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JANUARY 2022

Watchword for the New Year

"And then, all of you who believe in God's Word, let your watchword for entering the new year be this: 'I am baptized!' ... Abandon any other dearly held pledges and speak only throughout the entire year to come, in all terrors of and necessity through sin and death:

'I am baptized! I am baptized! Hallelujah!'

And you shall prevail in every time of need."

C.F.W. WALTHER | *Photo taken at Grace, Iola*

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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. Timothy Booth, Faith, Stanton; St. John, Pilger; and First Trinity, Wayne, NE to St. John, Aliceville – accepted
- Rev. Matthew Durance, Bethlehem and St. Peter's Lutheran Parish, Greenleaf and Barnes to Trinity, Davenport, IA – pending
- Rev. Karl Streng, Redeemer, Battle Creek MI to St. Paul, Coffeyville – pending
- Rev. Timothy Appel, Grace, Smithville, TX to Zion, Linn, declined

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

- Rev. Matthew Jennings at St. Peter's, Humboldt – January 9
- Rev. Philip Hoppe at Trinity, Colby – January 16
- Rev. Matthew Koterba at Holy Cross, Scott City – January 30
- Rev. Timothy Booth at St. John, Aliceville – February 13

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

- Canton, Immanuel (sole)
- Coffeyville, St. Paul (sole)
- Haven, St. Paul (sole)
- Herington, Our Redeemer; Herington, Immanuel (Shady Brook); and Herington, St. John's (Lyon's Creek; triple parish partnership) (sole)
- Lawrence, Immanuel (sole)
- Linn, Zion (sole)
- Norton, Immanuel (seminary)
- Pratt, Ascension (sole)
- Shawnee, Hope (senior)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- Derby, Faith – Teacher
- Emporia, Messiah – DCE
- Leavenworth, St. Paul – Teachers
- Linn – Teacher
- Overland Park, Bethany – DCE
- Overland Park, Christ – DCE
- Shawnee, Hope – Teachers

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- Dcns FTW Candidate Bethany Stoeber to Immanuel, Hepler – accepted; installation January 5
- CUNE Colloquy Candidate Abigail Meyer to Good Shepherd, Marysville – pending
- Principal Chris Francik, Topeka Lutheran School to St. Paul, Royal Oak, MI – pending
- DCE Heather McCormick, Faith, Topeka to Bethany, Overland Park – declined
- DCE Heather McCormick, Faith, Topeka to Messiah, Emporia – declined

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.).



AND ONE CONGREGATIONAL MOVE ...

Christ Lutheran Church in Elkhart (Circuit 16) has joined the LCMS Oklahoma District. We pray that this new arrangement will be a blessing for all involved.

Pre-Lent Conference: Register This Week!

The annual Kansas District Pre-Lent Conference will be held January 23–24 at the Spiritual Life Center (SLC) in Wichita. **Registration closes at the end of this week, January 7.** Visit the homepage of kslcms.org for links to a [schedule](#) and [online registration](#) (or click the links here).

If you will be attending the conference, please bring your *Lutheran Service Book* with you. We look forward to seeing you in Wichita!

NOTE: Participants are welcome to stay at the SLC Monday evening and eat Tuesday morning breakfast there upon registration and payment. This may be a particularly cost-effective option for those interested in attending the Life Conference in Topeka on Tuesday, January 25.



Resources Available: Life Sunday 2022



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday has been set for January 23, 2022, with the theme, “God Chose You.” Lutherans for Life has a variety of resources (bulletin insert, Bible study, sermons, Life Sunday flyer) to aid your congregation in observing Life Sunday on January 23 or any other Sunday you choose.

Click here to learn more and access the resources: <https://lutheransforlife.org/store-life-sunday-2022/>

Lutherans for Life is also observing **Life Week January 16-22**, with themed days throughout the week. Visit the LFL website or visit their [Facebook page](#) to follow along.

District Convention Reminders

The LCMS Kansas District Convention is now just over six months away. The next few months will be busy, especially if ...

