

WORKERS TOGETHER

Monthly newsletter of the LCMS Kansas District

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O Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1



Our mission is to support and encourage the members of the District in carrying out the mission Christ has given His Church.



The choir from Trinity, Salina, performs at the worship service.



Paul Taylor and Charlotte Buckmaster from Risen Savior, Wichita, volunteer at the LLL/LHM booth.



Rev. Dennis Kootz, Trinity, Salina, leads the worship service on Sept. 11.

Lutheran Laymen's League at the Kansas State Fair!

It was another great year at the State Fair, which took place Sept. 9-18 in Hutchinson, and the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) was well represented! Many congregations across the District provided Christian materials and volunteers for the booth. The worship service was held Sunday, Sept. 11, and led by Rev. Dennis Kootz of Trinity, Salina. 133 people attended the service.

Thank you to all the volunteers and congregations who helped out!

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Rev. Justin Panzer, District President

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Circuit Reformation Festival 2022

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran

(909 South Market St.
Wichita, KS 67211)

Immanuel Lutheran is hosting the annual joint-circuit Reformation Festival of circuits 10 and 11. Join us in worship, fellowship and growth in wisdom and virtue as the Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie, chairman of Department of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will preach and deliver the banquet lecture. The offering from the service will support the Joint-Seminary Fund. Banquet tickets are \$15, while children 10 and under eat for free. Childcare is provided during the lecture.

4:00 p.m. – Divine Service

5:30 p.m. – Dinner

6:15 p.m. – Lecture (Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie)

7:30 p.m. – Closing Prayer

**RSVP by Monday, Oct. 24
at 316-264-0639 or
secretary@ilchurch.org.**

Please pay at the door.

Clergy wishing to participate
should contact Rev. Mark
Lovett,
pastor.mdlovett@gmail.com.

President's Office

October Devotion

“The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself” (2 Timothy 2:11–13).

Many scholars consider Paul’s second letter to Timothy as the last one he would ever write. Paul’s time on this earth was quickly coming to an end. He had suffered tremendously for the sake of sharing the Gospel. Now, he was in prison with little chance of an acquittal. He wanted to tell Timothy to preserve the Gospel message pure and unchanged, to guard it against the increasing attacks of false teachers, to train other men to share it boldly and faithfully, and to be ready to suffer himself for the sake of defending it to others.

In his letter, Paul tells Timothy to “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (v. 8). **“Remember”**—every church worker, every Christian is to remember who it is that we serve. Remembering calls to mind God’s grace. God would remember Noah and His people forever with the sign of the rainbow in the sky. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, the people were to remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. When Jesus was with the 12 apostles in the Upper Room, His own body and blood broken and shed for their sins would be done in remembrance for all that He had done.

These are rich memories that come to mind when we remember Jesus Christ! The cross is a reminder of God’s grace shown to all as Christ suffered and died for our sins. The empty tomb is a reminder that He was bodily raised from the dead on the Third Day—the guarantee of our bodily resurrection on the Last Day. The baptismal font is a reminder of the washing of water in God’s Name, that we have received the gift of faith, the forgiveness of our sins, and have been made to be the heirs of eternal life. The altar is the place where we remember that the living and risen Lord gives His people His true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins.

Jesus gave His own Words to His disciples. The writers recorded those Words and passed them on to us through the sacred Scriptures. Jesus’ words simply do not fail. His promises are always reliable! **What do we do with these words?** The Christian’s life in this world calls for endurance. We are being attacked. In the face of persecution, the living and exalted Lord says in **Mark 13:13**, “All men will hate you because of Me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.” **Revelation 2:10**, “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” What an encouragement for patience in suffering! What admonition to remain faithful to the One who has laid down His life for us and taken that life back up again.

