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AUGUST 2021

Building for Eternity

Some good news this month about our Lutheran schools: Bethany, Overland Park is filled to capacity and has a waiting list. Holy Cross in Wichita has hired a second kindergarten teacher. And Linn Lutheran School will be dedicating a new addition (pictured above) August 15—an expansion made possible with the help of a successful capital campaign, “Building for Eternity.” Thanks be to God for these blessings!

Please keep ALL of our Lutheran schools in your prayers this month as they begin a new year.

Photo courtesy of Dan Thalmann, Palmer, Kansas

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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. Jim Bender, Trinity, Hudson, WI to Immanuel, Lawrence – pending
- Rev. Karl Gibbs, Immanuel, Carrollton, MO to Redeemer, Olathe – pending
- Rev. Russell Bonine, St. Paul, Haven to Bethlehem, Ravenna, NE – pending
- Rev. Kurt Cockran, Faith, Tuscon, AZ to Risen Savior, Basehor – accepted

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

- Deacon Jay Williamson at Mt. Calvary, Marysville – ordination and installation August 15
- Rev. Luke Jacob at Trinity, Mission and Shawnee – installation August 22
- Rev. Kurt Cockran at Risen Savior, Basehor – installation pending

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

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

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- Emporia, Messiah – DCE
- Overland Park, Bethany – DCE
- Overland Park, Christ – DCE
- Winfield, Trinity – Teacher

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- DCE Charity Smith – St. Luke's, Manhattan to Holy Cross, O'Fallon, MO – accepted
- Candidate Morgan Dunst to Holy Cross, Wichita (Music Teacher) – accepted; installation Aug. 15
- Teacher Shannon Manley – Bethany, Overland Park to St. Paul, Leavenworth – accepted; installation Aug. 15
- Teacher Molly-Ann Wells – Lamb of God, Las Vegas to Holy Cross, Wichita – accepted; installation Aug. 15
- Candidate Melissa Wolf – Missouri District to Trinity, Atchison – accepted; installation August 15
- Teacher Molly Baker – St. John, Arnold, MO to Bethany, Overland Park accepted; installation Aug. 22
- Teacher Kathy Bartels – Candidate status to Topeka Lutheran School – accepted; installation August 22
- Teacher Heather Croucher – Candidate status to Bethany, Overland Park – accepted; installation Aug. 22

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

Welcome, New Workers!

The District welcomed a new crew of workers and spouses on July 23. You might know some of them already, but we're betting you might not know the following:

- Two of the new pastors donned different "uniforms" before turning to clergy attire. One was the town Easter bunny. Another was a Chick-fil-A cow.
- We have an educator whose current call—his third—is his first in a town with a stoplight.
- We have a happy pair that got engaged on the Danube.

Start guessing. If you see these workers at the fall conferences, you'll have an instant conversation starter.



From left: Magdalena Schultz, Pastor Christian Schultz, Pastor Ian Kinney, Pastor Scott Holder, Teacher Melissa Wolf, Pastor Philip Wolf, Teacher Molly Baker, Pastor Sean Baker, Teacher Josiah Hadle, Pastor Michael Hofmann, Teacher Molly-Ann Wells, Pastor Caleb Stoever, and Principal/Teacher Chris Dehning.

District Tour: Living as the Baptized



What does "Living as the Baptized" look like in your area? What are you excited about in your congregation? What are your challenges? What ideas do you have for the next triennium in the Kansas District?

The Kansas District staff will be touring the state in November to find out! We'll be sharing more information about these events soon. For now, note the dates and locations, and make plans to join us.

Manhattan

Saturday, November 6
St. Luke's | 9-11 a.m.

Hays

Saturday, November 6
Messiah | 5-7 p.m.

Dodge City

Sunday, November 7
Holy Cross | 3-5 p.m.

Wichita

Tuesday, November 9
Holy Cross | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Iola

Thursday, November 11
Grace | 6-8 p.m.

Mission

Saturday, November 13
Trinity | 9-11 a.m.

2021 Pastors Conference

Registration opens August 17 for the 2021 Pastors Conference, being held October 10-12 in Junction City.

This year's conference will focus on **The Koinonia Project**, one of our district priorities, which aims to build harmony in our "Life Together" as the body of Christ. After a one-year delay in the project due to the pandemic, the Koinonia Task Force is eager for Kansas District pastors to have the opportunity at this conference to gain more practice with the Koinonia process (as introduced at the 2018 Pastors Conference) and strengthen relationships with brother pastors.



