

WORKERS TOGETHER

Monthly newsletter of the LCMS Kansas District

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As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 2:4-5



God Grants the Growth!

In this Pentecost Week, we rejoice and give thanks for generous gifts already received for the 2022 Pentecost Offering, which will support the construction of a new seminary in Guinea. We pray that God will guard and protect the seminary, CLET-Guinea, and continue to allow His kingdom to grow in the region. If you'd like to help with the effort, visit the [Guinea/West Africa page](#) at kslcms.org.



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Rev. Justin Panzer, District President

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Doxology Classic Coming to Kansas!

A new cycle of the **DOXOLOGY Classic program** will begin right here in Kansas July 11-14 at the Spiritual Life Center in Bel Aire (near Wichita).

The DOXOLOGY Classic program consists of three retreats: the **Gathering**, the **Encore**, and the **Grand Reunion**. Pastors alone attend the Gathering program for the foundation of the curriculum. Lay leaders can join the pastors during the Encore. During the Grand Reunion, pastors along with their wives attend the retreat to enjoy mutual learning and refreshment.

Dr. Stephen Pietsch from the Australian Lutheran College will be serving as a guest presenter.

Significant grants are available to help make the three-part cycle as affordable as possible.

Visit the [Doxology website](#) to learn more and to register. Registration closes Sunday, June 26, at midnight.



President's Office

June/July Devotion

We live in a beautiful state, surrounded by people from all walks of life. The Holy Scriptures not only call us the Body of Christ, but they also give another descriptive word for you and me—the “Royal Priesthood.” Baptism brings us into a salvation relationship with God. As Christ the Head is the High Priest, every member of His body is part of the royal priesthood. We “share in a heavenly calling” with Him to the priesthood in Baptism.

What does a royal priest of God do? We sacrifice. We pray. We are taught. We worship. We are connected together in a common confession and faith. Our efforts have meaning and value because of Christ. His ultimate sacrifice on the cross prompts all the sacrifices of the royal priesthood. And we certainly have a great charge in front of us—to be His priests, His baptized, His salt and light, His body in this world. It is the privilege and joy of every believer to faithfully share Christ with others through our own words and deeds. We are eager to be in worship and Bible study and devotion, so that we might be ready to give an answer to those who ask the reason for the hope that lives within us. As long as God allows us to live on this earth, there will be service that is needed, and there will be people who need to be served.

We take up the mission of the Church—to baptize and teach all nations. We rejoice, not in anything that we bring to Christ. Rather, we rejoice in passing on what we have first received from Him. What we do can't be helped. It is as natural as breathing, as life itself. It is impossible to be a believer, that is, to be in the royal priesthood, and not to be involved in this mission together. It is impossible for us to not look around our neighborhoods and communities and see those who need the same love of God in Christ Jesus that we already possess. We come into contact with these people every day—at work, at school, at the coffee shop. Yes, even in our own families people need to be reconnected with the Savior.

Let us be those people who invite others to “come and see” Jesus with us in our churches, schools, and preschools. And let us do it joyfully—as we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be made known through us. Rejoice not in anything that you might bring to Christ, but rather rejoice in passing on what you have first received from Him. Truly, filled with the Word and Sacrament of Christ, we, as His priests, His believers, “show forth the excellencies of God.”

Proclaim, teach, and share the crucified and risen Savior.

Opportunities abound each day! The learning and the growing about the “One thing needful” never ends for us. We hear and we know the voice of the Shepherd. We follow Him along the way because it is the only way to go. We live in His grace and love, giving thanks to God that we have been set apart to be His people. Rooted in Christ as His royal priests, we share in His heavenly calling now and forever!

You Are Invited

**Service of Installation for
Rev. Matthew C. Schultz** as pastor
of Ascension Lutheran Church, Pratt,
KS

Sunday, July 17, 2022 | 4 p.m.
Pratt Community College
Auditorium

Ordained LCMS pastors are invited
to join the procession. (Pastors will
not be vesting.)