You are a designated report writer. Circuit visitors, that’s you. Reports are due February 1. We’ll be sending a reminder with another copy of the guidelines this month.

You intend to submit a convention overture. Overtures are due February 18. Please use the template available on the [convention webpage](#).

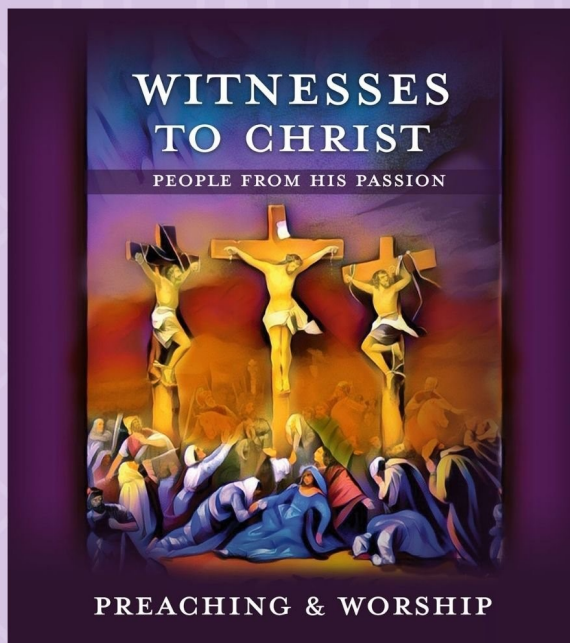
You have been nominated for office. If you agree to let your name stand for election, you’ll need to submit the Nominee Consent and Biography form. Deadline: January 15. (The Nominations Committee will continue to work on the slate as needed after forms are received.) NOTES: The [2018 convention workbook](#) is still available online, if you’d like to look at examples of nominee profiles. Brief position descriptions are available in the [KSD Bylaws](#).

Other work underway: Convention video production, floor committee selection, vendor communication, and workbook preparation. Important dates coming up:

- **Workbook posted online:** March 18 (target)
- **Floor Committee weekend:** April 1 and 2



Concordia St. Paul's Center for Biblical Studies Presents
A Lenten Workshop
Augmenting Dr. Reed Lessing's CPH Lenten Kit for 2022



Friday, January 28, 2022

Dr. Reed Lessing | Virtual or In-Person

9am – 2pm (CST) | *\$10

**Workshop participants receive over 200 PowerPoint slides connected to the sermons and Bible studies.*

Register for the workshop at:
csp.edu/center-for-biblical-studies

Purchase the Lenten Kit at:
cph.org

On the Radar: Ash Wednesday

This Ash Wednesday, March 2, the Kansas District will again be observing a **districtwide Day of Repentance**, together with the annual **Ash Wednesday Offering** and another round of “**Together We Pray**” for Lent and Easter. Prayer booklets, which will include details about the Day of Repentance, will be available mid-January on the Kansas District website.

The Ash Wednesday Offering supports scholarships for future church workers and education loan repayment grants for active church workers. **Last year, we were able to award over \$80,000 in scholarships and grants**, made possible in part by gifts given in the Ash Wednesday Offering. On behalf of our grateful recipients, THANK YOU!





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

Those grieving the loss of loved ones, including

- The family of Deacon Don Dodd, who entered his heavenly rest December 17
- Jim and Joanna Bradshaw and daughter Emily Bradshaw and family at the death of Emily's husband, John Keller, November 23
- Rev. Dan and Melissa Galchutt and family at the death of Melissa's grandfather, Dean Jacobitz, November 22
- Janet Powell and family at the death of her stepbrother, Derek Tate, November 8

Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues, including LCMS First VP Rev. Peter Lange, Rev. Robert Ziegler, Rev. Charlie Adams, Steve Bremer, Paul Schmidt, Rev. Dale Dumperth, Rev. Matthew Schneider, Rev. Roland Boehnke, Carrie Meyers, New England District President Rev. Timothy Yeadon, Philip Wolf, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Rev. Richard Andrus, and Judy May

