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“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:4-6



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

WORKERS TOGETHER

Monthly newsletter of the LCMS Kansas District



The sanctuary prepared for Lent at Christ Lutheran, Overland Park, in April 2022.



St. Paul's Lutheran, Alta Vista, during the Lenten season in March 2022.



The sanctuary prepared for Lent at Grace Lutheran, Liberal, in March 2022.



The sanctuary prepared for Lent at Immanuel Lutheran, Junction City, in March 2022.



Redeemer Lutheran Mission, Lake Wabaunsee, during the Lenten season in March 2022.

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster (Joel 2:12-13).



March Devotion

Fellow members of the Body of Christ,

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3-5).

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

I shared these words with you in my email announcement that I was accepting the call to the Synod. I’ve also shared them with you plenty of other times over the last handful of years. As I reflected on what to write in my last communication in *Workers Together*, I kept coming back to these words. While I have given some thought to that part “from the first day until now,” considering I’ve only served in Kansas since my time at the seminary and I’ve known some of you for decades, I’m especially reflecting on the words **“your partnership in the gospel.”**

My 20 years in Kansas has been a blessing for me. But there were times when I did my work as a pastor of a congregation without thinking about working in partnership with the larger church. You know how that goes. Life gets busy. Ministry can be hard. And you’re just trying to keep all the plates spinning.

However, my time on staff for the Kansas District has given me a new appreciation for these words “partnership in the gospel.” How applicable those words are to the role I have filled in the KSD for the last six years. **Because without your partnership, nothing would have been done.**

If you didn’t welcome me into your congregations for Mission and Stewardship Sundays, I wouldn’t have been able to reinforce what you had been trying to say for years. (*Everyone knows that all it takes to be an expert is to live more than 50 miles away.*) If you didn’t pass the word on about Pentecost Offering appeals, we wouldn’t have been able to build a seminary in Guinea and support mission work in that part of the world. If you didn’t allow me to visit with your people, we wouldn’t have been able to raise awareness about Campus Ministry, Church Planting efforts in places like De Soto and Concordia, and Multi-Ethnic Ministry, especially in Kansas City. If you didn’t allow me to join your Winkels (*although sometimes reluctantly*), I wouldn’t have been able to connect with you members of the KSD. If you didn’t invite me to do chapels at your schools, I wouldn’t have been able to talk to young people about God’s Mission and how they can be involved.

After serving in this role, I recognize that it does take a partnership, as it should be in the Kingdom of God. I needed you to invite me in and host me so that I could do the work that God had called me to do.

So, thank you! Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. Thank you for your invitations and hospitality. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to try and do what the staff of the Kansas District is supposed to do!

The KSD mission is to support and encourage the members of the District in carrying out the mission Christ has given His Church. As this mission statement makes clear, we can’t do anything without you. I pray that you would continue to carry out that mission given to you in Baptism, and as called workers of the LCMS Kansas District. I’m sure that President Panzer and the rest of the staff will be ready to support you in the days and years to come.

The Lord’s blessings to you all until we see each other again. **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!**

Dan Galchutt



Rev. Justin Panzer, District President

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

2023 Fall Church Workers Conference: Call for Pastor's Papers

The 2023 Fall Church Workers Conference will be a joint conference, combining both educators and pastors. The conference will take place Oct. 8-10, 2023, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita. Save the date, and be on the lookout for more details to come!

There are 12 slots available for pastors to present breakout sessions on a variety of theological topics to the conference participants. The Church Workers Conference Planning Committee is now accepting abstracts for presentations to be given on Monday and Tuesday of the conference, 60 minutes in duration.

Please submit a brief abstract and title for your presentation to Rev. Mark Lovett, pastor.mdlovett@gmail.com, and copy Heather Williams, heather@kslcms.org, no later than **May 1, 2023**.