Dinner reception immediately
following the service in the
Commons Area of Pratt Community
College.

**Kindly RSVP to
ascensionpratt@gmail.com**
if you plan on staying for the
dinner.

Calls and Vacancies

PASTORAL CALLS

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle, Trinity and Grace, Wichita to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne – accepted

Rev. Ben Siebert, St. John and St. Paul, Lincoln to Zion, Hastings, NE – pending

Rev. Don Haselhuhn, Trinity, Burlington to Our Savior, Joliet, IL – declined

Rev. Brian Holle, Zion, Bunker Hill, IL to St. Paul, Haven – declined

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Troy Slater at Immanuel, Canton – June 25

Rev. Robert Leiste (Intentional Interim Ministry) at Hope, Shawnee – July 3

Rev. Matthew Schultz at Ascension, Pratt – July 17

Candidate Matthew Goehring at Immanuel, Norton – August 14

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

Haven, St. Paul (sole)	Meade, St. John and Beaver, OK,
Herington partnership: Immanuel,	Peace (sole)
Our Redeemer, and St. John's (sole)	Topeka, St. John's (senior)
Leavenworth, Trinity (associate)	Wichita, Risen Savior (associate)
Liberal, Grace (sole)	

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

Atchison, Trinity (teacher)	Overland Park, Bethany (DCE)
Emporia, Messiah (DCE)	Shawnee, Hope (teachers)
Leavenworth, St. Paul (teacher)	

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

Candidate Kim Burke, Rocky Mountain District to Linn Lutheran, Linn – accepted; installation August 14

Candidate Kayla Ernstmeyer to Hope, Shawnee – accepted

Teacher Kristi Schkade, Trinity, Fremont, NE to Hope, Shawnee – accepted

CUNE Colloquy Candidate Abigail Meyer to Good Shepherd, Marysville – accepted

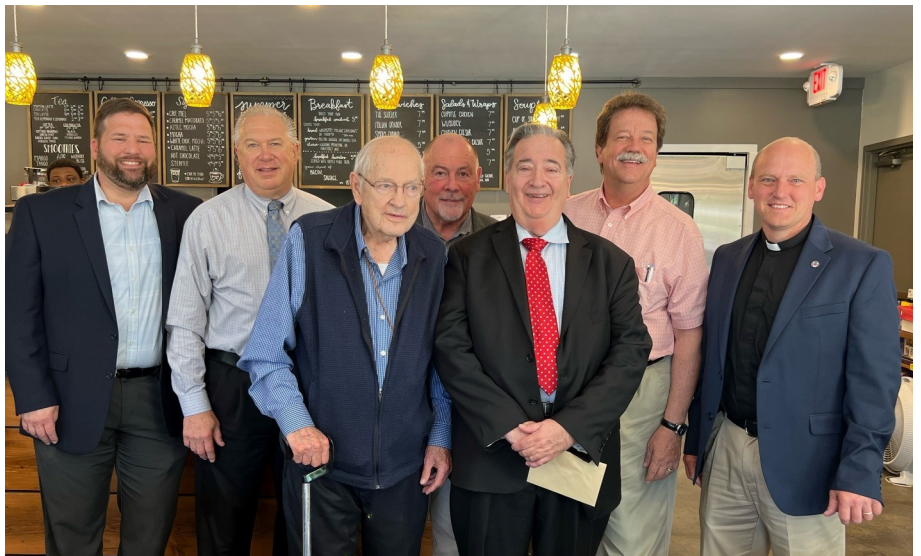
Teacher Katie Weiss, St. John, Bakersfield, CA to Hope, Shawnee – declined

DCE Ben Venteicher, Messiah, Hays to St. Mark, Omaha, NE – declined

Worker News



The **Rev. Andrew Wehling** was installed as pastor at Immanuel, Lawrence May 8. From left, (front row) Revs. Ben Ockree, Neil Buono, Paul Roggow, Tim Roggow, Andrew Wehling, Gerald Roggow, Tom Harries, Justin Panzer; (back row) Sean Kilgo, Jacob Heine, Ben Micheel, Kevin DeHope, Don Miller, Dan Wehmeier, and Lee Hovel.