Congregations and schools on our [Facebook](#) prayer list in January:

- Churches named **Our Redeemer** (Herington, Hutchinson, Kinsley), this week
- Churches named **Our Savior** (Great Bend, Kansas City, Marion), January 10
- Churches named **Peace** (Andover, Beaver (OK), Greensburg, Natoma), January 17
- **Prince of Peace** (Topeka), January 24
- Churches named **Redeemer** (Arkansas City, Atwood, Lawrence, Olathe), January 31

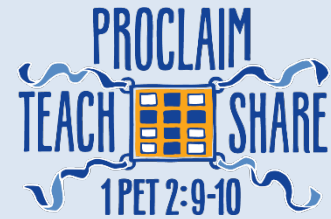
A Note of Thanks

Our family wants to convey our deepest gratitude for your prayers, comforting words, and gifts shared following the unexpected passing of our son-in-law, John Keller, on November 23. We covet your continued prayers for our daughter and her three young boys, as she continues to mourn the loss of her husband and the boys' father. Our hearts are heavy, but our hope rests in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Blessings to you this Christmas season!

Jim and Joanna Bradshaw

JANUARY

- 6** Middle School Huddle Meeting, Zoom, noon-1 p.m.
Board of Education and Youth, Zoom, 1-3 p.m.
- 7** KSDE Meeting, District Office, 10 a.m.-noon
Board of Caring Ministry, Zoom, 1-3 p.m.
- 8** Adult Education Committee, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.
- 10** Convention Planning Meeting, District Office, noon-3 p.m.
- 17** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day; District Office Closed**
- 18** Church Worker Care Committee, Zoom, noon-3 p.m.
Partnership Meeting, Zoom, 2-3 p.m.
- 20** Board of Mission, Zoom, 10-11:30 a.m.
- 21-22** District Youth Ministry Committee Retreat, Retreat Center, Herington
- 23-24** Pre-Lent Conference, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita
- 23-29** LCMS National Lutheran Schools Week
- 25** Kansas District Life Conference, St. John's, Topeka, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 27** Early Childhood Directors Zoom, 1 p.m.
Principals Zoom, 4-6 p.m.
- 31** Board of Administration, Zoom, noon
Kansas District Executive Council, Zoom, 1-2 p.m.
Board of Stewardship, Zoom, 7-8:30 p.m.



LCMS KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 9-10, 2022

[Upcoming Deadlines](#)

Workbook reports: Feb. 1
Overtures: Feb. 18

FEBRUARY

- 3** Kansas District President's Council, District Office, 1-5 p.m.
- 4** Board of Directors Meeting, District Office, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 15** Older Adult Committee, Zoom, 10-11:30 a.m.
- 20-25** LCMS Council of Presidents Meeting

January Staff Travel Schedule

Rev. Justin Panzer

- Jan. 9** Preaching at Trinity, McFarland
Installation of Rev. Matthew Jennings, St. Peter's, Humboldt
- Jan. 11** Circuit 7 Winkel, Trinity, Hanover
- Jan. 16** Installation of Rev. Philip Hoppe, Trinity, Colby
- Jan. 17** Holton/Nortonville Partnership Meeting
- Jan. 23-24** Pre-Lent Retreat, Wichita
- Jan. 25** District Life Conference, St. John's, Topeka
- Jan. 30** Installation of Rev. Matthew Koterba, Holy Cross, Scott City

Rev. Dan Galchutt

- Jan. 6** Church Plant Gathering, De Soto
- Jan. 9** Mission Sunday at NEK Partnership
- Jan. 11** Circuit 1 Winkel, Trinity, Atchison
- Jan. 12** Lutheran Social Services Meeting, Wichita
- Jan. 16** Installation of Rev. Philip Hoppe, Trinity, Colby
- Jan. 18** Circuit 5 Winkel, Trinity, Girard
- Jan. 23-24** Pre-Lent Retreat, Wichita
- Jan. 25** District Life Conference, St. John's, Topeka
- Jan. 30** Preaching at Christ, Topeka

