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APRIL 2021

Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

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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. Scott Holder – Admissions Counselor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to Lord of Life, Leawood – pending
- Rev. Matthew Mau – St. John, Waco, NE to Holy Cross, Scott City – pending
- Rev. Timothy Roth – St. Peter's, Humboldt to Faith, Ottawa – accepted
- Rev. Dan Chrismer – Ascension, Pratt to St. John, Bullhead City, AZ – accepted
- Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss – St. John's, Topeka to Hope, Shawnee – declined

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

- Rev. Timothy Roth at Faith, Ottawa, May 2

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

- Erie, Good Shepherd and Hepler, Immanuel (sole; seminary)
- Herington, Our Redeemer (sole)
- Herington, Immanuel (Shady Brook) and Herington, St. John's (Lyon's Creek; sole)
- Lawrence, Immanuel (sole)
- Leawood, Lord of Life (sole)
- Mission and Shawnee, Trinity (associate)
- Northeast Kansas Partnership (associate; seminary)
- Olathe, Redeemer (sole)
- Overland Park, Bethany (associate; seminary)
- Paola, First (sole; seminary)
- Scott City, Holy Cross (sole)
- Shawnee, Hope (senior)
- Topeka, Prince of Peace (sole)

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.).

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- Cheney, St. Paul – Teacher
- Emporia, Messiah – DCE
- Marysville, Good Shepherd – Principal/Teacher
- Overland Park, Bethany – Teacher
- Overland Park, Christ – DCE
- Shawnee, Hope – Teacher
- Topeka Lutheran – Teachers
- Winfield, Trinity – Teacher

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- Teacher Madison Maria – Lutheran West, Rocky River, OH to Hope, Shawnee – pending
- 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
- Principal Kerrick Sawyer – Peace, Bremerton, WA to Good Shepherd, Marysville – declined
- Teacher Kristi Schkade – Immanuel, Jefferson City, MO to Topeka Lutheran, Topeka – declined

What church workers might be heading to Kansas this summer from the seminary? We'll find out after Call Day services at our seminaries, coming up April 26 and 27 and [Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne](#) and April 28 at [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#). Click the links for information about watching the services live.

"Here I Stand" Sunday



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be observing "Here I Stand" Sunday on April 18, 2021, which marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's "Here I Stand" moment (pictured above). Per a 2019 LCMS convention resolution, districts, circuits, and congregations are encouraged to commemorate the event and pray that the Lord would continue to bless the proclamation of the gospel.

The LCMS has created materials to help congregations mark the event. Visit the [Here I Stand Sunday](#) page, where you'll find a Bible study (with leader and participant guides), bulletin inserts (black-and-white and color), and worship resources, including hymn suggestions, petitions, and sermon connections.

One additional suggestion: Consider marking the day by remembering and reflecting on your confirmation verse. You can find a few examples from our district staff in the Kansas insert of the April Kansas *Lutheran Witness*.

COVID-19 Update

On March 24, Governor Laura Kelly [signed into law Senate Bill 40](#), which modifies the procedure for declaring a state of disaster emergency under the Kansas Emergency Management Act (KEMA). The bill also authorizes the Legislative Coordinating Council and the Legislature to take certain actions related to a state of disaster emergency and prohibits certain actions by the governor related to the COVID-19 health emergency, including issuing an "order that substantially burdens or inhibits the gathering or movement of individuals or operation of any religious, civic, business or commercial activity, whether for-profit or not-for-profit" (Section 7).



At the time the bill was signed, the governor indicated her intention to reissue some of her previous orders, which were revoked under Senate Bill 40. On April 1, the governor signed a [new order](#) requiring face coverings, but the Legislative Coordinating Council revoked the order by a vote of 5-2. Mask requirements are now in the hands of individual counties.

Impact on Congregations

The situation is improving, with COVID-19 cases declining (thanks be to God!) and regulations changing. While this direction is encouraging, opinions are still divided on how best to manage coming out of the pandemic, with some fully supportive of relaxing restrictions, and others concerned that this move is premature.

We encourage you to pay close attention to the situation, especially with respect to local orders and recommendations, and talk to other congregations and schools in similar situations. (Circuit discussions, for example, have proven useful on this front.)