2021 PASTORS CONFERENCE
WALKING TOGETHER
IN A DIGITAL AGE
PSALM 133:1

The Koinonia topic for the conference will address technology and its impact on the church's worship and community—a timely subject in light of the increased digital presence of many congregations in response to the pandemic. In place of the usual sectionals, the conference format will feature two plenary sessions and several small group discussions led by trained Koinonia facilitators. **Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy**, president emeritus of the LCMS Minnesota South District, will give the opening keynote on Monday, October 11.

Pastors: You are invited to join us on Sunday night, October 10, for fellowship to start the conference. We encourage you to take the time to refresh yourselves for Monday morning, have an evening to relax, and converse with one another about matters of casuistry that you have encountered over the past year. There is no set agenda for the evening; please feel free to use it as you see fit.

One last note: The conference offering will support the Kansas District Church Worker Care Fund.

Kansans at Christ Academy

The Kansas District was represented by seven students and one proctor at the 22nd annual **Christ Academy: Timothy and Phoebe School** at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 20-July 3. Those attending included Salvador Keinbaum, Peyton White, Garrett Ford, Owen Johnson (not pictured), Esther Postier, Rachel Postier, Carolyn Bromlow, and Miss Naomi Postier.

Christ Academy is a two-week discernment program on the seminary campus for high-school-aged men and women who are interested in theology and who are considering pastoral and diaconal work. Students are immersed in the daily life of the seminary, especially through confessional catechesis in the classroom.



Students at this year's event learned from fourteen professors from the seminary and abroad, one guest lecturer, and a panel of local pastors and deaconesses. Along with daily classes in the study of the Word, the students also worshipped with the seminary community in Kramer Chapel four times a day and participated in group activities and service projects around Fort Wayne.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they consider future work in the church.



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

- ❖ **Those grieving the loss of loved ones**, including
 - Rev. Gary Wolf and family at the death of his brother, Norman Wolf, July 22
 - Pastor Mike and Kristen Ada and family at the death of Kristen's uncle, Dave Pittaway, June 29
 - Rev. Eddie Hosch and family at the death of his brother, David Hosch, July 5
 - Rev. Daniel and Tiffany Harders and family at the death of Pastor Harders' mother, JoAnne Harders, June 27
 - The Rev. Frank Eberhart and family at the death of Arline Eberhart, who was called to glory June 11

- ❖ **Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues**, including Rev. Dale Dumperth, Rev. Matthew Schneider, Rev. Roland Boehnke, Barb Jahnke, Jan Borst, Carrie Meyers, Rev. Jason Toombs, New England District President Rev. Timothy Yeadon, Marty Brooks, Dennis Hintz, Karen Boettcher, Rev. Philip Wolf, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Oklahoma District President Rev. Barrie Henke, Diane Harries, Rev. Richard Andrus, Rev. Dave Meier, and Judy May

- ❖ **Those celebrating births**, including
 - Tyler and Claire Banion (Topeka Lutheran School), who welcomed a daughter in July
 - Josh and Erin Grass (Topeka Lutheran School), at the birth of a daughter in July
 - Sam and Hannah Elsey (Faith, Topeka), at the birth of their son in July
 - Rev. Jonathan and Cari Scheck (Trinity, Parsons and St. Paul, Oswego), who welcomed a son in May

- ❖ **Our Synod, congregations, schools, and organizations**, that they present a winsome witness to Christ's love and mercy in this fallen world

- ❖ **Congregations and schools on our [Facebook](#) prayer list in August:**
 - Bethel (Kansas City), this week
 - Bethlehem (Bremen, Greenleaf, Sylvan Grove), August 9
 - Calvary (Council Grove, Topeka, Wellington), August 16
 - Christ (Augusta, Elkhart, Manhattan, Overland Park, Topeka, Wathena), August 23
 - Christ Our Savior (Louisburg), August 30

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

District Calendar

AUGUST

- 3** Church Worker Care Committee, District Office, noon-3 p.m.
- 5** PDP Toolbox Teacher In-service Zoom – 1-3 p.m.
- 14** Middle School Retreat Planning Committee, Camp Webster, Salina, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 16** Convention Planning Meeting, District Office, noon-3 p.m.
- 17** District Youth Committee Meeting, Zoom, 1-3 p.m.
- 21** Adult Education Committee, Zoom, 9-11 a.m.
- 24** Circuit Visitors Meeting, Zoom, 10-11 a.m.
Topeka DCE Meeting, District Office, 10 a.m.-noon
Children's and Family Life Committee, Zoom, 1-2:30 p.m.
- 28** Adult Education Committee, Zoom, 8-10 a.m.
CV Zoom, 10-11 a.m.
- 31** KDYG Planning Meeting, Zoom, 10 a.m.-noon