Jim Bradshaw

- Jan. 5** School Visit, Bethany, Overland Park
Commissioning/Installation of Dcns. Bethany Stoever, Immanuel, Hepler
- Jan. 12-14** NADCE Conference, Fort Collins, CO
- Jan. 19** School Visit, Holy Cross, Wichita
- Jan. 21-22** District Youth Ministry Retreat, Retreat Center, Herington
- Jan. 23-24** Pre-Lent Retreat, Wichita
- Jan. 25** Life Conference, St. John's, Topeka
- Jan. 26** School Visit, Topeka Lutheran School



Out and about in December:
Messiah, Emporia

Missions and Stewardship

Partnership Webinar Now Available

In December 2021, three members of the Kansas District— Rev. Dan Galchutt, Rev. Michael Hageman, and Rev. Jon Bruss— joined Rev. Todd Kollbaum of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission (RSTM) for the webinar, **"Roundtable on Building Partnerships."** The conversation highlighted the potential for congregations of all kinds to be "better together" in partnership with other congregations.

To watch the recorded webinar, visit the RSTM [archives](#).



This Month: District Life Conference



Kansas District Life Conference

Tuesday,
Jan. 25, 2022

St. John's,
Topeka

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Schedule includes
Topeka Rally for Life

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb
Life Advocate, LFS of Iowa
"A Time to Speak"

SPECIAL GUEST

Deaconess Tiffany Manor
Director, LCMS Life Ministry

The Gospel of Jesus is the most positive and powerful FOR LIFE message in the universe! ... It's **Time to Speak** this message to those in our pews and those in our culture.

Registration is now OPEN at kslcms.org/life-conference/.

Hats and signs for the March for Life will be shipped January 10; lunches will be ordered January 19; please keep those dates in mind when registering.

[REGISTER](https://kslcms.org/life-conference/)

Church Planting Update: De Soto



You might remember seeing news in a previous issue of *Workers Together* about a potential new mission start in De Soto. We're glad to report that efforts have restarted (after a delay due to the pandemic) to explore what God has in store for a possible LCMS church in De Soto. Rev. Bert Tegtmeier is exploring the community, visiting with community leaders, and actively working to gather a core group for Bible study and to discuss possibilities for a church. **If you know of any people near the area who might be interested, please email information to janet@kslcms.org.** Also, we ask that you keep Rev. Tegtmeier and this effort in your prayers.

Missions Unpacked Is Back!

Embark on a global mission experience and unpack how LCMS International Mission works without ever having to dig out your suitcase. Learn, sing, eat, and pray with missionaries and local church members in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

From January 24-February 20, you can **take a virtual adventure** that lets you explore the four LCMS international missions regions—one each week. Learn about the regions, hear from missionaries, and see how God's mission is being advanced around the world.

Registration for this FREE event is now open. Visit the [event page](#) to learn more, access media resources, and register.



MISSIONS UNPACKED

JAN. 24 – FEB. 20, 2022

Embark on a global mission experience with LCMS missionaries without leaving home!

international.lcms.org/missions-unpacked

Nebraska District LCMS Seeks Assistant to the President for Mission & Ministry

The Nebraska District LCMS has a staff position open: Assistant to the President for Mission and Ministry. (Qualifying candidate should be on the Synod roster as a minister of religion—ordained.)

The person in this position will:

- Resource, coordinate, and promote a discipleship culture that produces good fruit and good works as the Body of Christ grows in vocational witness and works of mercy, and as ministries collaborate to carefully steward and effectively impact God's kingdom.
- Provide accountability and oversight for District-owned ministries and granting ministries to carry out the mission opportunities our Lord puts before us.