District Office Policy

On March 29, Shawnee County commissioners [decided to allow any party to opt out](#) of the county mask requirement. Since our building is large and visitor traffic is light, we have modified our office policy as follows:

Per Shawnee County amendment to resolution 2021-19 (approved March 29, 2021), the Kansas District has elected to make masks optional in our building unless social distancing cannot be maintained. Individual decisions about masks will be respected. We ask that all visitors continue to observe social distancing and other safety recommendations (e.g., use of hand sanitizer, handwashing, monitoring of symptoms). Masks remain available in the building for those meetings and events when social distancing cannot be maintained. If you feel unwell or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we ask that you postpone your visit.

Thank you for your continued patience during this pandemic. God's peace be with you!

Prayer Requests



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

- ❖ **Those grieving the loss of loved ones**, including
 - Jane Limback and family at the death of her father, Leslie, March 20
 - Pastor Michael Hofmann and family at the death of his aunt, Caryn Hofmann, March 14
 - Pastor Scott Snow and family at the death of his father, Bill Snow, March 4
 - Kansas District staff member Heather Williams and family at the death of her mother, Sherri Wark, February 8

- ❖ **Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues**, including Dennis Hintz, Karen Boettcher, Philip Wolf, Rev. Cliff Winter, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Oklahoma District President Rev. Barrie Henke, Diane Harries, Rev. Richard Andrus, Rev. Dave Meier, and Judy May

- ❖ **Those affected by the coronavirus**, including our church workers, Synod, districts, congregations, schools, and organizations; government leaders, health care workers, and other essential workers; and those dealing with isolation, illness, loss, or unemployment

- ❖ **Churches and schools on our [Facebook](#) prayer list in April:**
 - Zion, Pittsburg, April 5
 - Trinity, Waterville (Afton), April 12
 - St. Paul, Preston, April 19
 - Christ Our Savior, Louisburg, April 26

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

APRIL

- 1 Maundy Thursday; District Office closes at 2 p.m.
- 2 Good Friday, District Office closed
- 4 **Easter Sunday**
- 5 Easter Monday; District Office closed
- 8 ECE Directors Zoom, 1-2 p.m.
- 10 LERT Meeting, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.
- 11-13 DCE Retreat, Retreat Center
- 15 Pastors Conference Planning Committee, 10 p.m.
Educators Conference Planning Committee, 1 p.m.
Board of Missions, Zoom, 2 p.m.
- 17 Adult Education Committee, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.
- 18 "Here I Stand" Sunday (see details above)
- 20 Church Worker Care Committee, Zoom, noon-2:30 p.m.
- 22 Board of Education, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.
Partnership Advisory Group Meeting, Zoom, 2 p.m.
Principals Zoom, 4 p.m.
- 23 Board of Caring Ministry, Zoom, 1-3 p.m.
- 24-26 LCMS Council of Presidents, virtual
- 26 Board of Stewardship, Zoom, 12:30-2 p.m.
- 26 Vicarage and Deaconess Assignments, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
- 27 Call Day, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
- 27 Kansas District Executive Council, Zoom, noon
- 28 Call Day, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- 29 President's Council, District Office, 1-5 p.m.
- 30 Kansas District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



MAY

- 4 Professional Development Committee, Zoom, 4 p.m.
- 11 Children's and Family Life Committee, Zoom 1 p.m.
- 25 Circuit Visitors Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 26 Greenbush PDP Toolbox Training, Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon; KSDE KIDS Training, Zoom, 1-2 p.m.;
KSDE Data Quality Certification Training, Zoom, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 27 Principals Zoom, 4 p.m.

April Staff Travel Schedule

President Justin Panzer

- Apr. 16** Concordia Academy Kickoff, Grace, Wichita
- Apr. 24, 26** LCMS Council of Presidents (virtual)
- Apr. 29** Kansas District President's Council Meeting, Topeka
- Apr. 30** Kansas District Board of Directors Meeting, Topeka

Rev. Dan Galchutt

- Apr. 6** Circuits 10 & 11, Immanuel, Wichita
- Apr. 11** Congregational Visit, St. Luke's, Kansas City
- Apr. 13** Circuit 12 Meeting, Our Redeemer, Hutchinson
- Apr. 16** Discipleship Meeting, St. Paul's, Clay Center
- Apr. 20** Circuit 3 Meeting via Zoom

Jim Bradshaw

- Apr. 11-13** DCE Retreat, Retreat Center, Herington
- April 16** Concordia Academy Kickoff, Grace, Wichita

ON THE ROAD IN MARCH



St. Andrews, Wichita—photographed by President Panzer at the Circuit 10 and 11 Winkel.

