

WORKERS TOGETHER

Monthly newsletter of the LCMS Kansas District

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May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



2022 Kansas District Youth Gathering Highlights!

On Saturday, Nov. 19, high school students grades 9-12 gathered for the 2022 Kansas District Youth Gathering (KDYG) in two locations: Beautiful Savior in Olathe, and Risen Savior in Wichita. **Around 120 youth came together at each location, totaling 240 youth for this year's Kansas District Youth Gathering!**

The 2022 KDYG theme was "Living as the Baptized," based on the passage from 1 Peter 2:9-10. Youth and adult leaders participated in worship, mission outreach, study of the event's theme, and fellowship. See **Page 6** for more highlights, and photos! *Special thanks to all who helped plan and organize the 2022 Kansas District Youth Gatherings!*



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

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Rev. Justin Panzer, District President

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Concordia Seminary Press, the publishing department of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has released an Advent sermon series titled **“DOMINUS: The Advent of the Son of God in the Gospel of Mark.”** The series is authored by Dr. David Lewis, professor of Exegetical Theology and director of the Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route Programs at the Seminary.

The series consists of four sermons drawing from the Gospel of Mark and emphasizes Jesus’ dominion over spiritual powers. **The series is available for \$14.95 in downloadable PDF format in the Seminary’s [online store](#).**

The District website has a new page which provides educational resources to bring awareness to human trafficking. Included is the National Human Trafficking Hotline information, a link to the LCMS Synod Human Trafficking page, and additional resources.

Visit the [Human Trafficking page](#) (a subpage found under “Life Ministry,” under the “Caring Ministry” section) on the Kansas District website to access these resources.

President’s Office

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days...And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth” (Micah 5:2, 4).

December Devotion

Christmas is a special season. It’s a season different from all others. We gather with families and friends. We exchange gifts and extend greetings through cards and social media. As we direct our attention to the birth of the Savior, I want to briefly focus on the words, **“Thank you.”**

There is really something that separates Christian believers from the world. Many will be thanking “Santa Claus” that he paid them a visit. But, we have far more than that. **We have been given the gift of faith in Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrate.** So, what’s our response to this gift of grace that is such a vital part of our lives? How about the simple expression of saying, “Thank you.”

The prophet Micah proclaimed God’s Word to a misinformed and wayward people. He called them to repentance and faith. His word was for them to trust in the promises of God. In the lowly town of Bethlehem, God would reveal His will. Here, the Savior of the nations would be born. He would be the ruler over God’s people Israel. His reign would reach to the ends of the earth. Christ would shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord and in the majesty of the Name of the Lord His God. His people would rest securely. These words are good news promises to us.

The Christ took on flesh to become one of us, yet without sin. He traveled the road to the Cross, where He would give His life in full payment for the forgiveness of our sins. He is bodily risen from the dead, and by His Spirit, **we have been given new life in the waters of our Baptism, where we are the new creations of Christ Jesus.**

To all of this, our words must simply be **“Thank you.”** God has kept His past promises to us, being perfectly fulfilled in the Savior. He will keep His future promises to us that He will come to judge the living and the dead.

We say, “thank you” Lord, because even though I am unworthy, you have shared Your promises of salvation with me. You have given me the gift of eternal life in Baptism. “Thank you” for giving me your Holy Word that I might read about Your Son, Jesus Christ and His great gift of dying and rising for me. “Thank you” for feeding me with your body and blood in Holy Communion for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith.

Christ is the best gift ever given. Our churches and schools are present to proclaim Him. God uses you as His royal priest to extend His Kingdom to others. Invite them to worship and Bible study with you. Many opportunities exist for you to do this in the Advent and Christmas season. **Thank and proclaim the One who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light!**

Calls and Vacancies

PASTORAL CALLS

Rev. Tim McCall, Immanuel, Junction City to Trinity, Ortonville, MN – declined

Rev. Jeffrey Ross, St. John, Garfield, MN to Grace, Liberal and Peace, Beaver, OK – declined

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Don Haselhuhn, Trinity, Burlington to St. John and St. Paul, Lincoln – installation January 7, 2023