To suggest someone for this position, or to apply, please contact District President Rev. Richard Snow at richs@ndlcms.org. Full details of the position requirements can be found on the Nebraska District website at <https://ndlcms.org/jobs/>



Education & Youth

National Lutheran Schools Week Jan. 23-29



National Lutheran Schools Week

Theme: "In All Things"

Verse: Col. 1:15-20

Dates: January 23 – 29, 2022

Resources: <https://www.lcms.org/lutheranschoolsweek>

It's time once again to celebrate National Lutheran schools Week (NLSW). Our Lutheran schools are a real blessing as they partner with parents and the Church to train up the next generation in the faith!

[PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION](#)

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/lcmsschools>

Instagram:

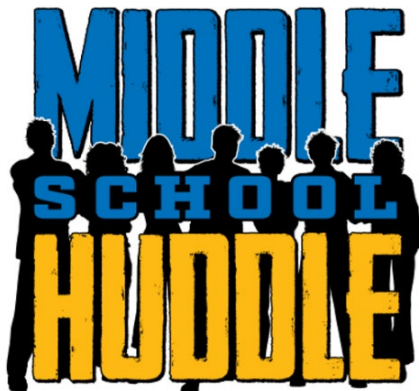
<https://www.instagram.com/lcms.school.ministry/>

LCMS Youth Gathering Update

[Registration](#) for the LCMS Youth Gathering is open! If you have questions about registration, District-sponsored buses, the service project/NASA, or the District event, please contact one of our Youth Gathering coordinators, Amanda Adams at dceadams@christlcms.org or Debbie Dennett at dennett.debbie@gmail.com.



Middle School Huddle: Registration Opens January 10



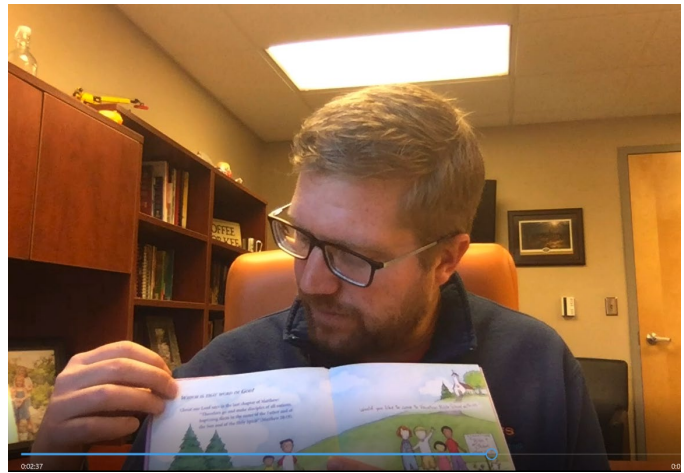
Pastors ... Youth Workers ... DCEs ... Are you looking for an event to connect your **Middle School youth** to other Lutheran kids? Well, we have an event for you! On **March 25 – 26, 2022**, we're going to gather at **Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas**, for an overnight retreat. We'll spend Friday evening and Saturday digging into God's Word and exploring the idea of "Friendship" and how our "identity" is found in Christ. The theme, "**What a friend we have in Jesus,**" is focused on **John 15:12-17**. Brian Young, an internationally known Lutheran speaker, is leading the main sessions, with additional breakout session topics for kids to explore. **Registration will be open January 10; the cost for the event is \$65.** More information can be found on the Kansas District website on the [Middle School Huddle webpage](#).

CFLC Recommends: *Holy Baptism – Follow and Do*

Korey Danley, Director of Next Generation Ministries at Christ, Overland Park, presents this month's recommendation from the Children's and Family Life Committee: *Holy Baptism – Follow and Do*, by Joni Walker (CPH). The book, part of the *Follow and Do* series, explains the sacrament of Holy Baptism in an easy-to-understand, engaging way.

Holy Baptism – Follow and Do is a great resource for teaching your own children about baptism or for gifting to new parents at the baptism of their child.

Check out the [book](#) or watch the [video](#) to learn more.