LCMS KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 9-10, 2022

SEPTEMBER

- 2** Educators Conference Planning Committee, Zoom, 1-3 p.m.
- 6** **LABOR DAY**, District Office closed
- 7-11** LCMS Council of Presidents Meeting
- 9** Koinonia Facilitators Training, District Office, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 15** Lutheran Schools Committee, District Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 16-17** Principals Conference
- 21-22** [Theological Symposium](#), "Whatever Is Lovely," Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- 21** Saints Alive Committee, Zoom, 9-10 a.m.
- 21** Older Adult Committee, Zoom, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 25** District Youth Ministry Team, Retreat Center, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 28** CV Meeting, Zoom, 10-11 a.m.

August Staff Travel Schedule

President Justin Panzer

- Aug. 9** Retirement/Pre-Call Meeting, Immanuel, Nortonville
- Aug. 10** Circuit Winkel, First, Plainville
- Aug. 15** Jay Williamson Ordination/Installation at Mt. Calvary, Marysville
Linn Lutheran School Building Dedication, Zion, Linn
- Aug. 22** Preaching at Trinity, McFarland
Rev. Luke Jacob Installation at Trinity, Mission & Shawnee
(Mission Campus)
- Aug. 27** Rev. Dr. Thomas Egger Installation, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- Aug. 28** Visitation at St. Paul, Ellsworth

Rev. Dan Galchutt

- Aug. 1** Preaching at Trinity, McFarland
- Aug. 3** Visit to Haskell, Lawrence
- Aug. 15** Preaching and Partnership Discussion, St. Peter's, Holyrood
- Aug. 20-21** Visit and Church Consultation, St. Andrews, Wichita
- Aug. 28** Strategic Planning Meeting, Faith, Ottawa

Jim Bradshaw

- Aug. 4** Lutheran Educators Day, Timothy, Blue Springs, MO
- Aug. 14** 2022 Middle School Retreat Planning, Salina
- Aug. 15** Teacher Commissioning/Installations, Holy Cross, Wichita
- Aug. 22** Teacher Installations, Bethany, Overland Park

ON THE ROAD IN JULY



QUIZ QUESTION!

Where is the World's Largest Ball of Sisal Twine? Rev. Dan Galchutt was lucky enough to spot it on the way to a visit in July.

Missions and Stewardship

Mission Grants: Apply Now!



Watch your mail: An invitation will soon be on the way to apply for a 2022 Kansas District Mission Grant. Invitations and an application will be sent in mid-August, with an **application deadline of September 17**. If you've been thinking about a mission project, this is a great opportunity to get it rolling!

The Board of Missions is particularly interested in projects that focus on spreading the Gospel, planting churches, and demonstrating Christ's love and mercy outside the walls of the church.

Questions? Contact Rev. Dan Galchutt, dangalchutt@kslcms.org or Janet Powell, janet@kslcms.org.

At left: The Disciple Garden, St. Luke's, Kansas City.

Mission Outreach in Haiti



Congregation members of the TIG ministry partnership (Trinity, Garden City; Immanuel, Lakin; and Grace, Ulysses), along with a member from Christ the King, Salina, served as **short-term missionaries in Haiti** June 4-12.

The group worked through [Ministry in Mission](#), a recognized service organization of the LCMS. Pastor Michael Hageman and his wife, Shanna, have been traveling to Haiti since 2007.

Some of their projects included theological training for pastors and elders, VBS, humanitarian relief, mechanics training, nursing care, and agricultural endeavors. They also helped to photograph children for school sponsorship.

"It seems likely that we will take annual or biannual trips, the next being planned for winter when our farmers can attend," said Shanna Hageman. "We would love to welcome any of our sister churches to send members with our teams in the future."

Seminar: Using Wealth Wisely

Using Wealth Wisely: INSIGHT FROM PROVERBS

[The Center for Biblical Studies](#) at Concordia University invites you to participate in *Using Wealth Wisely: Insight from Proverbs* on August 17 from 2-5 p.m.

This half-day seminar is designed to provide pastors and lay leaders with resources for conducting a successful three-week stewardship program. Participants will receive three sermons and orders of worship, along with interrelated Bible Studies. The \$25 fee also includes PowerPoint slides and a recording of the session.

