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JUNE 2021

The "Green Season" Begins

Trinity Season | Summer and Fall

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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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. Christopher Vossler – Trinity, McFarland to St. Paul, Sanford, MI – accepted
- Rev. Christopher Vossler – Trinity, McFarland to St. John's, Barnesville, MN – declined
- Rev. David McCloskey – St. Mark, Steubenville, OH to Peace, Greensburg – accepted
- Rev. Philip Hoppe – Peace, Finlayson and St. Paul's, Bruno, MN to Holy Cross, Scott City – declined
- Rev. Timmothy Heath – St. John, Aliceville to Bethlehem, Ravenna, NE – pending
- Rev. Brent Horne – Immanuel, Canton to St. Paul, Delaware, IA – pending
- Rev. Luke Jacob – Pentecost, Racine, WI to Trinity, Mission and Shawnee – pending
- Rev. Greg Zillinger – Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial, CO to Immanuel, Lawrence – pending

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

- Rev. Scott Holder to Lord of Life, Leawood; installation June 13
- Candidate Ian Kinney to the Northeast Kansas Partnership; ordination and installation June 26
- Candidate Caleb Stoeber to Immanuel Hepler and Good Shepherd, Erie; ord. June 13; inst. July 18
- Candidate Sean Baker to Bethany, Overland Park; ordination and installation July 11
- Rev. Christian Schultz to First, Paola; installation July 25

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

- Basehor, Risen Savior (associate)
- Herington, Our Redeemer (sole)
- Herington, Immanuel (Shady Brook) and Herington, St. John's (Lyon's Creek; sole)
- Humboldt, St. Peter (senior)
- Lawrence, Immanuel (sole)
- Linn, Zion (sole)
- Mission and Shawnee, Trinity (associate)
- Olathe, Redeemer (sole)
- Pratt, Ascension (sole)
- Scott City, Holy Cross (sole)
- Shawnee, Hope (senior)
- Topeka, Prince of Peace (sole)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

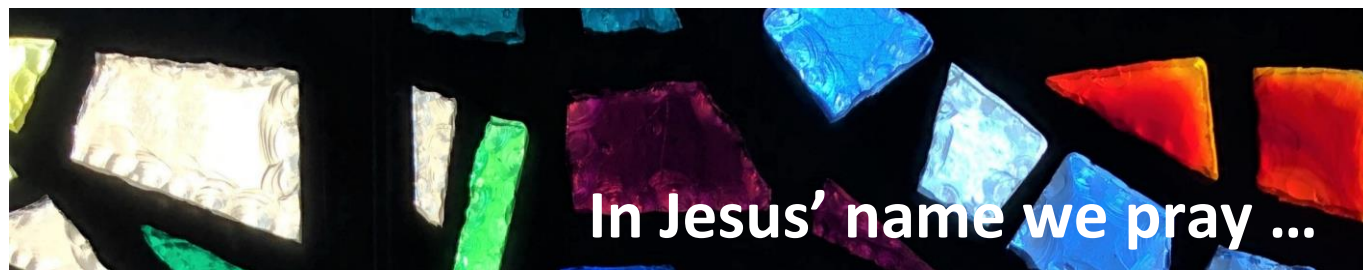
- Cheney, St. Paul – Teachers
- Emporia, Messiah – DCE
- Junction City, Immanuel – EC Dir.
- Overland Park, Bethany – DCE
- Overland Park, Christ – DCEs
- Topeka Lutheran – Teachers
- Winfield, Trinity – Teacher

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- Teacher Laisa Segrist – Loving Savior, Chino Hills, CA to Trinity, Winfield – pending
- DCE Charity Smith – St. Luke's, Manhattan to Holy Cross, O'Fallon, MO – pending
- Heather Croucher – Candidate to Bethany, Overland Park – accepted; installation Aug. 22
- Chris Francik – Topeka Lutheran to St. Paul, Royal Oak, MI – declined
- DCE Samantha Brown – Good Shepherd, Saginaw, MI to Christ, Overland Park – declined
- Teacher Molly-Ann Wells – Lamb of God, Las Vegas to Holy Cross, Wichita – accepted; installation Aug. 15
- Candidate Morgan Dunst to Holy Cross, Wichita (Music Teacher) – accepted; installation Aug. 15
- Teacher Shannon Manley – Bethany, Overland Park to St. Paul, Leavenworth – accepted
- Principal Chris Dehning – Trinity, Hoyleton to Trinity, Winfield – accepted
- Candidate Melissa Wolf – Missouri District to Trinity, Atchison – accepted

For weekly call updates, visit the [Calls and Vacancies](#) page.