Missions and Stewardship

In May: Kansas District Pentecost Offering



At left: Rev. Tim Heiney, Guinea missionary, participates in the ordination service of three new pastors in Guinea—one of many signs that the Gospel seeds planted in West Africa are bearing fruit!

On May 23, Kansas District congregations will have a chance to join together in support of mission work in West and Central Africa through the annual Kansas District Pentecost Offering. Please mark your calendars and prayerfully consider participating in this special offering. Materials for promoting the offering will be available by April 15.

In the meantime, we encourage you to watch a recording of a **live presentation on the region by LCMS missionaries Rev. Gary and Steph Schulte**, who shared their work as part of the Synod's "Missions Unpacked" virtual learning experience. You can access the video [HERE](#).

The needs are great, and through the grace of God and with your help, our Synod has been able to respond. Thanks be to God!

Galchutt Completing Consultant Training



Rev. Dan Galchutt will become a certified church consultant this month after completing a training program with Thom Rainer's "Church Consultation University." His training has provided him with insights and tools for helping ministries in the areas of general consultation, demographics, finances, hospitality, communications, and outreach activity. If you're interested in learning more about how these tools might benefit your congregation (free of charge), please email Rev. Galchutt at dangalchutt@kslcms.org.

Re:Vitality: Reengaging Members After COVID

How do we get people back to worship after COVID? In a new [10-minute video](#), Pr. Mark Wood of the LCMS Office of National Mission offers several steps you can take with disengaged members (your "Bruised Reeds" and "Smoldering Wicks"). Pastor Wood points to "Shepherding the Strays," a *Re:Vitality* workshop, as a particularly suitable resource for the task of reengaging members after the pandemic. The workshop is self-directed, and it's available at no cost to congregations. You can email a request for materials to WOR@lcms.org.

RE:VITALITY
LUTHERAN REVITALIZATION

Education & Youth

Expansion of Kansas District Middle School Youth Ministry

In June of 2019, the Kansas District Youth Ministry Task Force surveyed the 160 congregations of the Kansas District to:

1. Evaluate the state of youth ministry in LCMS Kansas District congregations.
2. Evaluate needs of LCMS Kansas District congregations.
3. Determine what the LCMS Kansas District can do to assist LCMS Kansas District congregations in ministering to the youth of Kansas.

The survey results revealed that in recent years, there has been significant growth in District-sponsored middle school events. The survey also pointed to a growing need for these ministry offerings across the District. As a result, the Kansas District Youth Ministry Committee (KDYMC) was tasked with exploring the possibility of expanding Middle School Youth Ministry offerings for the congregations of the Kansas District.

After exploring numerous possibilities, **the KDYMC is excited to announce that we are adding new middle school youth offerings.** The KDYMC is forming a middle school confirmation retreat committee which will begin by connecting congregations that are interested in having a confirmation retreat with congregations willing to invite other congregations to join their own confirmation retreats. The committee intends to expand confirmation retreat offerings in the future.



On March 19-20, 22 youth and nine adults from several congregations gathered for the Western Kansas Confirmation Retreat, hosted at Lakeview Christian Camp in Stockton, Kansas. Participating congregations included Messiah, Hays; Redeemer, Atwood; Trinity, Colby; Trinity, Garden City; First, Plainville; and Immanuel, Oakley/Hoxie.

In addition to the confirmation retreats, the KDYMC will launch a Middle School Retreat in the spring of 2022 to be a districtwide, centrally located event. A committee is being formed to plan this event.

The fall "Junior High Rally" (which many of you have heard of) might continue in Western Kansas under the direction of former rostered church worker Leland Jackson through his *Hook, Look, Book LLC*, but it will no longer be a District-sponsored event. For information about this event and other *Hook, Look, Book, LLC* offerings, please contact Leland at leland.jackson@outlook.com.

Finally, *Higher Things* (an LCMS Recognized Service Organization) is also assisting District congregations by supporting events targeting youth in grades 7–12. The mission of *Higher Things* is to support the church in passing on the faith by teaching the next generation the Gospel of Jesus Christ. See higherthings.org for additional offerings.

If you would like information on any these Kansas District offerings please contact KDYMC Chair, Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, at pastorada@bslcks.org

Submitted by the District Youth Ministry Committee

Lutheran Valley Retreat: Register Now



New for 2021!
TWO SESSIONS
June 6-11 or July 18-23

Online registration for the Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) Summer Camp in Woodland, Colorado is now OPEN! For details about the registration process, visit the [LVR page](#), accessible from the "Education & Youth" menu on the Kansas District website.