Plan now to learn what Proverbs says about saving money, the dangers of consumer debt, financial generosity, and the like.

[Click here to register](#) (in-person or online via Zoom).

For Your Consideration: Adopt a Chap



The "**Adopt-a-Chap**" program connects LCMS congregations with the Synod's [Ministry to the Armed Forces](#) (MAF) by matching LCMS chaplains with those who wish to support and encourage them. No financial commitment or aid is needed or expected. The congregation and the adopted chaplain stay in regular contact. Congregation members pray for the chaplain and his family, and, in turn, learn about his specialized ministry in the military context.

To begin the "Adopt-a-Chap" process, contact the MAF office at 314-996-1337 or send an email to alicia.hinton@lcms.org and indicate a desire to "adopt a chap."

Lutherans for Life News

The **Rev. Jeff Duncan**, Director of Mission and Ministry of Lutherans for Life, will be touring Kansas September 11-19, speaking in host churches to share how Lutherans can get involved, be informed about current Life issues, and help other Lutherans be "Gospel-oriented Voices for Life." The presentation at each church will explain what Life Teams, Life Chapters, Word of Hope, Y4Life for youth, and other programs and conferences are all about. There will be time for discussion and question and answer. Rev. Duncan is scheduled to visit Vassar, Ottawa, Topeka, Manhattan, Natoma, Oakley, Cheney, and Wichita. For complete details on church locations, dates, and times of presentations, email jmac14430@gmail.com, write to LFL of Kansas, PO Box 19302, Lenexa, KS, or go to the website www.lflokansas.org to find the information.



A special highlight of the week is the **Annual Meeting and Program of LFL of Kansas** on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event is **FREE** and open to adults, high school and college students, pastors, church workers, and anyone interested. Pr. Duncan's special presentation will be "Abortion and Planned Parenthood's Push for Easy OTC Availability of Chemical Abortions." Other pastors will speak on life issues. Information on Life Teams, Life Chapters, Word of Hope, and Y4Life for youth will be shared. There will be a luncheon, table displays by organizations such as pregnancy centers, Kansans for Life, and others. The event is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 611 S. Erie, Wichita 67221. WE ASK THOSE INTERESTED TO PLEASE REGISTER for this event by requesting a REGISTRATION FORM using the email address or P.O. box in paragraph above. **The deadline is September 6.**

Education & Youth

Educators Conference Registration Opens August 17



Make plans now to attend the 2021 Educators Conference October 3-5 in Junction City, Kansas. **Registration opens August 17.** Visit our website, kslcms.org, to access conference information and to register online.

The keynote speaker for the conference is the **Rev. Dr. Darrell Zimmerman**, program director at Grace Place Wellness. Dr. Zimmerman's three presentations will focus on spiritual well-being, vocational well-being, and healthy team ministry.

EDUCATORS CONFERENCE OFFERING DESIGNATION: Church Worker Care Fund

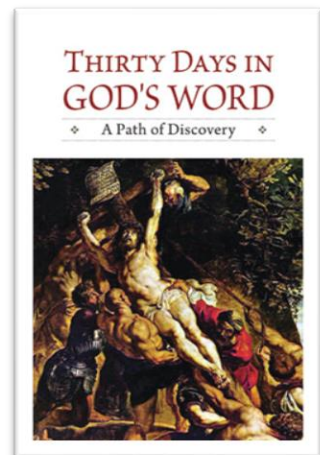
Your congregation and/or school is highly encouraged to designate September's chapel/Sunday school offerings for the continued funding of the District-wide Church Worker Care support fund. This District discretionary fund has historically assisted pastors and educators, their spouses, and their families in addressing a variety of unforeseen emergency worker needs. The goal for this special appeal is to invite each District school/congregation to raise a minimum of \$50 each. The offerings will be received on Tuesday morning, October 5, at the Educators Conference in Junction City. Please set aside the month of September for this challenge!

CFLC Recommends: *Thirty Days in God's Word*

Deaconess Anna Johnson, Concordia Publishing House

The Scriptures from beginning to end reveal God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. Yet reading the entire Bible from cover to cover can be a daunting and intimidating task. ***Thirty Days in God's Word* helps individuals, small groups, and congregations take the first step on in a Bible reading journey** with carefully selected readings from each book of the Bible. In addition, the book includes "dig deeper" challenges and reflection questions to help connect readings with everyday life.