Dear friends, remember Christ and all that He has done for you. Remember Him through your daily repentance and returning to the forgiveness He has given to you in your baptism. Remember Him through your daily individual and family prayers and devotions. Remember Him through your weekly worship, church Bible study, and sacrificial giving. Remember Him as you joyously live out the Christian life in word and deed to those you are around in your daily vocation. **He always remains faithful to His promises for you, now and forever!**

Calls and Vacancies

PASTORAL CALLS

Rev. Kurt Cockran, Risen Savior, Basehor to Mt. Calvary, Richfield, MN – declined

Rev. Nathan Dudley, St. Paul, Clarinda, IA to St. Paul, Haven – pending

Rev. John Fries, Grace/Deadwood and Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis, SD to SPR Partnership – pending

Rev. Don Haselhuhn, Trinity, Burlington to St. John and St. Paul, Lincoln – pending

Rev. Rocco Mallardi, Messiah, Hays to Zion, Clark, NJ – declined

Rev. Rocco Mallardi, Messiah, Hays to Heit's Point Lutheran Ministry, MO – accepted

Rev. Matthew Nelson, Our Redeemer, Columbia Falls, MT to SPR Partnership – declined

Rev. Aaron Schnelle, Bethany, Wichita to Bethel, Clearwater, FL – accepted

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Boyd "Andrew" Wright, St. John, Keystone, IA to St. John's, Topeka – accepted, installation Sunday, Oct. 2

Rev. Timmothy Heath, Bethel, Hobe Sound, FL to Trinity, Holton – accepted, installation Sunday, Oct. 23

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

Alta Vista, St. Paul, Lake Wabaunsee,
Redeemer and Clarks Creek, St. Paul
(SPR partnership; sole)

Girard, Trinity (sole)

Haven, St. Paul (sole)

Hays, Messiah (sole)

Herington partnership: Immanuel,
Our Redeemer, and St. John's (sole)

Leavenworth, Trinity (associate, seminary)

Liberal, Grace & Beaver, OK, Peace (sole)

Lincoln, St. Paul & St. John (sole)

Meade, St. John (sole)

Wichita, Bethany (sole)

Wichita, Risen Savior (associate)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

Emporia, Messiah (DCE)

Overland Park, Bethany (DCE)

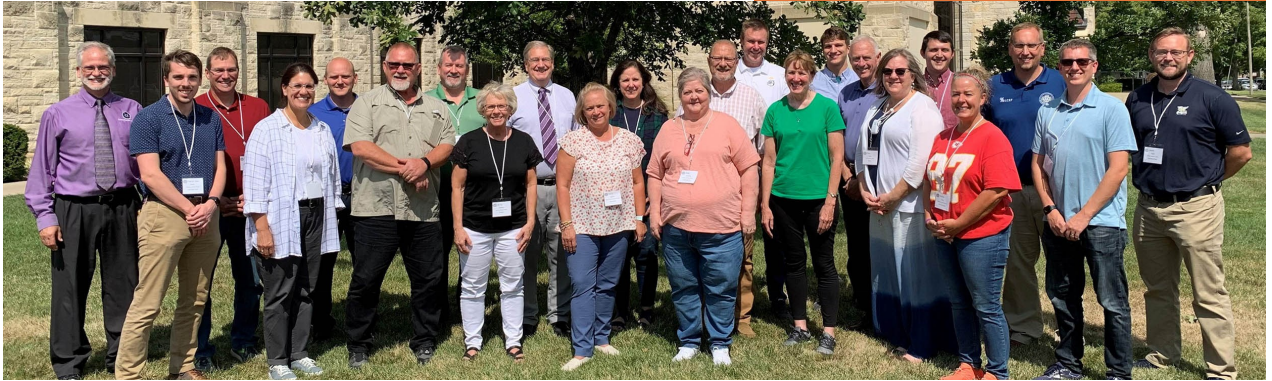
Marysville, Good Shepherd (Principal)

Rev. Aaron Filipek was installed as pastor of Trinity and Grace, Wichita, on Sept. 3. The installation took place at Trinity.

From left: Revs. Ian Kinney, William Wingfield, Jay Watson, Nick Cordt, Mark Lovett, Dan Metzger, Kyle Nelson, Aaron Filipek (center), Tom Johnson, David Herald, Rocky Mease, Justin Panzer, Michael Schotte, Kurt Letcher, Michael Brockman, and Cliff Winter.

Installation of Rev. Aaron Filipek





School leaders gathered in Topeka, Sept. 15-16, for the annual Kansas District Principal's Conference. From left (first row) Rev. Sean Baker, Nancy Jankowski, Steve Hobus, Becky Hillman, Terry Harries, Cindy Hammons, Jane Limback, Julia Voss, Sharon Fries; (second row, left to right) Jim Bradshaw, Eric Pralle, Rev. Justin Panzer (District President), Harmon Butler, Rev. Robert Grimm, Amy Schultz, Rev. Ed Mease, Rev. Kevin Wyssmann, Kyle Johnson, Rev. Dan Galchutt, David Rindt; (third row, left to right) David Beikmann, and Vicar Paul Hammes.