Prayer Requests



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

- ❖ **Those grieving the loss of loved ones**, including
 - The family of Rev. Wendell Haubein (former pastor at Trinity, Salina), who entered his heavenly rest May 17
 - Rev. Paul Tessaro and family at the death of great-nephew Greyson Veal, who was taken to his heavenly home after a battle with leukemia April 21.
 - Rev. Dennis Kootz and family at the death of his brother, Benjamin Kootz, April 6
- ❖ **Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues**, including New England District President Timothy Yeadon, Marty Brooks, Arline Eberhart, Dennis Hintz, Karen Boettcher, Philip Wolf, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Oklahoma District President Rev. Barrie Henke, Diane Harries, Rev. Richard Andrus, Rev. Dave Meier, and Judy May
- ❖ **Our Synod, congregations, schools, and organizations**, as they move forward out of the pandemic
- ❖ **Those confirmed in the faith this spring**, that God would grant that they “continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness” (Rite of Confirmation, LSB 273)
- ❖ **Organizations and ministries on our [Facebook](#) prayer list in June:**
 - LERT, June 7
 - Mission Grant Recipients, June 14
 - Church Plants, June 21
 - Parish Nurse Representatives, June 28

If you have a prayer request, please contact Tami Lierz at tami@kslcms.org or 785-357-4441, ext. 5001.

May 2021 Board Report Summaries

The [May 2021 Board Report Summaries](#) are now available on our website, with links from the homepage as well as our Board of Directors page. **If you are 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 from the May summaries:

- The Board of Directors approved a resolution from the Salary Review Committee to ask the District President to appoint a task force to revise the District’s **salary guidelines**.
- The District has received (or is in the process of receiving) several **estate gifts** that will benefit church planting, seminary education, ethnic ministries, West Africa and Kansas missions, and planned giving.
- In the coming months, members of the President’s Council will be addressing the theme of “**Equipping the Baptized**” in the Kansas edition of *The Lutheran Witness*.
- The board approved a request to use undesignated funds to replenish the Legacy Fund, which provides **continuing education grants** to those who serve the Church in the Kansas District.

District Calendar

JUNE

- 6-11** Lutheran Valley Retreat Summer Camp (Camp 1)
- 11** NLSA District Commission Meeting, Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon
- 22** Circuit Visitors Meeting, Zoom, 10-11 a.m.
- 29** Early Childhood Conference Planning Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m.

JULY

- 4** Independence Day
- 5** Independence Day observed; District Office closed
- 9** KAIRS Executive Committee, District Office, 10 a.m.
- 11** NLSA District Commission Meeting, Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon
- 12** Board of Education and Youth, Zoom, 2 p.m.
- 13** Older Adult Committee Meeting, Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon
- 16** Board of Caring Ministry, Zoom, 1-3 p.m.
- 18-23** Lutheran Valley Retreat Summer Camp (Camp 2)
- 20** Board of Missions, Zoom, 2 p.m.
- 21** Partnership Meeting, 2 p.m.
- 23** New Worker Orientation, District Office, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 24** Early Childhood Workshop, Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 26** Board of Stewardship, Zoom, 7 p.m.
- 27** Circuit Visitors Meeting, Zoom, 10-11 a.m.
Executive Council, noon-1 p.m.
- 29** President's Council, 1-5 p.m.
Professional Development Committee, Zoom, 1 p.m.
- 30** Board of Directors Meeting, District Office, Topeka
- 31** LERT Meeting, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.

Find the full District calendar on the website [HERE](#).