Rev. Rocky Mease was installed as Transitional Executive Director of Fairmount Ministries in Wichita May 22. From left, Revs. Nick Cordt, Craig Boehlke, John Pool, Tom Harmon, Rocky Mease, Scott Snow, and Justin Panzer.

SAVE THE DATES

Kansas District Pastors Conference

October 2-4, 2022
Manhattan, KS

Kansas District Educators Conference

October 9-11, 2022
Manhattan, KS

Registration for our annual worker conferences will open in August at kslcms.org.



Teacher Kathy McIntosh celebrated her retirement May 16, following 44 years in Lutheran schools. McIntosh spent the past 31 years at Hope Lutheran School in Shawnee.

Meet Our New Communications Specialist



Jackie Schaefer began working in the Kansas District Office May 23 as a communications specialist; she'll be assuming the duties of Kris Bruss, who will be leaving the office after the convention for a new position at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. We're delighted to welcome Jackie to our staff! One of her first assignments: Prepare an article of introduction for this issue of *Workers Together*.

Hello! My name is Jackie Schaefer, and I am excited to be part of the LCMS Kansas District team!

I am a Kansas native, born and raised in Wichita. My family and I were active members of St. Andrews Lutheran Church, where I was baptized and confirmed. As a teenager, my life was changed through a servant event that I and a few others from my youth group attended in central Indiana. The event was a weeklong summer camp where volunteers were paired one-on-one with an adult with an intellectual disability. I quickly developed a heart and passion for those with disabilities, and throughout high school and college I was actively involved with these summer camps. After graduating college, I was offered a job with the very ministry that hosted the servant events, and for the next 15 years I lived in Indiana and ministered with those who have intellectual disabilities.

The desire to be close to family again drew me back to Kansas this past year. My family and I are settled happily in Lawrence and thrilled to call Immanuel Lutheran our new church home. My heart to work in ministry is as prominent as ever, and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to continue serving God through the Kansas District!

Being in the Communications Specialist role is also exciting, as I have always had creative talents and love any opportunity to utilize them. And what better way to use God-given gifts than for God's glory? In this new role I look forward to creating engaging and innovative resources to help enhance and grow the District's mission across Kansas and beyond.

Feel free to reach out to me at jackie@kslcms.org I look forward to hearing from you and serving Christ together!



Rev. Jon Franson was installed June 5 as pastor at St. Paul, Coffeyville. From left, Revs. Justin Panzer, Rick Rostek, Bruce Kristalyn, Kevin Peterson, Erv Daugherty, Don Copley, Jon Franson, Joshua Woelmer, Jonathan Scheck, Sean Kilgo, and Ted Cook.





74th Convention of the LCMS Kansas District

June 9-10, 2022 | Topeka, KS | kslcms.org

Schedule Highlights

Start times for some events might change, depending on the pace of convention business. For the [full schedule](#), visit the convention webpage.

Floor Committee Open Hearings

June 9 from 9-9:45 a.m.

Convention Opening

June 9 at 10 a.m.

District President's Report

June 9 at 11 a.m.

Keynote Presentations (2)

Rev. Roy Askins
Managing Editor, *The Lutheran Witness*

June 9 at 1:15 p.m.

June 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Convention Worship Service & Installation of the District President

June 9 at 7 p.m.

Host: St. Paul, Clay Center
Hotel Topeka at City Center
Sunflower Ballroom

President's Reception

June 9 following the worship service

Join us for cake as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our partnership to support missions in Guinea and West Africa.

Synod President's Report

Rev. Benjamin Ball, 6th Vice-President of the LCMS

June 10 at 10:15 a.m.

Closing Remarks & Installation of New Officers

June 10 at 4:45 p.m.

Convention Quiz!

As we prepare to gather in Topeka for the 74th LCMS Kansas District Convention, let's see how ready you are.