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Fourteen church workers gathered at Christ Lutheran, Overland Park, on Sept. 8 for the initial Director of Christian Education (DCE) cluster meetings for the Greater Kansas City metro area for 2022-23. The cluster meetings will take place monthly. From left (front row) Brent Howard, Cindy Shah, Alyssa Reith, Cindy Twillman, Amber Goeglein, Deb Hartje, Linda Horton, Beth Stephens; (back row, left to right) Josh Keithley, Jim Bradshaw, Tiffany Danley, Erika Mitts, Korey Danley, and Will Ochs.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Leavenworth, celebrated Grandparents and Special Persons Day on Sept. 9.



Pictured are Rev. Ed Mease, pastor at St. Paul, and Principal Cindy Hammons to celebrate Grandparents and Special Persons Day.

Worker News, Cont.

Congratulations! NLSA Certificates Awarded



Trinity Lutheran Preschool (Shawnee) was approved in July by the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) commission in St. Louis for five years. Preschool Director Jo Ann Emerson (third from left) and Trinity staff received the NLSA accreditation certificate from Kansas District Education Executive James Bradshaw on Sept. 25.



Christ Lutheran School, Overland Park Principal David Rindt (left) received the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) certificate from Kansas District Education Executive James Bradshaw on Sept. 11. The NLSA certification is awarded for five years.

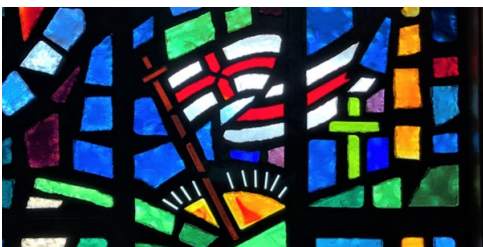
2022-2025 District Parish Education Committee members

From left: Dr. John Hart (Christ, Topeka), James Bauck (Zion, Vassar), Rev. Timothy Roth (Faith, Ottawa), Rachel Goodpasture (Trinity, Atchison), Jan Borst (Christ, Overland Park), Rev. Dr. Ed Kettner (Hope, Shawnee), Dcs. Bethany Stoevers (Hepler, Erie), and Rev. Philip Hoppe, Chair (Trinity, Colby).





In Jesus' name we pray...



SPECIAL PRAYERS

For all attending the Pastors and Educator's Conferences, we pray for a fruitful time of learning, worship, and fellowship with members of the royal priesthood from around the District. May the Lord grant safe travels to all attending, and through the conferences provide insight in sharing the Good News with others. In His Name, Amen.

For students and families beginning the new school year, we pray for the Lord to bring forth a fruitful academic year. We ask for Him to be present with our Lutheran schools and faculty as students resume their studies. May the Lord also watch over those attending college, and provide opportunities for students to get connected with a Lutheran campus ministry. In His Name, Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For **October**, we ask you to keep in your prayers:

Those grieving the loss of loved ones, including

Family and friends of Karen Kohlmeier, wife of former Kansas District Mission Awareness Coordinator Marvin Kohlmeier, who entered her heavenly rest August 15

Family and friends of Harold Wagner, uncle of Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship, who entered his heavenly rest July 7

Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues, including Rev. Michael Dunaway, Claire Soeken, Ben and Michelle Venteicher, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Tom Kleber, Tim Lavrenz, Rev. Lee Hovel, Steve Bremer, Rev. Roland Boehnke, Carrie Meyers, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Rev. Richard Andrus, and Judy May.

Those celebrating the gift of new life, including Rev. Jonathan and Cari Scheck (twins Rhoda and Talitha, Aug. 22), Rev. Aaron and Samantha Wagner (daughter Hannah Lynne, Aug. 22), Joe and Jenn Eickmann (adopted daughter Evelyn Joe), Rev. Joshua and Diane Hayes (son Micah, Aug. 3), and Rev. Aaron and Sarah Fenker (son James, July 15).