LCMS KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 9-10, 2022



June Staff Travel Schedule

President Justin Panzer

- June 6** Preaching at Zion, Hiawatha for 125+1 anniversary
- June 7** New Circuit Visitor Meeting, Trinity, Salina
- June 13** Ordination of Pr. Scott Holder, Lord of Life, Leawood
- June 26** Ordination/installation of Candidate Ian Kinney, Zion, Hiawatha (Northeast Kansas Partnership)
- June 27** Preaching/installation of Pr. David McCloskey, Peace, Greensburg

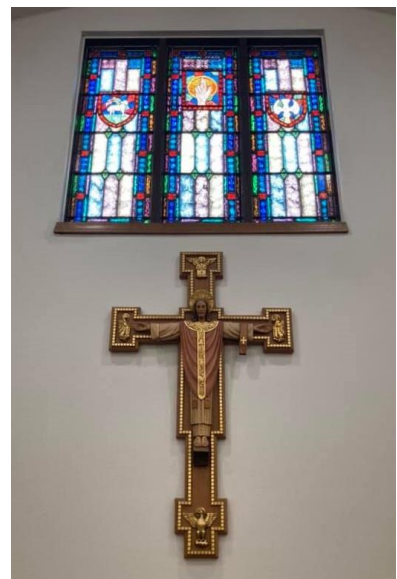
Rev. Dan Galchutt

- June 12-13** Preaching at Christ, Overland Park
- June 19** Partnership Visit, Southeast Kansas
- June 26** Ordination/installation of Candidate Ian Kinney, Zion, Hiawatha (Northeast Kansas Partnership)
- June 27** Bible Study/Preaching at Zion, Downs
Preaching/Bible Study/Consultation, Concordia, KS
- June 29** Mission meeting and demographics, Seward, NE

Jim Bradshaw

- June 2-3** Lutheran Administrators of Kansas City, Concordia, MO
- June 7-9** KINDLE Board of Directors, Farmington, MN

ON THE ROAD IN MAY



Trinity Lutheran Church, Girard
(snapped by President Panzer)

President Panzer Attends Kansans for Life Event



On May 4, President Justin Panzer attended a Kansans for Life event in Overland Park, where he was invited to close the dinner with a prayer.

"We live in exciting times," said President Panzer. "Yes, you heard me right. We live in exciting times. We get to shine the light of Jesus—crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins—to a hurting and dying world. We get to bring—it is our privilege to bring—light to darkness."

"We stand together, many of us Catholics for Life and Lutherans for Life, but ultimately as Kansans for Life. The world truly is watching us. We have the truth. Don't ever compromise the truth."

President Panzer then read Psalm 121:1-2 and offered a prayer focused on the value of human life.

Missions and Stewardship

Pentecost Offering: Thank You!



THANK YOU to the congregations and individuals who contributed prayers and financial support during our 2021 Kansas District Pentecost Offering! Our missionaries are looking forward to moving ahead with the critical work of theological education in West and Central Africa, made possible in part with support from the Kansas District.

If the Pentecost Offering slipped off your radar this year (which is understandable, given the circumstances), you can still help! Prayers are always appreciated. If you'd like to give a gift to help keep this work going, you can do so [online](#), or you can send a check to the District Office (LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604).

To learn more about the **latest happenings in the region**, read the [May 2021 newsletter](#) from missionaries Rev. Gary and Steph Schulte, who recently visited the "Big Forest" in Congo.

**"At each stop, we listened to the impassioned pleas of the locals
to send them a pastor."**

Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte

Circuit 6 Information Exchange: Church 360



Administrative staff and pastors from Circuit 6 (Topeka/Lawrence) gathered May 25 at St. John's in Topeka for an information-sharing meeting on Church 360, a software suite from Concordia Technology Solutions. Presenter Nikki Anderson, a member of Prince of Peace, Topeka, walked the group through Prince of Peace's recent change to Church 360, providing an overview and demo of the software. She then fielded questions about ease of use, integration with other programs (e.g., Vanco; Office 365; Google Analytics), and availability of tech support.

Anderson, who has many years of experience in the technology field, also offered some general advice about moving in a new direction.

"Simplify—keep that one word in mind when you're making a change."