All of the following are **changes** from the 2018 convention EXCEPT:

- a. The Kansas District convention is a two-day event.
- b. Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison will preach at the convention worship service.
- c. Nominee profiles are now included in both the workbook and *Convention Business*.
- d. Lay delegates are invited to continue their service in the coming triennium as congregational liaisons.

Need help? Check *Convention Business*, which is now available online on the convention webpage. *Convention Business* includes a detailed schedule, list of delegates, convention resolutions, and more. We recommend that you download a copy if you're serving as a convention delegate.

Convention Notes

- ❖ There will be a **prayer room** available onsite, and we'll have **prayer request cards** available at the check-in table. Requests will be given to our district vice-presidents, who will be serving as convention chaplains.
- ❖ The **convention offering** will support the Church Worker Care Fund.
- ❖ Looking for **forms** for the convention (e.g., delegate forms)? You can find them on the [convention webpage](#).

Convention Prayer

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



In Jesus' name we pray ...

SPECIAL PRAYERS

For the families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones in the school shooting in Uvalde, TX, and in other mass shootings we pray: Kind and loving Father, comfort those who are grieving right now. Help us all to lean into You, and look to Your Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts and actions in the midst of this horrific tragedy. Above all, amid the tumult of these days, help us to trust in Your unfailing love, through Him whose love triumphed over all, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For CLET-Guinea, we pray that the proposed seminary is constructed soon, that it would grow, and that our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Guinea and West Africa would grow in knowledge and faith. Amen.

For those traveling to our district convention and to other LCMS conventions around the country, we pray that the Lord would guard and keep them on their way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For June and July, we ask you to keep in your prayers;

Those grieving the loss of loved ones, including

Family and friends of Doug Wolters, former BOD member and brother of current BOD member Mark Wolters, who entered his heavenly rest April 23

Family and friends of Joan Schnelle, mother of Rev. Aaron Schnelle, who entered her heavenly rest April 21

Family and friends of Kathryn Grimm, sister of Rev. Dennis Kootz, who entered her heavenly rest April 18

Family and friends of Darrell Schepmann, brother of Rev. Roger Schepmann, who was called home April 3

Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues, including Tom Kleber, Tim Lavrenz, Rev. Lee Hovel, Steve Bremer, Jeremy Pera, Makayla Rikli, Rev. Roland Boehnke, Carrie Meyers, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Rev. Richard Andrus, and Judy May

Kansas District RSOs on our Facebook prayer list for June and July

Fairmount Ministries, June 13

LeadaChild, June 20

St. John's Alumni Association, June 27

Concordia Academy – Wichita, July 5

NOTE: A new round of **"Prayers for Congregations and Schools"** will begin again later this summer.

[CLICK HERE for the full calendar](#)

Events Calendar

Out and About in Kansas: JUNE/JULY Staff Travel Schedule

Month of JUNE

- 2 Partnership Meeting, **Alta Vista** (Galchutt)
- 3-4 Hispanic Ministry Meetings, **Kansas City** (Galchutt)
- 5 Preaching at Trinity, **McFarland** (Panzer)
Installation of Rev. Jon Franson, St. Paul's, **Coffeyville** (Panzer)
- 11 Hispanic Ministry Meetings, **Kansas City** (Galchutt)
- 12 Preaching at Zion, **Independence** for 150th Anniversary (Panzer)
Farewell for Rev. Jon Bruss, St. John's, **Topeka** (Galchutt)
- 19 Mission Festival at Trinity, **Hanover** (Galchutt)

Month of JULY

- 3 Preaching at Redeemer, **Lake Wabaunsee** (Panzer)
Preaching at St. Paul's, **Alta Vista** (Panzer)
- 7-13 LCMS Youth Gathering, **Houston, TX** (Panzer, Galchutt, Bradshaw)
- 17 Preaching at St. John's, **Topeka** (Panzer)
Installation of Rev. Matthew Schultz, Ascension, **Pratt** (Panzer)
- 18-19 Missouri District Circuit Visitor Meeting, **Columbia, MO** (Panzer)
"Saints Alive After 55" Retreat, **Wichita** (Bradshaw)

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JUNE/JULY EVENTS

District Convention, June 9-10, Topeka (see Page 6)

LCMS Youth Gathering, July 9-13, Houston, TX
Visit the [Kansas District page](#) for the latest updates.