Congregations and Schools on our Facebook prayer list in October:

Zion, Downs, October 3

Redeemer and God's Little Saints Preschool, Atwood, October 10

Immanuel, Lakin & Trinity, Garden City & Grace, Ulysses (partnership of 3), and Trinity Lutheran Preschool, October 17

St. John, Easton, October 24

Bethel, Kansas City & Faith, Kansas City & Grace, Kansas City & Immanuel, Kansas City, October 31

EVENTS CALENDAR

Out and About in Kansas

OCTOBER Staff Travel Schedule

- 2 Preaching at St. John's, **Topeka** (Panzer)
Preach/Installation of Rev. Andy Wright at St. John's, **Topeka** (Panzer)
Stewardship Sunday at Bethlehem, **Sylvan Grove** (Galchutt)
- 2-4 Pastors Conference, **Manhattan** (Panzer, Galchutt, Bradshaw)
- 5 School visit, **Marysville** (Bradshaw)
- 9 Preaching at Redeemer, **Lake Wabaunsee**, and St. Paul's, **Alta Vista** (Panzer)
Congregational meeting at Immanuel, **Fairview** (Galchutt)
- 9-11 Educator's Conference, **Manhattan** (Panzer, Galchutt, Bradshaw)
- 12 Board of Missions meeting, **Emporia** (Panzer, Galchutt)
- 15 Official Visitation at First, **Paola** (Panzer)
- 16 Preaching at Redeemer, **Lake Wabaunsee**, and St. Paul's, **Alta Vista** (Panzer)
Pre-call meeting at Bethany, **Wichita** (Panzer)
NLSA Presentation, **Leawood** (Bradshaw)
- 18 NEK Partnership meeting at St. Paul, **Fairview** (Panzer)
DCE Cluster meeting at District office, **Topeka** (Bradshaw)
- 19 School visit, **Cheney** (Bradshaw)
- 23 Preach/Installation of Rev. Timothy Heath at Trinity, **Holton** (Panzer)

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Circuit 15 Forum

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Trinity Lutheran, Colby

12:00 p.m. – Meal

1:30 p.m. – Worship with Communion

3:00 p.m. – Presentation by Lutherans for Life **Rev. Michael Salemink**; "This is My Body: Christian Compassion and Courage Concerning Sexuality and Gender."

To register for the meal, contact **Rev. Philip Hoppe** at pastor@ihoppe.com by **October 2**.

Rev. Salemink will also lead the 9:30 a.m. Bible class and preach at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 9, at Peace Lutheran, Natoma. There will be a potluck lunch following the service.

Parenting Seminar

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022

Messiah Lutheran Church

2000 Main Street, Hays, KS

Messiah Lutheran in Hays will be hosting a free parenting seminar on **Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Dr. Annette Anschutz, Associate Professor of Education and Early

Childhood Program Director at Concordia University, NE, will speak on guidance and discipline, faith development, and how to support healthy growth and development at home. This will be most beneficial to parents with children ages 3-5.

The seminar is open to the congregation and the community. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

CSP CENTER FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES

Who Is Jesus? Matthew 1
October 28, 2022

An Advent/Christmas Series (PLUS an 8-Week Epiphany Series)

Time: **2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (central time)**

Cost: **\$25** (Registrants receive sermons, orders of worship, Bible studies, PowerPoint, and a recording of the session.)

Location: **on campus (Concordia, St. Paul) OR online**

Join us as we explore how the First Evangelist introduces our Lord's ancestors, parents, and the determined Magi who traveled hundreds of miles to see Jesus. As a bonus, participants will also receive an eight-week Epiphany series on the Beatitudes from Matt. 5:1-12. Visit the Concordia University, St. Paul website, [Center for Biblical Studies](http://CenterforBiblicalStudies.org) to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT.

OCTOBER Travel Schedule Cont.

- 23 Preaching at Trinity, **McFarland** (Galchutt)
- 24-26 Regional Education Execs., **Birmingham, AL** (Bradshaw)
- 25 Circuit 13 Winkel, **Downs** (Panzer)
- 30 Preaching at Our Redeemer, **Hutchinson** (100th Anniversary) (Panzer)
- 30 Mission Festival at Trinity, **Colby** (Galchutt)

2022 Reformation Offering

The annual Kansas District Reformation Offering supports mission work right here in Kansas.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

Prayers. Pray for congregations, workers and fellow LCMS Kansans as they are actively engaged in mission work, and for God to bless their efforts.

Gifts. Contributions to the Reformation Offering will support mission projects in Kansas (e.g., church planting, evangelism training, specialized ministries).