The May 25 meeting came out of an exploratory discussion held last fall focused on ways that circuit churches can collaborate with each other on common tasks. The administrative group has made tentative plans to meet again, perhaps quarterly or semi-annually.

Campus Ministry Reminder: Help Graduating Seniors Connect

Graduation season is here. Who are the graduating seniors in your congregation? Where are they headed next year? If they are off to college in another town (or relocating for other reasons), they will need to find a new church home.



This transition time is critical! You can help your graduating seniors maintain a strong connection to the Church by connecting them to a new congregation.

- If you are a **pastor**, you can recommend a new church home and introduce your student to a new pastor.
- If you are a **congregation member**, you might be able to help make these connections, too. If you know a senior, ask what is next for them. Maybe you have a story or some encouragement to share.
- If you are a **parent**, consider attending a church service with your student in the new location.

The District can help with connections, too. The [Campus Ministry page](#) on our website includes a student contact form. Fill out the form, and we will get the information where it needs to go.

Education & Youth

New Worker Orientation July 23

We are looking forward to welcoming our new workers and their spouses at the 2021 Kansas District New Worker Orientation, scheduled for Friday, July 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the District Office in Topeka. Since last summer, we have added 27 new rostered workers and one vicar in the Kansas District.

The annual New Worker Orientation provides an opportunity for workers to get acquainted, learn about the District and its services, and ask questions. **All workers and spouses who have joined the District since August 2020 are invited to attend the event.** The event will include a general information session from 9 a.m. to noon and will resume after lunch at 1:00 with sessions that are specific to ordained and commissioned workers.

Invitations and a detailed schedule will be sent this month. If you have questions before then, contact District Office assistant Tami Lierz at 785-357-4441 ext. 5001 or tami@kslcms.org.

LVR Camp #1: Heading Out!



Youth and adult leaders are heading out to Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) this month for the first of two LVR trips this summer. The June camp runs from June 6-11.

LVR fosters spiritual growth through programming designed to help youth make new friends and identify more closely with the body of Christ, which includes not just their home congregation but also individuals from all over Kansas. During the week, campers are challenged to stretch themselves and bond with new friends as they encourage one another to step out of their comfort zone in physical challenges.

The theme for the 2021 camp is "Called," which will highlight our identity in Christ as individuals and as the Body of Christ.

Please pray for safe travels and a good experience for our first round of campers and adult leaders.

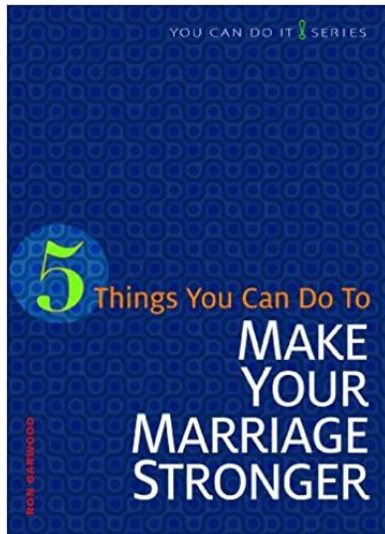
Camp #2 runs from July 18-23. For details, visit the [LVR page](#), accessible from the "Education & Youth" menu on the Kansas District website.

Educators Conference: October 3-5



CFLC Recommends: 5 Things You Can Do to Make Your Marriage Stronger

Children's and Family Life Committee



This month's topic for the Children's and Family Life Committee is marriage, and Pastor Ben and Tamara Ockree (Calvary, Topeka) are up for the challenge. In their video book review, the Ockrees share their opinion of the book [5 Things You Can Do to Make Your Marriage Stronger](#) by Ron Garwood (CPH). The short version of their review: The book is worth a read, whether your marriage is strong, in need of some help, or somewhere in between.

Especially important, from the Ockrees' perspective: Actually DOING what Garwood recommends (even if you might not want to).

If you are looking for biblically grounded wisdom and action steps, this little book on marriage is a good place to start.