"Saints Alive After 55" Retreat (Older Adult Ministry)

Monday-Tuesday, July 18-19, 2022

Spiritual Life Center, Bel Aire, KS

"Rejoice Always" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Deadline for Registration:

Monday, June 20

Contact Tami Lierz at the LCMS Kansas District with questions.

2022 Kansas District Summer Early Childhood Conference (Preschool-K)

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Faith Lutheran Church, Ottawa, KS

"Let the Children Come to Me!"

(Mark 10:13-16)

Cost is \$50 (includes lunch)

Deadline for Registration: Friday, July 15



ON THE RADAR

Independence Day, July 4, District Office closed

New Worker Orientation, July 22, District Office, Topeka

Circuit Visitor/Region VP Orientation, July 28, District Office, Topeka

Board of Directors Meeting, July 28-30, District Office, Topeka

Older Adult Symposium, August 13, Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays

Out and About in Kansas: JUNE/JULY Staff Travel Schedule

Month of JULY (cont.)

- 22 New Workers Orientation,
Topeka (Panzer)
- 23 District Early Childhood
Workshop, **Ottawa** (Bradshaw)
- 23-24 Preaching at Mt. Calvary,
Wamego (Panzer)
- 28-30 President's Council & Kansas
District BOD, **Topeka** (Panzer)
- 30-31 Preaching at Mt. Calvary,
Wamego (Panzer)

[CLICK HERE for the full calendar](#)

Find details about
committee meetings,
service board
meetings.

DISTRICT GRANTS: IMPORTANT DATES

Education Loan Repayment Grants

Available to all rostered Kansas
District church workers who
have graduated in the last 10
years and are carrying
educational debt. Application
materials will be available on the
[Grants and Scholarships page](#) at
kslcms.org later this month.

Deadline: September 1, 2022

Kansas District Mission Grants

Application materials will be
available in August. Start
thinking!

Deadline: September 16, 2022

Summer Faculty-Led Workshops

The [2022 Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop Series](#) offers
in-depth study on contemporary topics that influence the practice
of ministry and worship, led by faculty members of Concordia
Seminary, St. Louis (CSL). **There's still time for you to take in one
of the following CSL workshops.**

When Things Fall Apart: The Book of Job

Dr. Henry Rowold, Emeritus Professor

June 15-17, 2022 | Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina

Cost: \$140

For more information, visit the [event page](#) on the Concordia
Seminary website. The June 1 registration deadline has passed, but **walk-ins are being
accepted**. Walk-ins can discuss payment with Rev. Dennis Kootz, the local
contact, upon arrival. Contact info: Rev. Dennis Kootz, Associate Pastor, Trinity
Lutheran Church, pastordennis.kootz@gmail.com or 785-823-7151.

Lutherans Listening to C.S. Lewis

Dr. Erik Herrmann, Professor of Historical Theology

June 27-29, 2022 | Faith Lutheran Church, Ottawa

Cost: \$140

For more information and to register, visit the [event page](#) on the Concordia
Seminary website. The deadline to register is June 13. If the deadline passes and
you're still interested in attending, contact Rev. Timothy Roth, Faith Lutheran
Church, at pastor.troth@gmail.com to see if there's space available.

