn more about financial aid and housing and hear from current students in a panel discussion. A link to join the event will be provided to registrants before Nov. 14. The event is free, and the registration deadline is Nov. 11. Interested participants can learn more and register at [csl.edu/greengold](http://csl.edu/greengold). For more information, contact Enrollment at [admit@csl.edu](mailto:admit@csl.edu) or 800-822-9545.

## Church Items Available

St. John's Lutheran Church in Moundridge will be closing at the end of the year and would like to find a good home for various furnishings and church supplies, pictured below. (Details: 23 blue padded pews, 3 unpadded; Johannus organ: two keyboards, full pedal; stained glass windows; communion ware.) If interested, please contact Pastor Ron Rather at 620-899-6339.



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