Wayne Palmer, Acting Senior Manager of Editorial at CPH, has this to say about the resource: "Getting a good handle on the sixty-six books of the Bible and how they all fit together to teach us about our Savior Jesus Christ is a huge task. Through *Thirty Days in God's Word: A Path of Discovery* you will read passages from each book and see how they work side by side to present God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ."



Whether you are new to reading the Bible or looking to better understand the Word, this book will help you to see complete picture of God's salvation story. We pray that this resource is a blessing to you and your congregation. Get started on your Bible reading journey today at cph.org/30days.

Deaconess Anna Johnson is the senior manager of Marketing at Concordia Publishing House. She is a member of Ascension Lutheran, where she is blessed to serve children and families through Sunday School and confirmation instruction.

KDYG Registration Opens September 1



All high school students of the Kansas District are invited to join us for this year's **Kansas District Youth Gathering November 19-21** at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Topeka! Our theme for this year's Gathering is "Faithful," based on 1 Thessalonians 5:24. Down through the generations God has proved Himself faithful, and He has been working towards His perfect plan and purpose for humanity, which is that Christ is all and in all.

We are preparing to make this year's Gathering a safe and Christ-centered experience including Bible studies, service projects, music, fellowship, and worship. Join us in November!

Registration opens September 1. Watch for registration details next month.

Kansans at Higher Things



In July, Kansas District groups attended the 2021 Higher Things Conference, "Forgiven," at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota (right) and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado (above).

Just announced: The 2022 Higher Things Conference theme is "For You." Conferences will be held in Pennsylvania, Montana, and Indiana, with registration opening November 1.



Early Childhood Workshop Highlights



Sixty early childhood educators gathered on Saturday, July 24, at Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, for the annual **Kansas District Early Childhood Summer Workshop**. Dr. Kim Marxhausen (Lincoln, NE; pictured below) presented on the topic, "Building Stronger Brains with the Arts."



Caring Ministry

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

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

Training Opportunities

We have a more focused goal to grow our LERT teams in the Kansas District! To that end, we are interested in providing Basic LERT Training in your area! COVID-19 has certainly restricted our opportunities, but we feel like perhaps we can facilitate a few Basic LERT Training events as well as a Basic Chainsaw Operation and Safety class this fall. If you are interested in developing an active LERT Ministry Team at your congregation or in having a refresher course, I would love to hear from you!

New LERT Volunteer Software

The Disaster Response office in St. Louis has rolled out its new software! Once our teams have been put into the new system, certified LERT volunteers will receive an email welcoming them and asking them to follow the link to establish their personal profile in the new system. Please stress the importance of this step, as it will be used for communication, registration, and sign-in at LERT deployments and events. Don't hesitate to give me a call if you have questions.

On the Calendar (Tentative)

LERT Mock Deployment

Kansas District Retreat Center, Herington, KS

October 15-16, 2021

Further information will be published in the usual places as the plan comes together and is finalized.

Blessings in Christ,

Donna Williams

Kansas District Disaster Response Coordinator

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Soul Care

Lee Hovel, Church Worker Care Committee

Hi, I'm Lee, and I am a recovering Soul Neglector.

My mission in ministry has been "to empower people to be spiritually mature, Christ-like, reproducing disciples." Yet all the while I was running on empty in my own spiritual well-being, neglecting my own soul care.

Life—and our ministry, at times—just gets in the way of our soul care. Ministry, family, and the general maintenance of life can be stressful. Our joy can be taken away, and we become slaves to our soul neglect.

I don't know about you, but I seem to spend time in the general vicinity of God but rarely sit and rest at His feet. Instead, I run tiresome laps, bustling about with good intentions, slapping the Almighty a high five once in a while as I pass by.

There are distinct words for time in the Greek language; one is sacred, and the other profane. *Chronos* is measured time—the clock, the calendar, the doings of our lives. Chronos was a minor Greek god, a glutton, always consuming, one who even ate his own children. *Kairos* is time as a gift. It is pregnant with purpose. Kairos is the servant of a holy purpose.

A friend of mine describes many of us using an old Frank Sinatra refrain, "Do be do be do." I believe we know we were created to be "human beings" before we are "doers."