CANCELED: What Can the Eighth Century BC Teach the 21st Century AD? The World of Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, Jonah and Ours

June 20-22, 2022 | Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays

Coming in August: CTSFW Workshop

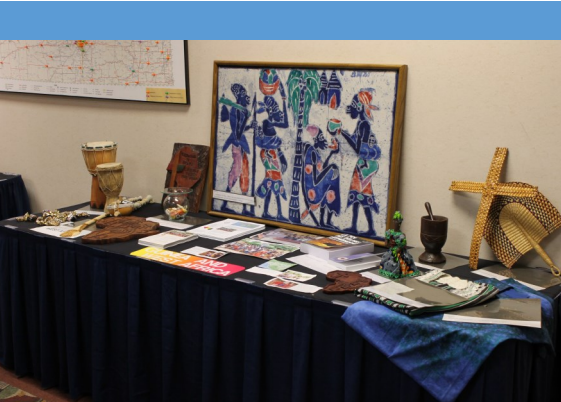
Using Catechism in the Congregation

Dr. John T. Pless, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW)

August 25-27, 2022 | Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City

Thanks to the abundant generosity of Trinity, you can attend this learning
opportunity at **no cost**. Everybody who attends will get a certificate of
attendance from the Seminary, and on top of that, **pastors will get 1.5 CEU**, at
no cost to them.

Visit the [event page](#) on the CTSFW website to learn more and register. Local
contact: **Rev. Santi Keinbaum**, Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church,
santikeinbaum@gmail.com or 402-430-8685.



DISTRICT MINISTRIES

Engaging in
God's Mission



Older Adult Symposium

Older adults gathered May 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church (Mission Campus) for the Older Adult Symposium sponsored by the LCMS Kansas District. Presenters included Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz (Trinity's senior pastor), Jim Bradshaw (District education executive) and Tom Perry (chair of the Older Adult Ministry Committee).

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

Donna Williams, District Disaster Response Coordinator

LERT BASIC TRAINING

July 30, 2022

Christ Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS

Registration: \$25

[Register online](https://www.lcms-lert.org) at LCMS-LERT.org

Contact: Rick Johnson rickjohnson@sbcglobal.net

If you are interested in scheduling a LERT Basic Training OR if you are interested in having a LERT representative visit your church and give a brief overview of LERT and Disaster Response in the Kansas District and beyond, please contact Donna Williams ksddrc@gmail.com.

BASIC CHAINSAW SAFETY AND OPERATION

We are learning with each response how important it is to have trained volunteers on our chainsaw team! Whether you want to operate a chainsaw or pull/drag and stack, we need you! You do not need to register as a group; individuals are encouraged to become part of the at-large Kansas District chainsaw team. Contact Donna Williams (ksddrc@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in participating in the next class.

Please watch the Kansas District website (kslcm.org/caring-ministry/disaster-response/) and our Facebook pages for current information and updates.

ANDOVER TORNADO RECOVERY

Even though there is still some cleanup going on, Andover is now in the rebuilding stage. Over the course of four weeks, we cleared debris in residential areas and completed tree/chainsaw work on 12 properties. Equipment and time were provided by LERT members from across Kansas and included volunteers from Nebraska and Oklahoma and some "walk-in" volunteers from Holy Cross, Wichita. THANK YOU! Heartfelt thanks to Peace Lutheran Church, Andover, for providing housing and meals for our out-of-town volunteers! You are a blessing! I look back on all the work we were able to do and wonder how some of it would have gotten done without the selfless attitude of those who gave a day or a weekend and/or drove hours to get here, some providing their own heavy equipment, all on their own dime, to help give hope to 12 Andover residents in the name of Jesus. These people are beyond thankful for the sacrifice of our Andover team and your generosity won't soon be forgotten. **Yes ... what we do matters!**



Synod Announces 2023 Convention Theme

The 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) will be held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wis., July 29–Aug. 3, 2023.

The convention theme is “We Preach Christ Crucified,” based on 1 Cor. 1:18–25.

[Nominations](#) for Synod secretary and elected boards and commissions are now being accepted. The nominations period will close October 29, 2022.

For up-to-date information about the 2023 Synod convention, click [here](#).

Synod & Partners

New Missionary Podcast

LCMS International Mission has launched a new podcast, [5 Minutes with a Missionary](#), which provides a window into missionary life. As missionaries talk about their experiences, savor the uniqueness of the places in which God has called them to serve while finding common ground with your own role and service. Each episode features an unfiltered take on life abroad for the sake of the Gospel in the time it takes to pick up your drive-thru order or empty the dishwasher. It’s fun. It’s personal. It’s real. And it’s always an adventure.