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

Girard, Trinity (sole)	Liberal, Grace & Beaver, Peace, OK (sole)
Hays, Messiah (sole)	Meade, St. John (sole)
Herington partnership: Immanuel, Our Redeemer, and St. John's (sole)	Topeka, St. John's, & McFarland, Trinity (partnership)
Leavenworth, Trinity (associate, seminary)	Wichita, Bethany (sole) Wichita, Risen Savior (associate)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

Emporia, Messiah (DCE)	Overland Park, Bethany (DCE)
Marysville, Good Shepherd (Principal)	



PRE-LENT CONFERENCE

The Kansas District Pre-Lent Conference for pastors will be held **January 9-10, 2023**, at the Spiritual Life Retreat Center in Wichita. The theme for the conference will be “Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Confession, Courage, and Love.” The keynote speaker is **Rev. Paul**

Dare, senior pastor at Zion Lutheran in Alexandria, MN.

Participants can arrive Sunday, Jan. 8. There will be a Circuit Visitors and Region Vice-Presidents meeting on Sunday evening. Please bring your copy of the *Lutheran Service Book*.

Visit the [homepage](#) of the Kansas District website for [online registration](#), and a [schedule](#) (or click the links here.) The registration deadline is Dec. 21.

Worker News



Rev. John Fries was installed as pastor to the SPR Partnership on Dec. 4.

From left (front row) Revs. David Meier, Don Miller, John Fries, Tim McCall; (back row) Revs. James Price, Larry Boye, Luke Brown, Alan Stahlecker and Robert Grimm.

Rev. Nathan Dudley was installed as pastor at St. Paul's, Haven on Nov. 12.

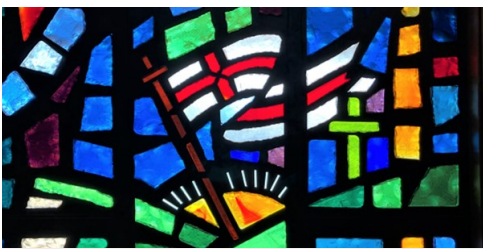
From left (front row) Revs. Don Meyer, Nathan Dudley, Justin Panzer, Quentin Nuttmann; (back row) Revs. Dennis Kootz, Henry Blickhahn, Dale Dumperth, Thomas Thierfelder and Kenton Abbott.



The 2023 LCMS Kansas District Church Workers Conference planners began their work for the Joint Church Worker Fall Conference, to be held Oct. 8-10 at Holy Cross in Wichita. From left (front row) Rev. Ben Micheel, DCE Beth Stephens, Teacher Audrey Kloke, Teacher Molly-Ann Wells, DCE Paige Edgington, Rev. Mark Lovett, Rev. Justin Panzer (District President); (back row) Rev. Philip Hoppe, Rev. Joe Barlau, Principal-Teacher David Beikmann and Teacher Jacob Kelly. Conference details will be shared in 2023.



In Jesus' name we pray...



SPECIAL PRAYERS

As the season of Advent begins, we pray for pause and reflection, that we never forget in the midst of this busy time of year the true meaning of Christmas: the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! May God provide opportunities for us as the royal priesthood to joyfully share this Good News with others, and invite them to church to learn about the free gift of salvation Jesus gives to all who believe in Him – the best gift we will ever receive! In His Name, Amen.

For the generosity of the Kansas District supporting the CLET-Guinea seminary in West Africa, we give thanks and praise to God for the countless brothers and sisters who, through their donations and prayers, have made it possible for the work in Guinea to grow and thrive. May our loving Lord continue to provide for the seminary and all who are involved in this important mission. In His Name, Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Those grieving the loss of loved ones, including

Family and friends of Rev. John Ryding, emeritus pastor in the LCMS Nebraska District living in the Hillsboro, KS area and a member at Zion Lutheran, Hillsboro, who entered his heavenly rest Nov. 22, 2022.

Family and friends of Rev. Roland Boehnke, emeritus pastor at Trinity Lutheran, Mission, who entered his heavenly rest Nov. 17, 2022.