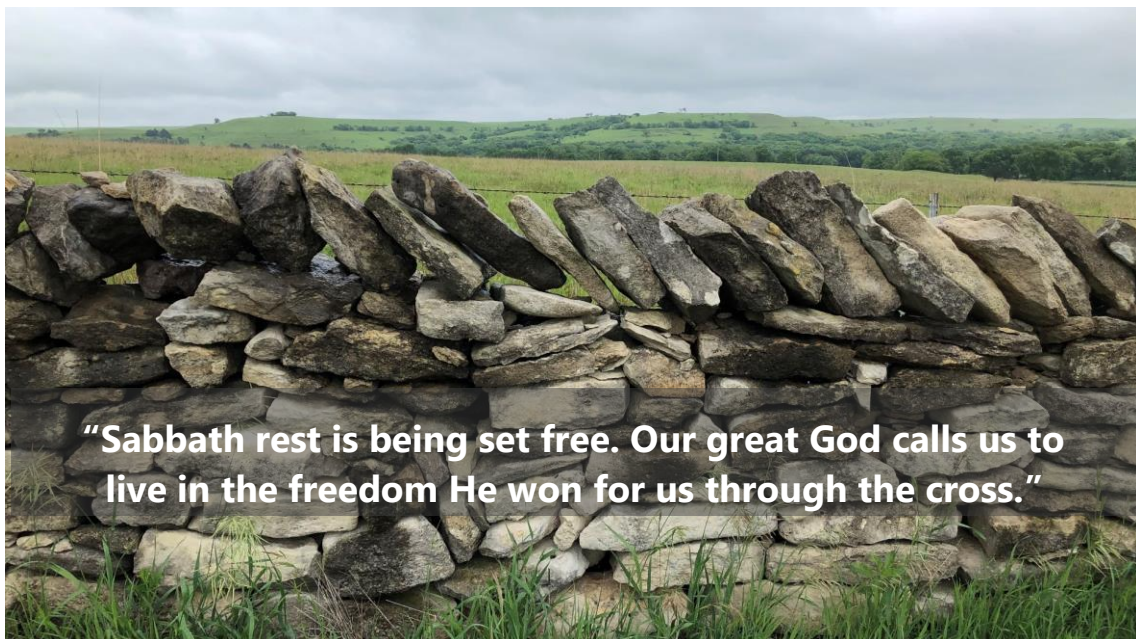
Our soul cries out for rest, sabbath, just to be in the presence of Jesus. Chronos is a task master that makes slaves of us all. In neglecting sabbath (our souls), we miss the gift of being free. Slaves don't rest; they are not free. Sabbath rest is being set free. Our great God calls us to live in the freedom He won for us through the cross.

The call to sabbath is not intended to place another burden on us but to set us free by God's grace and mercy, through His Word and Sacrament. We are set free, not bound by the "do" but the "be."

God did create us to do, to accomplish, to serve, and to lead. However, we are called to accomplish our calling out of the overflow of our time with Jesus, not the reverse.

Sometimes my soul just needs time to "do" nothing, sit under a tree, or by a stream or lake, watch the clouds go by and enjoy being in the presence of Jesus.

In a future article, I'd like to share practical ways that many of you are celebrating sabbath, the joy of being in the presence of Jesus.



"Sabbath rest is being set free. Our great God calls us to live in the freedom He won for us through the cross."

Business Office

LW Subscriptions Due August 23

The 2021-2022 *Lutheran Witness* subscription period ends this month!

Renewal packets were sent to congregations in July. Check your mail for the packets to make additions, changes, or deletions to your subscriptions. **Renewals must be back to our office no later than August 23.**

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 maybe 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.



If you have questions about subscriptions, contact Shannon Fender at 785-357-4441, ext. 1001, or shannon@kslcms.org.

LAST CALL: Education Loan Repayment Grant Applications

The LCMS Kansas District provides grants to rostered church workers to help them repay college and/or seminary education loans. All rostered Synod graduates, as well as those who have completed the colloquy program, who are currently working in the Kansas District are eligible for the first 10 years after graduation or ordination to apply for this grant. The 2021 grant application is now available on our website. You can access the form under the "Quick Links" on the [homepage](#) or on our [grants and scholarships page](#).

The application deadline is August 31, 2021. Applications should be sent to the attention of Heather Williams at the District Office, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS, 66604 or via email at heather@kslcms.org. Grant applications will be reviewed and awards announced by the end of September.

The policy of the LCMS Kansas District is for education loan grants to be applied to educational debt that rostered workers have incurred, whether in the form of federally subsidized loans, commercial loans, or even credit card debt for books needed to enter ministry. The grant is awarded to help reduce total indebtedness, not to make payments in advance or to reduce the amount of currently scheduled payments.

RELATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- CPS hosts **monthly webinars** in their Financial Education Series. Past sessions are available to watch on demand and can be found on the CPS website at concordiaplans.org/financialwebinars.
- The **Fidelity Student Tool** is available to the LCMS family and can be accessed by going to fidelity.com/studentdebt.
- CPS members who would like to take a deeper dive into their personal finances can meet with **certified financial coach** Laura Scheer. To learn more, email laura.scheer@concordiaplans.org or set up a discover session at calendly.com/laura-scheer/financial-coaching.

Dear Kansas District Members,

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



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

NEW INVESTMENT! [Church Worker StewardAccount](#)

You are a church worker. You have a mission—a call. God steered you toward a lifetime of service and sharing the message of living hope in Christ. LCEF wants to help you focus on your mission by making it easy and worthwhile to put a little money away each month. Believe it or not, this simple act can provide a certain amount of relief, so you can continue faithfully serving our Lord.

The Church Worker StewardAccount is a perfect opportunity to invest with LCEF if you want to:

- Beef up your retirement.
- Start a habit of investing.
- Set aside money to explore new opportunities or passions.
- Prepare for big life events like a wedding.
- Budget for the unexpected.
- Establish a three-to-six month living expense fund.
- Set aside cash for major purchases (car, travel).

But the most important reason is this: Your investment with LCEF allows us to provide funds and solutions to help start, support, and sustain LCMS church workers and ministries—today, tomorrow, and far into the future.

Benefits & Features

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

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

Are You Eligible?

If you work for an LCMS church, school, or organization in any capacity – the answer is yes. This includes rostered church workers, lay church workers, full- or part-time, and retired.

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Around the District

Installations



OVERLAND PARK

Rev. Sean Baker was installed as assistant pastor at Bethany, Overland Park, July 12. From left, (front row) Revs. Justin Panzer, Ronald Brauer, Scott Goltl, Sean Baker, Marvin Barz, Lee Hovel, Andy Keltner, Devin Burmeister; (back row) Ryan Maser, Rex Rinne, Dr. Jerome (Jerry) Brownlee, Dr. Kevin Wyssmann and Rev. Dan Galchutt. Not pictured: Dr. Mark Schulz.

ERIE and HEPLER

Rev. Caleb Stoever was installed as pastor of Good Shepherd, Erie, and Immanuel, Hepler, July 18.

From left, Rev. Ted Cook, Vicar Jaron Melin, Rev. Ervin Daugherty, Rev. Mark Wenzelburger, Rev. Jonathan Lange, Rev. Bruce Kristalyn, Rev. Kevin Peterson, Rev. Caleb Stoever, Rev. Mike Apfel, Rev. Galen Friedrichs, President Justin Panzer, Rev. Don Copley, and Rev. Jonathan Scheck.



WINFIELD

On July 18, Christopher Dehning was installed as principal/teacher at Trinity, Winfield. From left, Rev. Seth Meyer, Christopher Dehning, and James Bradshaw, Kansas District Education Executive.

PAOLA

Rev. Christian Schultz was installed as pastor at First, Paola, July 25.

From left, President Justin Panzer, Rev. Andy Keltner, Rev. Bob Grimm, Rev. Christian Schultz, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, and Rev. Ian Kinney.



LWML Convention Highlights

The Lutheran Woman in Mission (LWML) national convention was held in Lexington, Kentucky June 24-27, 2021. Our theme was "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." Our theme verse was Hebrews 12:1-2, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*