Gifts may be mailed to:

LCMS Kansas District
1000 SW 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66604-1104

Gifts may also be given online on the [Kansas District Offerings](#) page (under the "Business Office, Donate" tab.)

Reformation Offering materials are available on the [Mission Funding](#) page (under the "Missions" tab).

[See the full Kansas District calendar!](#)

A Life Called: Church Worker Student Visit Day November 4-5, 2022

Concordia University, Nebraska will host a visit day for students and their families who are interested in church work **Friday, Nov. 4, at 9:00 a.m. – Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10:00 a.m. (central standard time).**

Participants will have opportunities to explore Concordia's five church work programs (Pre-Seminary, Pre-Deaconess, Lutheran Teacher, Director of Christian Education, and Director of Parish Music). There will be a guided tour of Concordia's campus, including the residence halls. Sessions for learning about financial aid opportunities and the church worker call process will be presented. All housing, meals, and activities are free for students. **Registration ends Monday, Oct. 31.**

Visit Concordia University, Nebraska [A Life Called](#), to register. Questions may be addressed to DCE Olivia Johnson at olivia.johnson@cune.edu, 402-643-7294.



Concordia Academy - Wichita "An Evening of Music"

Concordia Academy - Wichita will be hosting their second annual "An Evening of Music" on **Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church (909 S Market St, Wichita, KS 67211).**

This is a free will donation event. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of lockers for Concordia students and to continue to build the scholarship fund. Please join us as we celebrate the musical talents God has gifted us!

For more information, contact the Administrative Assistant, **Amanda Carter**, at a.carter@concordiaacademywichita.org.

ON THE RADAR

Circuit Visitor meeting, Oct. 2, Manhattan, KS

Pastors Conference, Oct. 3–4, Manhattan, KS

District Confirmation Retreat, Oct. 7–8, Augusta, KS

Educator's Conference, Oct. 9–11, Manhattan, KS

Making Disciples for Life Fall Conference, Oct. 10–12, LCMS International Center, St. Louis, MO

DCE Cluster meeting, Oct. 18, District Office, Topeka, KS

Kansas Lutheran Laymen's League Convention, Nov. 5, Trinity Lutheran, Salina, KS

Kansas District Youth Gathering, Nov. 19, Olathe and Wichita, KS

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



2022 Kansas District Regional Youth Gathering

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022

Theme: Living as the Baptized (1 Peter 2:9-10)

We are excited for the 2022 Kansas District Regional Youth Gathering, on Saturday, Nov. 19! For the first time, District youth groups will be able to select a location to attend. One location will be at **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church** (13145 S. Blackbob Rd., Olathe, KS 66062), and the other location will be at **Risen Savior Lutheran Church** (6770 E. 34th St. N, Wichita, KS 67226). **The cost per person (grades 9-12 and adult leaders) is \$50**, which includes the price of a t-shirt. *Note: late registration will increase to \$60 per person.*

Registration is now open. Visit the [KDYG](#) page (under the "Education & Youth, Youth Ministry" tab) on the Kansas District website to register, print off consent forms, and find more KDYG information for both the Wichita and Olathe locations. Deadline to register is Nov. 1 to guarantee a t-shirt.



We're so excited to go to Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR), June 4-9, 2023!

LVR is a great place for youth to make friends from all across Kansas that share their same beliefs and have intentional time every day to grow closer to God! They also have the chance to go hiking, ziplining, fishing, horseback riding, archery, throw tomahawks, participate in challenge courses, and so much more.

The registration cost covers the increased price of transportation and the fees for camp. **Registration will open in February 2023.** Check back at the [LVR](#) page (under the "Education & Youth, Youth Ministry" tab) on the Kansas District website for details to come. For additional information, please contact DCE Beth Stephens (Trinity, Mission/Shawnee), Beth@tlcms.org.



Older Adult Ministry, *Senior Moments* Quarterly Newsletter Feedback Survey, Fall 2022

dedicated ministry to older adults, the LCMS Kansas District Older Adult Committee has sponsored a quarterly newsletter, ***Senior Moments***, to district congregations. *Senior Moments* has had articles written by district and synod-wide leaders, encouraging the forming and maintaining of an effective Older Adult ministry. It has included tips on organization, samples of effective programs, and events taking place across the Kansas District.

First appearing in 2021, the *Senior Moments* newsletters are primarily distributed digitally to each Kansas congregation and pastor for circulation among their older adults. Congregations have been encouraged to print several copies locally and make them available to their older adults. **Special thanks** to Tom Perry, Gretchen Hollman and the members at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mission-Shawnee, for leading this effort!