President's Office

Calls and Vacancies

PASTORAL CALLS

- Rev. Kurt Cockran, Risen Savior, Basehor to Immanuel, Terre Haute, IN – accepted
- Rev. Kurt Cockran, Risen Savior, Basehor to Prince of Peace, Buffalo, WY – declined
- Rev. Kurt Cockran, Risen Savior, Basehor to Immanuel, Macomb, IL – declined
- Rev. Nick Cordt, Risen Savior, Wichita to Bethany, Wichita – accepted
- Rev. Dan Galchutt, Kansas District to LCMS ONM (Executive Director) – accepted
- Rev. Jared Hartman, St. Paul, Wisner, NE to Grace, Liberal & Peace, Beaver, OK – declined
- Rev. Roger Mullet, Faith, Churubusco, IN to St. John's, Topeka and Trinity, McFarland – pending

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

- Rev. Nick Cordt, Risen Savior, Wichita to Bethany, Wichita – installation Sunday, March 12, 2023, @ 4:00 p.m.
- Rev. Calvin (CJ) Luttinen, Holy Cross, Mobile, AL to Risen Savior, Wichita – installation Sunday, March 26, 2023
- Rev. Michael Hofmann, St. Paul, Clay Center, Assoc. to Trinity, Girard – installation Sunday, April 2, 2023

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

- Burlington, Trinity (sole)
- Greenleaf, Bethlehem & St. Peter, Barnes (sole)
- Hays, Messiah (sole)
- Herington partnership: Immanuel, Our Redeemer, and St. John's (sole)
- Leavenworth, Trinity (associate, seminary)
- Liberal, Grace & Beaver, Peace, OK (sole)
- Meade, St. John (sole)
- Paola, Trinity, Block (sole)
- Topeka, St. John's, & Trinity, McFarland (partnership)
- Topeka, St. John's (associate, seminary)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- Alma, St. John (Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher)
- Emporia, Messiah (DCE) - spring graduate
- Garden City, Trinity (Commissioned worker)
- Overland Park, Bethany (DCE) - spring graduate
- Overland Park, Christ (DCE)
- Shawnee, Hope (Teacher)
- Winfield, Trinity (Teacher)

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

- Candidate Hannah Christian, Irvine to Hope, Shawnee – accepted
- Principal Bradley (Kyle) Erickson, Trinity, Greeley, CO to Good Shepherd, Marysville – accepted
- Teacher Jesse Muehler, St. John-Emmanuel, Monroeville, IN to Trinity, Winfield – declined
- Teacher Miriam Wehling, Candidate status to Topeka Lutheran School – pending

Worker News

Congratulations! 2023 KAIRS Lutheran Teacher of the Year



Joshua Grass was awarded the 2023 KAIRS Distinguished Lutheran Teacher of the Year Award.



Joshua Grass pictured with Kyle Johnson, Principal of Topeka Lutheran School.

Mr. Joshua Grass, a teacher at Topeka Lutheran School, was presented the 2023 Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools (KAIRS) Distinguished Lutheran Teacher of the Year Award on February 6, 2023, at the awards banquet held at the Ramada Hotel in Topeka. Mr. Grass joined the TLS faculty team in August 2018, and teaches Grades 4-8 Science, Math, and Religion. ***Congratulations!***

Scholarships Available!



The Kansas District is once again offering scholarships to students pursuing a degree in church work at one of the Synod's universities or seminaries. Last year the district awarded over \$54,000 in scholarships to future church workers.

Scholarship amounts are based on available funds and the number of applications received. **The application deadline for 2023-24 scholarships is June 1.**

Applications are available on the District website, under [Grants and Scholarships](#) from the "Stewardship" drop-down menu. You can also find links to other organizations offering scholarships to church work students, including the [Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(LWML\)](#), [Lutheran Laymen's League \(LLL\)](#) and [St. John's Alumni Association](#).

In Jesus' name we pray...



SPECIAL PRAYERS

For all who have been affected by tornadoes in Alabama, we pray for God to bring healing and comfort. We give thanks for LCMS Disaster Response, Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteers, and RSOs Lutheran Church Charities and Forged by Fire for assisting in the wake of the storm's aftermath. May our gracious Lord continue to provide the necessary resources as the process of rebuilding and healing begins. In His Name, Amen.