Family and friends of Roland Wagner, uncle of Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship, who entered his heavenly rest Nov. 16, 2022.

Family and friends of Edna Meyer, wife of Rev. Eldor Meyer, a former pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Girard, KS, who preceded her in death. Edna entered her heavenly rest Nov. 12, 2022.

Those dealing with recent or ongoing health issues, including former Oklahoma District President Rev. Barrie Henke, Rev. Lee Hovel, Eric Pralle, Ken Tingle, Rev. Neil Buono, Claire Soeken, Ben and Michelle Venteicher and son Ezra Aaron, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Tom Kleber, Tim Lavrenz, Steve Bremer, Carrie Meyers, Kevin Adams, Nick Adams, Rev. Richard Andrus, and Judy May.

Those celebrating the gift of new life, including Vicar John and Beatrice Kastner (son Emmett, Dec. 1), Rev. Chris and Shelby Craig (daughter Zoey Nicole, Nov. 26), Rev. Cody and Katie Norton (daughter Rosalind Esther, Nov. 21), Rev. Michael and Stacy Hofmann (son Luke Allen and daughter Eden Hope, Oct. 28), and DCE Ben and Michelle Venteicher (son Ezra Aaron, Oct. 26).

Congregations and Schools on our Facebook prayer list in December:

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Preschool, Clay Center, December 5

St. Paul's Lutheran, Alta Vista, December 12

Calvary Lutheran, Council Grove; Faith Lutheran and Lord of Lambs Preschool, Emporia, December 19

YOUTH EVENT SNAPSHOTS

Out and About in Kansas

DECEMBER Staff Travel Schedule

- 2-5 CONFEDEX, **Charleston, SC** (Bradshaw)
- 4 Preaching at Redeemer, **Lake Wabaunsee**, and St. Paul's, **Alta Vista** (Panzer)

Congregation meetings at First, **Sabetha**; St. Paul, **Fairview**; Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)

Mission Sunday at St. John, **Ellinwood** (Galchutt)
- 6 Circuit 8 Winkel at St. John, **Alma** (Panzer)

Circuit 2 Winkel at the Disciple Garden, **Kansas City** (Galchutt)
- 7 Topeka Lutheran School Chapel, **Topeka** (Panzer)
- 8 NEK Partnership at St. Paul, **Fairview** (Panzer)
- 9 School visit at Trinity, **Winfield** (Bradshaw)
- 11 Preaching at Faith, **Abilene** (Panzer)
- 13 Circuit 4 Winkel at Faith, **Ottawa** (Panzer)

Circuit 9 Winkel at Grace, **Strong City** (Galchutt)
- 16 NLSA meeting, **Lawrence** (Bradshaw)



[Click Here](#) to see the full Kansas District calendar!



2022 Kansas District Youth Gathering

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022

Visit the [KDYG](#) page on the website to see more photos!

Beautiful Savior, Olathe

120 youth gathered at Beautiful Savior in Olathe for fellowship, service and study of the event theme "Living as the Baptized."

Rev. Jacob Boessling, Campus Pastor & Director of Campus Ministries at Concordia University Texas, was the keynote speaker.



Students from Concordia University Texas lead music at the KDYG Beautiful Savior location.



High school students gather for the 2022 KDYG at Beautiful Savior, Olathe.



Students from Concordia University Nebraska lead music at the KDYG Risen Savior location.

Risen Savior, Wichita

120 youth gathered at Risen Savior in Wichita for fellowship, mission outreach and study of the event theme "Living as the Baptized."

DCE Lisa Hellyer, Director of Engagement and Outreach for the RSO organization LeadaChild, was the keynote speaker.



High school students gather for the 2022 KDYG at Risen Savior, Wichita.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the Date!

2023 Middle School Huddle

The 2023 Middle School Huddle will take place **Friday, April 21, 2023 – Saturday, April 22, 2023**. The location will be at Rock Springs 4H Center, in Junction City. The event will be for grades 5-8, and adult leaders.

Registration will open in January 2023. Visit the [Middle School Events page](#) on the District website for more details to come!