[VIDEO REVIEW](#)

Congregation at Prayer

Congregation at Prayer can be used by individuals and families to strengthen the habit of daily prayer. The resource, which coordinates with the Church calendar, features daily readings, learn-by-heart Scripture and Catechism verses, a hymn to sing, and a psalm and prayer.

You can find *Congregation at Prayer* for the one-year series and three-year series on the [Adult Education page](#) of kslcms.org.



2021 Early Childhood Conference



DON'T WORRY - BE HAPPY!

Phil. 4:6-7

The 2021 Kansas District Early Childhood Conference will be held in person Saturday, July 24 at Faith Lutheran Church (1716 Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604), with keynote speaker Dr. Kim Marxhausen. Planned conference sessions include "Building Stronger Brains with the Arts," "The Best of Early Childhood Literature," and "Conscientious Child Care." The event will run from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For a [registration form](#), check the Quick Links section of kslcms.org. The registration deadline is July 16.

Caring Ministry

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

LERT FLOOD RESPONSE, NATOMA, KANSAS

Five inches of rain in two hours proved to be too much for Paradise Creek in Natoma last month. One of our sources reported that at least 75% of the small town was affected in some way. Water entered basements, garages and homes and deposited trees, brush and other debris in the streets and yards. Help has been provided by the Red Cross, Bob Warfel and the team from Messiah, Hays, and Team Rubicon, which plans to help for a week or two. After Team Rubicon pulls out, we will re-evaluate with our local contacts.

Keren lifts spirits in Natoma

As part of the flood response in Natoma, Keren Comfort Dog and handlers from Immanuel, Ellsworth visited Natoma Elementary School and local residents May 20. "It was a really rough week, especially for some of the kids," said Pastor Michael Schmidt, "but their faces lit up when they saw the gentle and docile dog. The community is incredibly grateful for all of the prayers and offers of assistance from all of our brothers and sisters in Christ."



Flood buckets on the move!

That is right, 75 flood buckets and assorted mops and brooms were transported by Ira Walker and David Schneider (St. John, Lincolnville) from the District Office in Topeka to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove and Peace, Natoma on Wednesday, May 19. A special thank you to Ira and David, along with Rev.



Chris Craig and the members of Bethlehem, who are assisting in storing these prepared flood buckets in the central part of the state. The buckets are now closer to areas that have seen recent flooding. If you have room and are willing to store some of these buckets at your location, please let me know. It would be beneficial to have them stored in all four regions of the Kansas District for easy access should they be needed.

MANY thanks to all of the volunteers who have assembled and transported these flood buckets over the past couple of years. Many more remain in storage, so there is no need to replenish until further notice.

TORNADO RESPONSE IN SELDEN

A tornado hit Selden May 24, and LERT volunteer Bob Warfel quickly responded, working with Pastor Rick Rostek and local officials to evaluate damage and assess needs. We will keep you posted about opportunities to help as the clean-up progresses.

Please watch the [LCMS Kansas District website](#) and our Facebook pages ([LERT Kansas District](#) & [Lutheran Early Response Team - Northeast KS](#)) for current information on responses and training opportunities.



Grace and Peace,
Donna Williams
Isaiah 6:8

Church Worker Care: Baptismal Wellness

We Americans like to tell ourselves we are up to the challenge, whatever the challenge might be. A crisis like COVID-19 is met with required optimism. "I got this." "Push through." "Never give up." And perhaps our favorite: "Have faith." You have got to have faith to get through, and over, the crisis.

"Have faith" sounds good and true and biblical. But as Lutherans we want to know, "Have faith in what?" What is the object of my faith? What is that thing I am trusting in? Faith in myself? Faith that I will endure and bounce back and so will my congregation? Faith in my teaching skills and people skills and leadership skills? Many of us church workers are finding these objects of our faith to be faltering, if not failing completely.

This is distressing but also necessary and beneficial. When our eyes are opened to the fragile nature of the things we count on in this world, we are made able to see again the true object of Christian faith. "When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay" (LSB 576).