For the raising up of future church workers, we pray for the Holy Spirit to stir hearts for ministry and prayerfully consider a vocation in church work, whether it be young people or those considering a second career. May the Lord equip those going into church work to boldly share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. In His Name, Amen.

MARCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Those grieving the loss of loved ones, including

- ❖ Family and friends of former Oklahoma District President Rev. Barrie Henke. Rev. Henke entered his heavenly rest March 1, 2023.
- ❖ Family and friends of Gerald Jahnke, the father of Rev. Randall Jahnke. Gerald entered his heavenly rest Feb. 15, 2023.
- ❖ Family and friends of Bill Ciocchetti, the father of Jaimee Hoppe. Bill entered his heavenly rest Jan. 21, 2023.
- ❖ Family and friends of Kevin Crawford, the brother of Rev. King Crawford. Kevin entered his heavenly rest Jan. 19, 2023.
- ❖ Family and friends of Rev. Roy Bingenheimer, the father of Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer. Rev. Roy entered his heavenly rest Jan. 17, 2023.
- ❖ Family and friends of Ruben Bauck, the father of James Bauck. Ruben entered his heavenly rest Jan. 11, 2023.

Those experiencing recent or ongoing health issues, including Rev. Clark Davis, Cindy Hammons, Ben and Michelle Venteicher and son Ezra Aaron, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, 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 Shepherd, Dec. 1).

Congregations and Schools on our Facebook prayer list in March:

St. Paul's Lutheran, Coffeyville, March 6

Calvary Lutheran Church and Learning Center, Topeka, March 13

Trinity Lutheran, Hanover, March 20

St. Paul Lutheran, Duluth, March 27

MARCH EVENTS

Out and About in Kansas

MARCH Staff Travel Schedule

- 1 Preaching at Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)
- Early Childhood Advocacy, Kansas State Capitol, **Topeka** (Bradshaw)
- 2 2024 District Service Projects, **Emporia** (Bradshaw)
- 3-4 LERT Retreat, **Herington** (Bradshaw)
- 5 Preaching at Trinity, **McFarland** (Panzer)
- 6 Mission Advocate meeting, **Salina** (Panzer, Galchutt)
- 7 Circuit 10/11 Winkel at Calvary, **Wellington** (Panzer)
- 8 Preaching at Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)
- 12 Preaching at Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)
- 12 Rev. Nick Cordt installation at Bethany, **Wichita** (Panzer)
- 13-15 Six-Pack COP meeting, **Kansas City** (Panzer)
- 15 Preaching at Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)
- 19 Preaching at Immanuel, **Linn** (Panzer)
- 21 Circuit 12 Winkel at Grace, **McPherson** (Panzer)
- District Youth Gathering Planning meeting, Faith, **Topeka** (Bradshaw)
- 22 Preaching at Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)
- 24 LCMS Early Childhood Consultants, Beautiful Savior, **Olathe** (Bradshaw)
- 25 Official Visit at St. Paul, **Preston** (Panzer)
- KAIRS Early Childhood Conference, Trinity, **Mission** (Bradshaw)

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KAIRS Early Childhood Education Workshop

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church (5601 W. 62nd Street, Mission, KS 66202)

The 12th Annual KAIRS Early Childhood Education Workshop theme is *"From Tinkerer to Engineer, STEAM Concepts for Preschool Students."* This theme will help spotlight how educators can expand their teaching toolbox with STEAM. As early childhood professionals, teachers of children ages three through five are uniquely positioned to be leaders in demonstrating how play-filled experiences for their students are essential to learning. As "tinkerers," participants will explore a variety of loose parts and materials as they discover how to engage children in solving a problem related to science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Annette Anschutz**.

Attendees of this workshop will receive 5 KDHE approved hours. The registration fee is \$10, which includes lunch. **Register online at www.kairs.org. Registration ends on March 10.**

2023 LFL of KS Student Essay Contest

The Council of Federation Presidents and Lutherans For Life of Kansas are sponsoring an essay contest! This essay contest is open to 6th-12th grade students attending a Lutheran school or members of a Lutheran church in Kansas.