It's now time to hear from you. Please give us feedback on the value of this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete the [Quarterly Newsletter Feedback Survey](#). The survey deadline is Monday, November 14. Thank you!

As part of a District-wide effort to encourage and establish



DISTRICT MINISTRIES

Engaging in
God's Mission



Connecting Students to Campus Ministry

The Lutheran campus ministries at Kansas colleges and universities provide a **“church home away from home”** for students.

Help college students connect to a new church home by visiting the [Campus Ministry](#) page (under the “Missions, Specialized Ministries” tab) at the Kansas District website.

Please share with pastors and parents the **“Campus Ministry Student Contact”** form at the bottom of the page, so we can connect students with campus pastors.

Students: Please fill out and submit the contact form within the **first 6 weeks** of arriving at college, to get connected with a local Lutheran congregation, or campus ministry.

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

Donna Williams, District Disaster Response Coordinator



Special message: I will have a vendor table at the Pastors Conference, Oct. 3-4. Stop by and say hello! We will also be attending the National Disaster Response Conference in Ft. Wayne, IN on Sept. 29-Oct. 1. I look forward to sharing the latest Disaster Response information with our LCMS Kansas District congregations!

LERT BASIC TRAINING EVENTS

October 22, 2022

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Gardner, KS

Registration is \$20. [Register online](#) before Oct. 8, 2022.

Contact Mark Trivilino, tma41@yahoo.com.

BASIC CHAINSAW SAFETY AND OPERATION

November 12, 2022

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Gardner, KS

Registration is \$25. [Register online](#) before Oct. 29, 2022. The class size limit is 10. Contact

Mark Trivilino, tma41@yahoo.com or Brian Mead,

brian.t.read2@gmail.com.

(participants must complete a Basic LERT Training course before attending a chainsaw class.)

If you are interested in scheduling a LERT Basic Training OR if you are interested in having a LERT representative visit your church, please contact Donna Williams ksddrc@gmail.com.

Visit the [Kansas District website](#) and our Facebook pages (LERT Kansas District, and Lutheran Early Response Team – Northeast Kansas) for updates.

Jesse Schultz, a student at Concordia University in Chicago, recently wrote a thank-you note to the Kansas District for helping to financially support his education;

“LCMS Kansas District,

Thank you once again for your generous support of my education at Concordia Chicago! I praise God for servants like you who value the efforts of our LCMS universities to train up the next generation of church workers. Your financial assistance has made it possible for me to pursue this God-given vocation without the fear of accumulating insurmountable debt.

As I start my senior year, I humbly ask for your continued prayers, both for me and my classmates. May God continue to bless your ministry in His name!”

We do indeed give thanks to God for the generous support of the District, in assisting young people like Jesse in their vocational pursuit! May the Lord continue to provide future church workers for our congregations and schools, to share the Gospel with the rest of the world! (Matt. 28:19–20).



Twelve members of the Mount Calvary, Wamego, Piecemaker group traveled to Wichita to volunteer on Aug. 6. The group took 119 bags of clothing, donated by church members, and 20 hygiene kits. The Piecemakers sorted and packed clothing, and learned more about Orphan Grain Train and their mission. **A LCEF ministry outreach grant** made this service project possible, and was used to reimburse the drivers for gas and provide snacks for the group. Half of the grant money was also donated to Orphan Grain Train for shipping costs.

Thanks to the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) for providing an Outreach Ministry Grant to Mount Calvary, Wamego, for their day of service! Contact **Jeffrey Maltz** by email jeffrey.maltz@lcef.org, or phone 785-230-4112, for more information about LCEF Ministry Grants, as well as other options LCEF offers.

Student Art Contest

sponsored by



Create an art piece that shows what "Only Jesus—No Other Name" means to you!

Terms and Conditions

The winners of the contest will be notified by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Artwork is subject to being displayed at the 2023 synodical convention and/or the LCMS International Center and/or LCEF headquarters.

Shipping of artwork is the responsibility of the participant. LCEF is not responsible for loss or damage during mailing. You also will not receive your art piece back. LCEF reserves the right to keep and distribute artwork as necessary for display.

If the contestant misrepresents any information, LCEF reserves the right to revoke the submission.