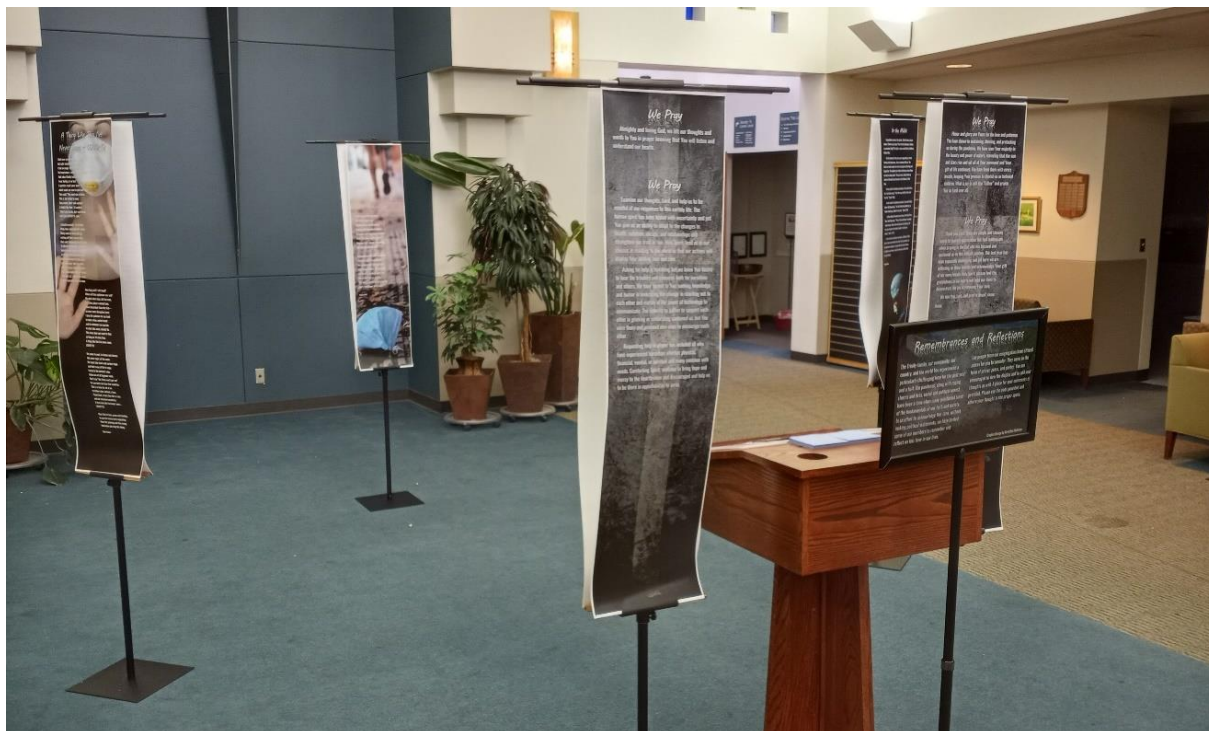
From the Kansas District there were around 125 attendees and three young women representatives. Some arrived on the district bus, some drove, and some flew, but no matter how we traveled, we all got to experience an amazing event where the Gospel was preached at the convention and through the work of the LWML. In convention the Gospel was proclaimed all around the globe as we supported our LCMS congregations and missionaries locally, nationally, and globally.

Some highlights from the convention for the Kansas District included having three accomplished women elected to national office: **Susan Brunkow** to the office of Vice President of Christian Life, **Karen Morrison** to the office of Vice President of Gospel Outreach and **Brenda Piester** to the office of Recording Secretary. We also had two grants awarded that were submitted by two congregations of the Kansas District. The first one was for Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania – Mwadui Lutheran School and Community for \$68,182 submitted by **Ascension Lutheran Church, Wichita** and the second was for Spiritual and Physical Food for the Children of Peru – La Mision Luterana del Peru for \$56,750, submitted by **Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays**. Delegates chose to award over \$2,200,000 to 28 grant recipients throughout the 2021-2023 biennium.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Pandemic Remembrance



Trinity Lutheran Church, Mission and Shawnee, undertook a pandemic "Remembrances and Reflections" project this summer. Members contributed reflections in the form of prayer, prose, and poetry, which were then displayed in the foyers of both campuses, with encouragement to view and add comments.

Events



REGISTER BY AUGUST 16!

2021 Worship Conference: "That the Holy Gospel May Have Free Course: History and Theology of Lutheran Liturgy"

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

Dr. Christopher Boyd Brown, keynote speaker

For more information, including a schedule and registration details, visit the [event page](#) on the St. John's website. Questions? Contact Bethany Johnson (bjohnson@stjlcms.org).



LOOKING AHEAD: CIRCUIT REFORMATION EVENTS

Manhattan Circuit Reformation Service & Presentation

Sunday, October 24 | 2-4:30 p.m.

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alta Vista

Circuit Visitor Rev. Larry Boye, larryboye@hotmail.com

Circuit Reformation Festival (Wichita)

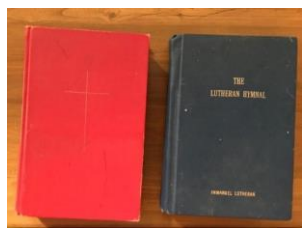
Sunday, October 31 | 4-7:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Scott Stiegemeier, Concordia University, Irvine

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