Students will write a life-affirming essay on the theme "Just As ... I Am" based on Ephesians 2:10. Entrants must include their name, grade, school or church, and email address. Lutheran school students must have a teacher or pastor sign the rubric and include their email address (see Guideline #3 under "Contest Guidelines," and the lower right corner of the rubric page.) **The essay contest guidelines and rubric are available on the Lutherans For Life of Kansas website.**

Students are to submit their essays and signed rubrics by **March 22** by emailing secretary@lflorkansas.org.

The LFL of KS board will review the essays submitted to determine state awards and send the winning entries to the Council of Federation Presidents for national reviews and awards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH Staff Travel Schedule Cont.

- 26 Building Dedication at Ascension, **Pratt** (Panzer)
Rev. CJ Luttinen Installation at Risen Savior, **Wichita** (Panzer)
- 29 Preaching at Zion, **Hiawatha** (Panzer)

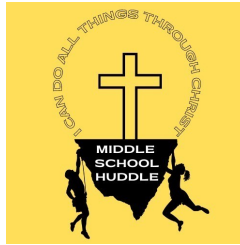


2023 Pastor's Wives Retreat

Pastors' wives are invited to gather at the Kansas District Retreat Center in Herington for the annual **Pastors' Wives Retreat, Friday, April 21—Saturday, April 22, 2023**. The guest presenter will be Christian author and speaker, Deb Burma.

Registration is open. Visit the kslcms.org homepage to register, and find a schedule.

Click Here to see the full Kansas District calendar!



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 Ranch, in Junction City. The event will be for grades 5-8, and the cost is \$80 per participant.

Registration is open. Visit the [Middle School Events page](#) (under the "Education & Youth, Youth Ministry" tab) on the District website to register, and find more information. For questions, please contact Rev. Richard Lally (St. Matthew, Nortonville), at pastor@stmatthewlcms.org.



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 is open. Visit the [LVR](#) page (under the "Education & Youth, Youth Ministry" tab) on the Kansas District website to complete the Kansas District registration, and find more instructions. For questions, please contact DCE Beth Stephens (Trinity, Mission/Shawnee), at Beth@tlcms.org.

ON THE RADAR

- LERT Retreat**, March 3-4, Retreat Center, Herington, KS
- Six-Pack COP meeting**, March 13-15, Kansas City, KS
- KDYG Planning**, March 21, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS
- LCMS Early Childhood Consultants**, March 23-24, Beautiful Savior, Olathe, KS
- Early Childhood Planning (Zoom)**, March 23, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.
- KAIRS Early Childhood Conference**, March 25, Trinity Lutheran, Mission, KS
- PDC (Zoom)**, March 28, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Early Childhood Directors meeting (Zoom)**, March 30, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Principals meeting (Zoom)**, March 30, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Palm Sunday**, April 2
- Maundy Thursday**, April 6 (District Office closes at 2 p.m.)
- Good Friday**, April 7 (District Office closed)
- Easter Sunday**, April 9
- Easter Monday**, April 10 (District office closed)
- Pastor's Wives Retreat**, April 21-22, Retreat Center, Herington, KS
- Middle School Huddle**, April 21-22, Rock Springs 4H Ranch, Junction City, KS

SAVE THE DATE!

2023 Saints Alive After 55

Monday, July 17, 2023

Christ the King Lutheran Church (111 West Magnolia Road Salina, KS 67401)



The SAA55 theme will be *"I Love to Tell the Story – Leaving a Faith Legacy."*

"What will I leave behind?" This legacy question becomes a recurring theme as we grow older. Yet the question isn't *"What is the meaning of my life?"* but rather, *"How do I give my life more meaning?"* Choosing intentional behaviors with a higher purpose helps older adults feel more connected, happier, and healthier. The presentations will include a focus on older adults as storytellers and introduce the concept of a spiritual autobiography.