Caring Ministry

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

Donna Williams, Kansas District Disaster Response Coordinator | ksddrc@gmail.com

LERT CALENDAR

JANUARY 15-17, 2022: NW KANSAS FIRE RESPONSE. The scope of work includes but is not limited to debris removal and chainsaw work. Who should respond: Trained LERT volunteers and chainsaw operators. Site Coordinator: Bob Warfel, bobatvtravel@gmail.com. Go to LCMS-LERT.org for more information and to register to participate. Housing and meals are being arranged at Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma. Any questions can be directed to Bob Warfel or Donna Williams, ksddrc@gmail.com. (**NOTE:** This event was previously scheduled for January 8-11; please note the date change if you had recorded the earlier dates in your calendar.)

LERT BASIC TRAINING EVENT (Tentative)

March 26, 2022: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas. Please watch the LCMS Kansas District website and our Facebook pages ([LERT Kansas District](#) & [Lutheran Early Response Team - Northeast KS](#)) for current information and updates.



NW KANSAS FIRE FUND

On Dec. 15, an estimated 400,000 acres burned in NW Kansas as hurricane- force winds swept through the state. It is believed that downed power lines sparked the fires that burned in five counties in a line 35 miles wide and 10 miles long. Twelve families lost their homes in Natoma alone. Two of those families are farmers who are members at Peace Lutheran Church, Natoma. The LCMS Kansas District has invited congregations and LCMS members to partner with these families in the rebuilding process by [donating online](#) on the Kansas District website or by sending checks to the LCMS Kansas District earmarked "NW Kansas Fire" before January 15, when the appeal ends. Funds will be distributed to the affected families at Peace, Natoma. If funds exceed the needs of these families, they will be forwarded to the LCMS Disaster Relief fund. Questions? Contact Donna Williams or Heather Williams at the District Office.

KENTUCKY TORNADO RECOVERY UPDATE

Volunteers are needed to help with cleanup efforts following tornado activity in the Mayfield, KY area following tornado activity.

- Initial response: Dec. 17, 2021 – Jan. 15, 2022. Sign up to respond at [LCMS-LERT.org](https://www.lcms-lerc.org)
- Nature of work: Debris removal, retrieval of personal effects and processing, chainsawing (for LERT chainsaw teams only), and support of those who have sustained loss in the storms.
- The Host congregation is **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 211 South 21st Street, Paducah, KY 42003**. Volunteers should be self-sufficient and bring bedding, cot/mattress, supplemental food, and any necessary work clothes and equipment for their shift.
- It is planned to provide an evening meal for LERT volunteers at the host site, but volunteers should have adequate supplemental food and funds, etc. for their use as the host site accommodations develop. Showers will be available at a local gym in Paducah. The kitchen is available for use at the host site.
- Any volunteers who show up without registering will be considered spontaneous and will not be permitted to join in the work until volunteer registration is completed.
- Background checks are required for all volunteers who will enter residences, retrieve or process personal items, work with youth, or stay at the LERT volunteer host site. *The background check is processed through the LCMS LERT system when you sign up for a shift.*
- Check the LCMS Disaster Response webpage and/or the Mid-South District website (mid-southlcms.org) for other information regarding current needs and/or donations.

Local COVID protocols cannot always be followed in a disaster response situation. We ride in trucks together and eat together, and sleeping quarters are not spacious. Each individual can socially distance according to their own comfort level.



Save the Date: Pastors' Wives Retreat



Calling all Kansas District pastors' wives: The Pastors' Wives Retreat will be held March 12-13 at the Retreat Center in Herington. The special guest for the event will be speaker and author Heather Ruesch (www.heatherruesch.com).

This is a great opportunity to encourage one another, connect, and grow in God's Word. Details will be sent via email later this month.

Business Office

Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

You see an ad asking for volunteers to deliver to needy families some coats, hats, and gloves that have been purchased by a local charity. You volunteer to make six deliveries. At each home, the families shower you with praise for these thoughtful gifts. All day long you keep reminding them that you are only the messenger and that the gifts really came from the charity.