What is the object of our faith? In the Large Catechism, Luther wrote, "It is true that nothing in us is of any use but faith ... But faith must have something that it believes, that is, of which it takes hold and upon which it stands and rests. So faith clings to the water and believes that in Baptism, there is pure salvation and life" (LC V 28-29). Luther points to baptism as the object of faith. By our baptism into Christ, we have died and risen with Him. In baptism, we are new creations in Christ. In baptism, we have a new identity that is not tied to temporary, earthly ups and downs, but to the power of God's Word and promise in Christ.

The [Church Worker Wellness page](#) on our District website explains that church worker wellbeing has many facets – physical, emotional, financial, etc. But at the center is our baptismal identity as new creations in Christ. All other aspects of life flow from, and return to, the life, hope, and confidence we have in Christ.

When Luther struggled, sometimes to near despair, he would remind himself: *Baptizatus sum*, "I am baptized." Let this be a daily reminder for us as well!

Pastor Andrew Wehling
Church Worker Care Committee



Business Office

Have You Filed Your Non-Profit Annual Report?

Kansas law requires all non-profit organizations incorporated with the Secretary of State to file an annual report. The form requires basic information along with a \$40.00 annual fee. The deadline for filing the report is typically the sixth month and fifteenth day following the end of the organization's fiscal year (i.e., a fiscal year-end of Dec. 31 would have a filing due date of June 15). **Failure to file on a timely basis will result in delinquent status and loss of good standing with the Secretary of State and could eventually jeopardize your organization's certificate of incorporation.**



**File Annual
Report Online**

To file your annual report online, go to <https://sos.kansas.gov/> and click the red "File Annual Report Online" button. Enter your business entity ID number, complete the questions, and pay the fee. Filing is immediate, and the filed copy is available for you to print for your records.

If you are unsure of your organization's filing due date, its current filing status, or your business entity ID number, you can check the Secretary of State's website. To search, click on "Forgot your number?" on the filing page (in the gray box) or search from the [Business Services](#) page.

A Note from Your DVP

Dear Kansas District Members,

It is my pleasure to represent Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) and serve the ministries of the LCMS Kansas District. We are blessed with close relationships with church workers, district congregations, schools and RSOs.



When you invest with LCEF, you bless LCMS congregations, ministries, and workers, helping to give them an opportunity to grow and connect more people in their communities to Jesus.

NEW INVESTMENT! Church Worker StewardAccount

As a church worker, you have a mission—a call. God steered you toward a lifetime of service and sharing the message of living hope in Christ. Of course, that does not mean you are immune from the stresses of this world. For many church workers, money challenges can distract—and even derail—you from that service.

LCEF wants to help you focus on your mission by making it easy and worthwhile to put a little money away each month. Believe it or not, this simple act can provide a certain amount of relief, so you can continue faithfully serving our Lord.

If that sounds like you, check out LCEF's [Church Worker StewardAccount](#). It's an investment exclusively for LCMS rostered and lay church workers (full or part-time, or retired).

Benefits & Features

1.5% | On balances up to \$10,000

- \$100 minimum to open (new money only)
- Interest compounded and paid monthly
- Minimum monthly electronic investment of \$25 recommended
- Unlimited checks
- Visa® debit card (optional)
 - Secure access to Visa Checkout, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay and other quick, secure payment solutions
- No monthly maintenance or membership fees
- Funds over \$10,000 will adjust to the Family Emergency StewardAccount rate
- Free [MyAccount](#) online services, including bill pay and e-statements

Thank you for your continued support of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund ministry!

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt. 33).

Blessings,

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> where investments build ministry

Are you eligible? If you work for an LCMS church, school or organization in any capacity—the answer is yes.

VISIT [LCEF.ORG/CWSA](https://lcef.org/cwsa) OR CALL 800-843-5233.

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Around the District

Ordination in Alma

God's blessings to Rev. Christian Schultz, who was ordained at St. John's, Alma, May 29. From left: (front row) Revs. Larry Boye, David Meier, Jacob Heine, Peter Lange, Christian Schultz, Bob Grimm, Art Litke, Karl Yahr, Justin Panzer; (middle row) Michael Schmidt, Patrick Baldwin, Nathan Janssen, Terry DeGiovanni, Jon Bruss; (back row) John Meyer, Christopher Vossler, Matthew Christensen, Michael Blodgett, Brian Mosemann, Jeff Kasmierski, and Nathan Wille. Schultz will be installed as pastor of First, Paola July 25.