Guests in the first season of the podcast include:

- Johanna Stinnett, Ethiopia
- Benjamin Helge, Czech Republic
- Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver, Taiwan
- Deaconess Sandra Rhein, Asia
- Rev. J.P. and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
- Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry, Asia
- Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, Puerto Rico.

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2022-2023 *Lutheran Witness* renewal packets for the Kansas District will be sent to congregations in July. Check your mail for the packets to make additions, changes, or deletions to your subscriptions. **Renewals will be due in our office in late August.**

Every month, *The Lutheran Witness* brings you news, stories, and essays that aim to encourage you in your faith, clarify God’s Word, keep you informed, and spark a question or two. If you subscribe through your congregation, your issue also includes the Kansas District edition, which brings you news about LCMS people and places right here in Kansas.

On a related note: Rev. Roy Askins, managing editor of *The Lutheran Witness*, will be our keynote speaker at the 74th LCMS Kansas District Convention. In his presentation, Askins will explore how LW has participated in the work of proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God’s unchanging message and will offer suggestions for what the future might hold.



Celebrating 175 Years

The LCMS Council of Presidents (COP) was on hand at the International Center in St. Louis April 26 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Synod. Visit the [anniversary page](#) of [lcms.org](#) to find a Bible study, a reading list of LCMS history, and handouts on people who have made an impact on the LCMS throughout its history. You can also check out the April [Reporter supplement on the 175th anniversary](#). (Photo courtesy Erik Lunsford.)

2022 LCEF Outreach Ministry Grants

The **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** is blessed by strong investors and faithful borrowers. Part of that blessing is being able to use fiscal year-end operating results to offer **\$32,000 in Outreach Ministry Grants** to congregations, schools, and other LCMS organizations within the Kansas & Oklahoma Districts. **Completed applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2022**. Grant recipients will be selected by June 20, 2022. All applicants will be notified as to whether or not they receive a grant. For more information and application materials, visit the [Outreach Ministry Grant webpage](#) at [kslcms.org](#).

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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Wishes Everyone a Great Time!



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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.

Around the District

Annual Lutherans for Life Meeting & Presentation

The annual meeting of [Lutherans for Life \(LFL\) of Kansas](http://Lutherans for Life (LFL) of Kansas) is scheduled for **Sunday, June 26**, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Wamego.

A complimentary dinner will begin at noon, followed by a brief business meeting to elect Board of Directors positions for a two-year term.

The Board of Directors has appointed **Shari Weber** of Vassar to serve as president for the rest of the term, until June 2023, with thanks to Jeanne Mackay for her service and leadership as president of the board for almost two decades. **Bruce Schultz** of Wamego and **Bethany Stoevers** of Hepler have also been appointed to the board to fill the current terms of director at large. **Rev. Caleb Stoevers** has been appointed as a pastoral advisor.

Following the business meeting, the Flint Hills Lutherans for Life Chapter will host a special presentation by **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**, executive director of The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, at 2 p.m. The presentation, "Life, Received and Shared as God's Gift Always Wins," will provide education on the role we play as citizens. Everyone is welcome to attend the noon dinner, the Lutherans for Life of Kansas annual meeting, and the presentation by Rev. Seltz.

We strongly encourage those interested to RSVP. **Please call/text your name and number of guests to 785-366-0104, or email info@lflfokansas.org**

Please also note the new mailing address for Lutherans for Life of Kansas, Inc.:

Lutherans for Life of Kansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 372
Kechi, KS 67067



2022 Worship Conference

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Topeka**

Saturday, August 13

9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Rev. Sean Daenzer, Keynote Speaker

This conference is for laypeople, musicians, and pastors, so we encourage you to attend! It will conclude with Vespers and an organ recital by Timothy Schreiber. More information to come on the St. John's website.