In a way, this story is a true parallel to our lives as we dispense God's gifts, whether that be caring for our families, supporting ministries that share Jesus, or sharing something with a neighbor who lives next door. Since all the gifts in our lives are God's gifts, we find ourselves constantly reminding those who thank us that we are simply sharing God's things with them. We are not really being generous. We are not leaving a personal legacy. **We are simply being faithful stewards with God's gifts, following through on the good works He prepared in advance for us to do**, for which He prepared us with His gifts.

St. Paul wrote in Galatians 3, *"So whatever you do, whether in word or deed, DO IT ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* That perspective reflects a heart captured by God's grace, intent on sharing that grace with everyone. Through His gifts God's saves with His Gospel.

If you would like to talk about giving perspectives, the LCMS Foundation can help.

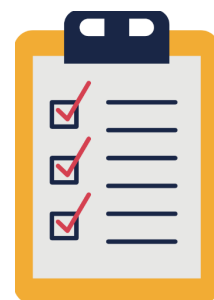
To learn more about Planned Giving in the Kansas

District or to schedule a presentation in your congregation or school, contact Dan Galchutt at dangalchutt@kslcms.org, Jeff Maltz at Jeffrey.maltz@lcef.org or Heather Williams at heather@kslcms.org.



2021 Fiscal Year Ends January 15

The District will close its 2021 fiscal year on Friday, January 15, 2022. Anything received after that date from your congregation will be credited to the 2022 fiscal year. To meet the standards for a not-for-profit corporation audit, we cannot credit any mission commitments/gifts received in our office after the 2021 fiscal year end is closed; congregations must meet this deadline. If you are sending a 2022 gift prior to January 15, please indicate that it is to be posted to 2022 so that we may credit it correctly for your congregation. The 2021 year-end checklist is also available on the Kansas District website under the Business Office tab in the "Frequently Requested" box.



2022 Mileage Rates

Effective January 1, 2022: The IRS has increased the standard business mileage rate to 58.5¢ per mile. **The Kansas District mileage rate, set by the Board of Directors, is 5 cents below the IRS rate, or 53.5¢ per mile.** The standard medical and moving mileage rate is 18¢ per mile. These new rates apply to mileage reimbursements paid to an employee on or after January 1, 2022 with respect to transportation expenses paid or incurred by the employee on or after January 1, 2022.

The rate used for charitable deduction purposes, set by statute rather than IRS, remains at 14¢ per mile.

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Around the District

Installations



BARNES

Rev. Matthew Durance, pictured above with District President Rev. Justin Panzer, was installed as pastor of St. Peter's, Barnes, December 5. St. Peter's has formed a congregational partnership with Bethlehem, Greenleaf, where Pastor Durance has served since 2018.



TOPEKA

Rev. Kevin DeHope was installed as pastor of Prince of Peace, Topeka, December 12. From left, Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss, Rev. Jacob Heine, Rev. Richard Bruenger, Rev. Sean Kilgo, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, DeHope, Rev. Ben Ockree, Rev. Dan Galchutt, Rev. Ben Micheel, Rev. Devin Kerns, and Rev. Justin Panzer.

Good News for Linn Lutheran School

The Linn Lutheran School Endowment Fund Auction set another record this year, raising well over last year's record. The annual event, held on Nov. 20 in Palmer, includes a live auction, silent auction, a meal, and cash donations. The final total raised from the event was \$236,699.30, with \$184,970 coming from the live auction.

"We truly live in an amazing community," said Shane Ohlde, who serves on the auction committee and the endowment fund committee. "God's love knows no bounds. The auction is a true testimony to the wonderful community we call home. It's humbling to see God's mission of teaching our children his Word, continue to grow."

Of the funds raised through the auction, \$30,000 or 10% goes toward the school's annual budget and the rest goes to the Endowment Fund. Donors have the option of allocating their donations to the additional teacher fund, which supports having a fourth teacher in the primary grade levels at the school.

District Office Directory

President's Office

- Rev. Justin Panzer, President: kspres@kslcms.org, 785-357-4441, ext. 5001
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Missions & Stewardship

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