LWML Women's Retreat

The Holy Cross, Wichita, LWML will host its annual Women's Retreat on **Sat., March 4, 2023, at Holy Cross** (600 N. Greenwich Rd. Wichita, KS 67206). Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. The retreat begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The retreat theme is "Love Rules: A Study of the Ten Commandments" (based on John 15:10-12) and the presenter will be Christina Hergenrader.

Early bird tickets are \$25 (\$30 after February 17). Registration is open at HolyCrossLutheran.net/LWMLretreat.



2023 Life Conference

The Kansas District Life Conference will be held **Monday, January 23, 2023 – Tuesday, January 24, 2023**, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka. The

conference will begin Monday, Jan. 23 at 3:30 p.m. and concludes Tuesday, Jan. 24, following the "March For Life" to the State Capitol in downtown Topeka. The keynote presenter will be **Rev. Michael Salemink**, executive director of Lutherans For Life.

Registration is now open. Visit the [Life Conference page](#) on the District website to register, get a schedule, and find more information.



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!

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. **Also visit the LVR page to watch a video highlighting last summer!** For additional information, please contact DCE Beth Stephens (Trinity, Mission/Shawnee), Beth@tlcms.org.

ON THE RADAR

KDYG Wrap-up Zoom, Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

SAA55 Zoom, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

LERT Zoom, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

SAA55 Committee Zoom, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

DYMC Zoom, Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Middle School Huddle Zoom, Dec. 15, 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Christmas holiday, Dec. 23-Jan. 2 (District office closed; reopens Jan. 3)

2023 Pre-Lent Conference, Jan. 9-10, Spiritual Life Center, Bel Aire, KS



Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

Donna Williams, District Disaster Response Coordinator



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.

DISTRICT MINISTRIES

Engaging in God's Mission



Helping Students Stay Connected to the Church, through Times of Transition

Many of our college students will be home for Christmas break. I might suggest that pastors schedule a lunch with returning students after a Sunday service in early January. The goal would be to foster pastoral relationships, listen to the challenges students face in college, and to provide words of encouragement. Simply meeting for an hour can foster a healthy and on-going conversation between pastors and students, which may continue for years to come.

As students return home, I invite you to keep the following prayer in your hearts:

Faithful Lord, if it be Your will, give us opportunity to fellowship with our college students over Christmas break. May they encourage us with reports of a growing faith in Jesus Christ. Give us wisdom to speak helpful words to them. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Pastor Mark Boxman, Senior Pastor at Trinity, Salina



Annalise Fischer, a graduate from Emporia State, encourages high school students to consider campus ministry.

Your faith in this next chapter

What does your faith look like after graduation?

Connecting Students to Campus Ministry



Rev. Mark Boxman, Kansas District Campus Ministry Coordinator, discusses the importance of campus ministry.

There is a new campus ministry video available on the District website! It includes interviews with students and local pastors involved with LCMS campus ministry in Kansas, who speak on the importance of high school students getting involved in campus ministry as they transition to college.

Visit the [Campus Ministry](#) page (under the "Missions, Specialized Ministries" tab) to watch the video, and learn more!

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

Friendly Reminders!

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 **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

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
1000 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66604-1104

**Please note that no additional additions or cancellations will be taken for this subscription year. You can, however, still make address changes.*

If you need to update an address on your subscription list, please contact Shannon Fender at 785-357-4441, ext. 1001 or shannon@kslcms.org for a change form.

The [2022 Year-End Checklist](#) for congregational treasurers is available, as the end of 2022 approaches.

You can access the checklist by clicking on the link above, or visiting the [District Resources](#) page on the website.

Synod & Partners



SET APART TO SERVE
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT



KFUO Radio interview with President Justin Panzer

In late October, President Justin Panzer gave an interview on the *Set Apart to Serve* initiative with [KFUO Radio](#) "The Coffee Hour" series. During the interview President Panzer discussed how church workers and members can help young people to consider church work vocations, and ways that the Kansas District is encouraging the building up of church workers through the new triennium theme "Living as the Baptized."