Retirement in Colby



Pastor Robert D. Alexander, pictured with congregation president Jeff Quenzer, received a watch as a retirement gift on May 23, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby. Pastor Alexander has served Trinity for 11 years.

Well done, good and faithful servant!

2021 Worship Conference in Topeka

2021 Worship Conference

"That the Holy Gospel May Have Free Course: History and Theology of Lutheran Liturgy"

Saturday, August 21, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | St. John's, Topeka

- Dr. Christopher Boyd Brown, keynote speaker
- \$20, lunch included
- Schedule, registration, and other details on the St. John's website: <https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/learning/worshipconf/>
- Questions? Contact Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org)



Faculty-Led Workshops Coming to Kansas

You have THREE opportunities this summer—in Hays, Salina, and Ottawa—to take a deep dive into God's Word with professors from Concordia Seminary.

The Old Testament of the Old Testament

Dr. David Adams, Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary

July 12-14, 2021 | Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays

Workshop Description: The book of Genesis provides the foundation for understanding the trajectory of God's work to restore the state of shalom that was lost as a result of the fall. In this sense it serves as the Old Testament to the rest of the Old Testament, and subsequently for the coming of Jesus Christ. This workshop covers the book of Genesis with a primary focus on how it provides these theological foundations.

For more information and to register, visit the [event page](#) on the Concordia Seminary website. Register by June 28, 2021. This workshop is being sponsored by Circuit 15 of the Kansas District. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Michael Schmidt, Circuit Visitor, at revschmidt@yahoo.com.



De-coding the Apocalypse: Study of the Book of Revelation

Dr. David Peter, Professor of Practical Theology and Dean of Faculty at Concordia Seminary

July 19-21, 2021 | Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina

Workshop Description: The title of the last book of the Bible is translated as "Revelation," but its original title was "Apocalypse." This word literally means "the unveiling." The purpose of this book of the Bible is to unveil the purposes of God in human history. For many people, however, it remains veiled — an obscure, mysterious, and confusing book. The reason many people do not understand the Apocalypse is because it is written in coded language that can only be interpreted by decoding its symbolism. This study will look at the most significant coded symbols of the book and the keys to their interpretation. It will provide a broad sweep of the major themes and message of Revelation, as to better understand this book of the Bible. This "unveiling" will enable participants to see Christ, His church and history (past, present and future) in a whole new light.

For more information and to register, visit the [event page](#) on the Concordia Seminary website. Register by July 5, 2021. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dennis Kootz, Associate Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, at pastordennis.kootz@gmail.com or 785-823-7151.

Confessing Christ and Living His Mission: Pre-Constantinian Theology and Practice for Our Post-Constantinian World

Dr. Benjamin Haupt, Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Associate Provost, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

August 2-4, 2021 | Faith Lutheran Church, Ottawa

Workshop Description: Many would argue that we live in a post-church, post-Christian culture marked by increasing hostility to Christian theology, waning protection of political freedoms of the Christian church, increasing biblical illiteracy and the list goes on. How should Christ's church conduct itself in such a climate? This workshop will address how we got to this place and then look at where we go from here. The workshop will explore various frameworks to understand the interaction of Christianity and culture. Participants will then explore how the early Christian church engaged a culture similar to our own. Examples from the early church will be given to demonstrate their two-fold approach to the issue of Christ and culture: that is, confessing Christ and living His mission. The workshop also will address the use of early Christian writings in preaching and teaching.

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Manhattan Circuit Reformation Service & Presentation

Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford, President, LCMS Minnesota South District

Sunday, October 24 | St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alta Vista



SCHEDULE

- 2:00 Worship with Holy Communion (Rev. Dr. Woodford, Preacher)
- 3:00 Break/Refreshments
- 3:30 Presentation (Rev. Dr. Woodford): "What ethic do confessional Lutherans have to offer a conversation and culture wrapped up in endless dialogues and demands for social justice?"
- 4:30 Adjournment

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