The theme for the 2021 camp is "Mountaintop Experience." We will look at scripture passages and events that happened on mountains and note how they proclaim God's glory and His saving nature. We will also look at the Psalms of Ascent as prayers and liturgical tools.

The camp is open to all incoming 9th grade students to graduating seniors. Price per camper is \$450.

QUESTIONS? Contact DCE Paul White at dcepaulwhite@gmail.com.

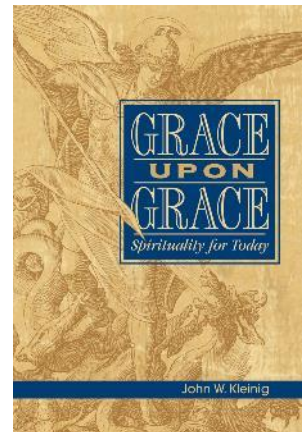
CFLC Recommends: Grace Upon Grace

Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship

Profound insights and practical wisdom. Rev. Dr. John Kleinig's book [Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today](#) (CPH) has them both. This book tackles the topic of spirituality for today from a Lutheran perspective. I found this to be especially helpful since many are talking about spirituality in our world today, but often in vague ways. Dr. Kleinig engages this topic in a way that is a real blessing for Lutherans and Lutheran families.

Of first importance, Dr. Kleinig reminds us of that not just our salvation, but also our spirituality, is first and foremost received because of God's grace and Jesus' life, death, resurrection. Dr. Kleinig then builds on this profound truth with practical advice, which includes encouragement to pray out loud, to make use of God's Word by repeatedly saying Bible passages as you meditate upon the Word, and to make God's Word the driving force of your prayers.

There is so much more in this book, which is why I encourage you to pick up a copy of *Grace upon Grace* from Concordia Publishing House. If you do, I am confident that your time in this book will be a blessing for you and for those in your household.



SAVE THE DATE: 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

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

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

We are putting the finishing touches on our LERT team spreadsheets. Established LERT team leaders will receive a spreadsheet listing their LERT team members. We are asking that you please review the list and edit it for any changes. Instructions will be included in the email. If you have any questions after receiving your team list, please let me know.



TRAINING EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

LERT BASIC TRAINING: For new teams and existing teams looking for a refresher course with the new curriculum. This is a great opportunity to get a fresh start and expand learning with your LERT teams after a long hiatus. If your congregation is willing to host a regional LERT Basic Training event, please let me know.



A new crew of volunteers completed LERT Basic Training March 27 at Messiah, Hays.

BASIC CHAINSAW SAFETY & OPERATION: We are hoping to hold at least two Chainsaw Training events this year. If you are interested in participating and becoming **LERT Chainsaw Certified**, please let me know ASAP. A list is being created so that we can measure interest and best location for our events and get dates on the calendar. *REMEMBER: If you respond to a disaster with your chainsaw, chainsaw certification is required for you to operate your chainsaw in a disaster response area. This is a requirement of FEMA and OSHA as well as LCMS Disaster Response. LERT certification through LERT Basic Training is required before attending Chainsaw Training.*

TRAIN THE TRAINER: We need qualified LERT trainers! Is this you? One **Train the Trainer** event will be scheduled in 2021. If you are interested in becoming part of the Kansas District LERT Training Team, this training event is for you! If you are a card-carrying (certified) LERT volunteer and would be interested in becoming part of the Kansas District LERT Training Teams, please give me a call or send me an email.

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

Business Office

Do You Need to File Form 5578?



FORM 5578

Certificate of Racial Nondiscrimination

Does your church operate a preschool? An elementary school? If you answered yes to either question, you are required to submit Form 5578 to the IRS each year. Filing the certificate of racial nondiscrimination is one of the most commonly ignored federal reporting requirements. Churches that operate, supervise or control a private school (including a preschool) must submit [Form 5578](#) each year with the IRS. The deadline for filing is the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of the organization's fiscal year. This is May 15th for those who operate on a calendar year basis. You can obtain a Form 5578 by clicking the link above or by visiting the IRS website at www.irs.gov. You can also contact the IRS for forms and publications at 800-829-3676 (800-TAX-FORM).