TYPES OF ENTRIES:

- drawings, paintings, collages, graphic designs, posters, banners, sculptures, pottery, leather crafts, metal art, beads, baskets, etc.

SUBMISSION LEVELS:

- **Kindergarten-5th Grade:** \$50 LCEF gift card
- **6th-12th Grade:** \$100 LCEF gift card
- **College:** \$200 LCEF gift card

All submissions must be postmarked by **December 1, 2022**. For more information, visit lcef.org/art-contest.

LLL/LHM District Convention – Save the Date!

The 82nd LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention will be **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina (702 S 9th St. Salina, KS 67401). Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. There will also be a fellowship time on **Friday, Nov. 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** at Trinity in Salina. The theme will be "Kansas LLL History and Nostalgia."

Visit the Kansas District LLL/LHM website for more information, and updates!

Concordia Plan Services:

Open Enrollment begins November 1!

Open enrollment for 2023 benefits with Concordia Plan Services is **November 1-18**. Workers can enroll in a 403(b) retirement savings plan, supplemental life insurance, and health, dental and vision benefits. Concordia Plan Services also encourages members to log in to their portals to access a variety of wellness solutions and to take advantage of useful retirement calculators.

Benefit enrollment for workers will continue to take place at ConcordiaPlans.org.

Making
Disciples
for Life



LET US KEEP
AWAKE
1 THES. 5:6

Synod & Partners, Announcements

The ***Making Disciples for Life (MDFL)*** Fall Conference is set for **Oct. 10–12 at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis**. In-person and online attendance options are available. This *MDFL* conference will focus on providing resources that equip Lutherans to faithfully share God's Word — a Word desperately needed by people who have been deceived by the false teachings of the world.

The in-person portion of the conference is limited to 100 participants. The **\$69 per person** registration cost includes meals and snacks. Online participation is unlimited. The **\$29 online fee** may be used by an individual, couple, family or group. Visit the [LCMS website](#) to learn more, and register.

Church Worker Appreciation Month!

According to the LCMS Synod website, there are **more than 11,000 church workers** serving in LCMS congregations and schools. During the **month of October** we thank all the dedicated workers who do so much to advance the Gospel!

Here are just a few ways to thank pastors, teachers, deaconesses, DCEs, and other church workers:

Special notes **Video message**

Support on social media **Pray**

Visit the [LCMS website](#) to learn more ways to show church workers how much they are appreciated!

Congregational Commitments

Congregational commitment forms and packets were mailed to congregations at the end of September. **We appreciate your prayerful consideration of your 2023 commitment!**

Please submit your 2023 form by **November 30 (January 15, 2023 at the latest)** in any of the following ways:

- Email/scan your form to **Shannon Fender** at shannon@kslcms.org or call 785-357-4441, ext. 1001. You can also fax your form to 785-357-5071.
- Mail your form to LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604.

Lutheran Witness Billings



Billing statements for 2022-2023 *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions will be mailed to all subscribing congregations the week of October 10. **Be sure to watch your mail for the statements!**

Payment is due no later than **December 31, 2022**. 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
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Around the District



Participants from St. Paul, Clay Center, Bethlehem, Greenleaf, and Zion, Linn, gathered for a Jesus Door-2-Door event on Sept. 17.

Jesus Door-2-Door Event

Rev. Timothy Koch, Pastor at Zion Lutheran, Linn



On September 17, **20 people** representing three congregations (St. Paul, Clay Center, Bethlehem, Greenleaf, and Zion, Linn) gathered at St. Paul for a JD2D event.

Rev. Michael Hofmann led the group in a Bible study on evangelism themes in the Old Testament. The group then learned witnessing methods and role-played the canvassing survey. After lunch, they canvassed the surrounding neighborhoods.

Six teams knocked on 174 homes. 70 people answered the door, and of those, 48 agreed to take the survey. Congregational literature was left at the 104 houses where no one was home.

19 out of the 48 people (40%) were unchurched. When asked, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" 31 people responded with "Heaven" (*although only 17 thought they would go to heaven on account of Jesus*). Eight people did not know, four chose not to answer, and five replied with various answers not related to heaven.

The Gospel was shared with 44 people, and four expressed a willingness for a follow-up visit.

The next JD2D event will be October 8 at St. Luke's in Manhattan. All youth (6th grade and up) and adults are invited. Call or text Rev. Timothy Koch at 785-747-7633 for more information.



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