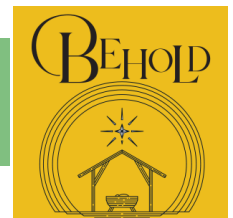
Listen to the full interview at ["The Coffee Hour-Set Apart to Serve: Formation and Vocation Culture in Churches."](#)

In early November, the Kansas District Board of Directors passed a resolution to contribute **\$20,000** from the Doris Meyer Fund to assist in the *Set Apart to Serve* initiative, in supporting the encouragement of young people in church work vocations!

Visit the [LCMS website](#) to learn more about *Set Apart to Serve*, and find resources.



Advent/Christmas Media Kits



Media kits are available for congregational use, in reaching out to local communities this Advent season. These free kits may be personalized with a local parish's information about their Advent and Christmas services. Included in the kits are a newspaper opinion editorial and advertisement, a Facebook advertisement and profile frames, social media shareables, and post/note cards. **Visit [LCMS Resources](#) to access the media kits!**



Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is offering Advent daily devotions titled *A Son is Given*, which examines the promise God made to send His Messiah, Jesus Christ. The devotions are available for families, friends, and congregations, and can be accessed online and through podcasts, email, mobile devices, and for print.

Visit the [LHM website](#) to find the devotions!

Planned Giving: Creating Your Legacy

In 2021, the Kansas District launched a partnership with the **LCMS Foundation** to offer

planned giving services, to assist LCMS Kansans interested in the Godly management of their assets for the good of their families, and also the Church. Planned giving is an excellent way to ensure that family and ministries are provided for and supported after an individual has been called by God to his/her heavenly home.

Three Kansas District staff members—Missions and Stewardship Executive **Rev. Dan Galchutt**, LCEF DVP **Jeffrey Maltz**, and Business Manager **Heather Williams**—are trained planned giving advocates who promote and educate LCMS Kansans on gift planning, thus providing an important stewardship service to Kansas District congregations, schools, and RSOs, as well as providing resources for LCMS members interested in gift planning for their families and favorite ministries.

To learn more about planned giving, or to schedule a presentation, contact **Rev. Dan Galchutt** at dangalchutt@kslcms.org, **Jeffrey Maltz** at Jeffrey.Maltz@lcef.org, or **Heather Williams** at heather@kslcms.org.

West Africa/Guinea Partnership: Thank You!



Since the start of the Pentecost offering in early June, numerous gifts have been made towards the CLET-Guinea seminary, totaling over **\$55,000!** We thank God for your generosity!

Please keep this exciting venture in your prayers, and visit the **Guinea/West Africa Partnership** page on the Kansas District website for more information, and to make an online donation!

Why borrow from LCEF?

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SUPPORTING THE GREAT COMMISSION

LCEF provides lending solutions so you can focus and expand your ministry work. In addition, our reach and support go beyond our ministry partners as we share our blessings with LCMS districts and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This is Lutherans helping Lutherans.

LCEF strives to be a true partner in ministry. We want to learn about you and your ministry and work together to create unique solutions that are customized for you.

Contact us to start a conversation today.

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Special Grant Available Soon

The resolution below passed at the November 4, 2022 Kansas District Board of Directors meeting about a special opportunity for your congregation, school, or RSO to receive matching funds for money you raise to support a building project or renovation for your ministry. This special opportunity comes from a bequest from Dr. Charles and Vivian Herren and funds offered from the Kansas District. **The window to apply for these funds will be open between January and April of 2023.** The funds will be awarded on a matching basis. **This means that for every dollar you raise between \$15,000-\$40,000 you could be awarded matching funds for your building improvement or project.** As you know, grants for buildings and capital improvements are not very common.

Be on the lookout for more information and start planning now to raise funds to be matched for your capital improvement project at your congregation, school, or RSO.