LAST CALL: Scholarship Applications Due June 1

The Kansas District is offering scholarships to students pursuing a degree in church work at one of the Synod's colleges or seminaries. **The application deadline for 2021-22 scholarships is June 1.** For an [application](#) and more information, visit kslcms.org. Navigate to "Stewardship" and choose "Grants and Scholarships" from the menu.



Scholarship amounts are based on available funds and the number of applications received. Awards are sent directly to the college or university.

Several other Kansas District organizations, including LWML, Lutheran Laymen's League, and St. John's Alumni Association, also offer scholarships. You can find links to these organizations on the [Grants and Scholarships page](#) of kslcms.org.

Communications

Newsletter Change #1: Did You See It?



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Hyperlinks?

DELETE

Step number 1 in the *Workers Together* overhaul process—gathering initial ideas from willing informants—is now complete. Thank you to those who volunteered to give feedback on March 25.

Based on that input, we've moved ahead with one small change which will be a big time-saver: **The hyperlinked Table of Contents is gone**—at least in this issue. If you never made use of those hyperlinks, you might not have even noticed the change. (And we suspect that describes many of you.)

This change isn't in stone ... yet. If we hear no objections in the next month, we'll make the change permanent. Send feedback to Kris Bruss at kbruss@kslcms.org.

The feedback meeting yielded a lot of other good ideas for new directions. We'll be moving on to Step 2, a reader survey, in the next month or two.



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Dear Kansas District Members,

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

Is your church in need of repairs or upgrades? If so, we have a great solution. **The Church Improvement Loan** is designed to help churches fund critical church repairs and upgrades. Church improvement loans are limited to LCMS congregations and include:

- Maximum 10-year term
- Up to \$150,000
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- Payments fully amortized over term

Church improvement loans can be used on **critical repairs** that can lead to substantial damage and cost if not fixed in a timely manner, **upgrades** that enhance your church's appearance and comfort, and **projects** that improve energy efficiency and save money in the long term.

A couple other programs of interest:

PartnerPLUS is a fixed-rate term note for those who wish to invest even more in the future of the LCMS and its Christ-Centered ministries. Earn 1.625% on amounts up to \$50,000 for the two-year term note and 2.125% on amounts up to \$50,000 for the four-year term note. Available to LCMS individuals, organizations, congregations and Individual Retirement Account investments. Minimum of \$500 to get started.

ConnectPLUS is a fixed-rate term note for new LCEF investors who wish to earn a competitive interest rate while investing in the future of the LCMS and its Christ-centered ministries. Amounts up to \$50,000 earn a 2.125% interest rate. It's now available to congregations and Recognized Service Organizations. Minimum of \$500 to get started.

Mathew 6:33 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Maltz".

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Around the District

Installation in Lawrence



Rev. Sean Kilgo was installed as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lawrence March 21. From left, (front row) Pastor Devin Kerns, President Justin Panzer, Pastor Kilgo, Pastor Ben Micheel, Pastor Jacob Heine, Pastor Jon Bruss; (back row) Pastor Joshua Woelmer, Rev. Dan Galchutt, Pastor Brian Stark, and Pastor Ben Ockree.

Concordia Academy Capital Campaign Kickoff



Concordia Academy – Wichita is holding a capital campaign kickoff banquet Friday, April 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (3310 E Pawnee). Concordia Academy is aiming to open its doors as Kansas's only Lutheran high school in the fall of 2022.

The campaign kickoff will feature great food, fellowship, entertainment, information, and keynote addresses by the Rev. Robert Paul (Houston Memorial headmaster) and Dr. Gabriel Haley (professor at Concordia University, Nebraska). All supporters and potential supporters are welcome! The banquet is free, but tickets are required. To reserve your ticket, call or text 316-685-6781 or register at the Concordia Academy website, www.ConcordiaAcademyWichita.org by April 9, 2021.

To learn more about Concordia Academy, check out this short [VIDEO](#).

Faculty-Led Workshop Coming to Hays

Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop Series

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.

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.



Statistical Reporting Deadline Extended

Way to go, Kansas congregations! As of April 1, the Kansas District had one of the strongest rates of reporting in the Synod, with 72% of congregations returning their statistical forms.

If you're part of the 28% (44 congregations) yet to report, you now have until April 30 to do so. Please submit your congregation's end-of-year statistics and update your current list of lay leaders at the following website: <https://lc.lcms.org/>.

If you don't have your congregation's login information, contact rosters.stats@lcms.org or the LCMS Church Information Center at **888-843-5267**.



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