Resolution 22D-01-05 – To Release Board Designated Doris Meyer Funds to the Charles and Vivian Herren Memorial Fund

Whereas, Dr. Charles Herren has made a generous gift to the LCMS Foundation in honor of his late wife Vivian, and intended it to be used for Laborers for Christ; and

Whereas, the Laborers for Christ program has discontinued operations; and

Whereas, the LCMS Foundation, in carrying out the intent of Dr. Charles Herren's gift, has established the Charles and Vivian Herren Memorial Fund (the "Fund") according to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Fund is established as a separate fund of the Foundation.
2. The Fund is invested as determined by the Foundation.
3. Distributions will be made to ministries in the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a dollar-for-dollar match to donor contributions of new funds for constructing or improving their building space.
4. The Foundation will rely on the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to advertise availability of the grant, determine eligible ministries and amounts, and request Fund distributions.
5. The Foundation will consider all distribution requests received from the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Approval of the request, as well as the timing and amount of any distribution, will be made in the sole discretion of the Foundation.
6. Distributions will be made from Fund income and, to the extent Fund income is not sufficient, from principal. There is no limit on the amount that can be distributed. If a distribution depletes the balance of the Fund, the Fund will be terminated. Requests for distribution from the Fund should be no less than \$15,000.
7. The Foundation will be reimbursed for all Fund expenses per the Foundation's policy on Reimbursement of Expenses in effect at the time the expenses are paid or incurred.
8. Additional contributions may be made to the Herren Fund by other donors to further the reach of this work of expanding Kansas District ministry.
9. The Foundation reserves the right to amend the terms of this Fund. The Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be advised in advance of any amendment.

Whereas, the purpose of the Fund aligns with the mission of the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in supporting its members; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod release \$200,000 from the Board Designated Doris Meyer Estate Fund to the Charles and Vivian Herren Memorial Fund at the LCMS Foundation to be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions listed above, and with the following additional parameters:

1. Eligible projects are those that have taken place in 2022 for which new money continues to be raised through ongoing capital campaigns, or those that will take place in 2023.
2. The maximum award per eligible ministry will be \$40,000 or less depending on the number of eligible applications received.
3. District contributions to the Fund will be made immediately prior to the approved distribution requests in order to maintain the market value and impact of the gift.

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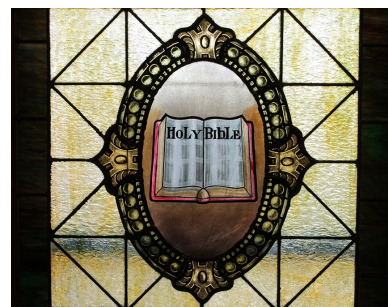
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Stained Glass Artwork: created by Rev. Roland Boehnke

There are many talented members in the Kansas District, and we celebrate those God-given gifts! One such individual was Rev. Roland Boehnke, emeritus pastor at Trinity Lutheran, Mission, who was called to his heavenly home Nov. 17, 2022. Rev. Boehnke was a gifted artist, and leaves a beautiful legacy seen in the number of stained glass windows and artwork he created, including one for the Kansas District Office in Topeka and a window for the Prayer Room at the Kansas District Retreat Center in Herington. **We give thanks for Rev. Boehnke and all in the District who use their talents to glorify God!** (Rev. Boehnke's [obituary](#) can be found at the link provided.)



Stained glass artwork at the Kansas District Office in Topeka, and a window for the Prayer Room at the Kansas District Retreat Center, by Rev. Roland Boehnke.

Around the District



JD2D participants from Light of the World, De Soto; Zion, Vassar; Bethlehem, Greenleaf; and Zion, Linn.

Jesus Door-2-Door Event

Rev. Timothy Koch, Pastor at Zion Lutheran, Linn



On November 12, 10 people from four LCMS congregations (Light of the World, De Soto; Zion, Vassar; Bethlehem, Greenleaf; and Zion, Linn) gathered for a JD2D event in De Soto to help canvass the community on behalf of Light of the World Lutheran Church (a Kansas District church plant) and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The group knocked on 113 doors. 50 people answered the door and 26 of them agreed to take the survey. Literature was left at the 63 houses where no one was home. 12 of the 26 people were unchurched. None of them were aware that Light of the World was a church plant in the area.

Through the group's canvassing efforts, **five individuals** were willing to have follow-up contact from Light of the World. **The next JD2D event will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. John Lutheran, Palmer.** All are welcome!