The keynote presenter will be Dr. Mary Manz Simon, and the Bible study leader will be Rev. Mark Boxman.



CTSFW Continuing Education Opportunity!

June 15-17, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church (2700 Lawrence Ave. Lawrence, KS 66047)

The Seven Ecumenical Councils

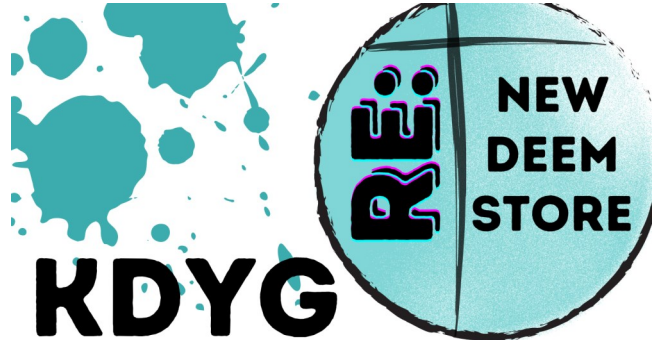
Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, CTSFW

What were the Seven Ecumenical Councils? How and why did they come about? Do they matter for the life of the evangelical Lutheran church today? Join Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss as he discusses these historic councils and why they still matter for us today. The event will take place **June 15-17, 2023**, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lawrence.

The cost is \$150 for pastors and professional church workers, \$100 for retired pastors and laypersons, and no cost for Fort Wayne students, vicars, and fieldwork supervisors (pastors, professional church workers, laypersons, Fort Wayne vicars and fieldwork supervisors will receive 1.5 CEU.)

For more information and to register, visit the [event page](#) on the CTSFW website. The local contact is Rev. Sean Kilgo, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, kilgosr@gmail.com.

2023 Kansas District Youth Gathering!

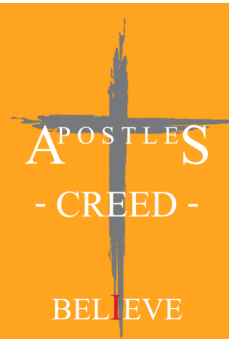


KDYG 2023

**SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 17-19
REGISTRATION
OPENS AUGUST 1!**



**WITH SPEAKER
TANNER OLSON!**



2023 Kansas District Confirmation Retreat

September 29-30, 2023

**"Apostles' Creed:
I Believe!"**

Save the date! The Kansas District Youth Ministry Committee is once again offering an opportunity to 5th-8th grade Kansas youth. There will be a Kansas District Confirmation Retreat **September 29-30, 2023**, at the Wheat State Retreat Center in Augusta, KS.

More information to come...

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

Donna Williams, District Disaster Response Coordinator



In Kansas, we understand the unpredictability of year-round weather patterns. **"Prepare to Adapt"** is the theme for any type of Disaster Response.

Are you equipped to step into the spring storm season? There are a myriad of resources available to help you assess your current and future preparedness and needs, both personal and within your church buildings.

Here is a list of resources for you to tap into as you prepare for storm season in Kansas:

- [Weather.gov/top/swaw](https://www.weather.gov/top/swaw). Resources include Kansas Weather Spotters Field Guide and the 2023 Kansas Severe Weather Preparedness Packet.
- Connect with your local County, Township and/or City Emergency Management office. Many will be scheduling Storm Spotter classes in the coming weeks. Most are free to attend and do not require an RSVP.
- **Severe Weather Week:** March 6-10, 2023
- **National Emergency Preparedness Month:** Sept. 2023

If you do not have a Severe Weather plan at your church, make one. You never know when a storm might develop. Be prepared for all times the church building may be in use.

Not sure where to start? Invite your local Emergency Manager to help you assess your building and the best course of action, including multiple storm shelter options. And, if you don't have a weather radio in your building, you might consider purchasing one.

Equally important is your Severe Weather plan at home. *Do you have a plan and does everyone understand it? Do you practice it?* A few minutes of preparation could matter in the event you must take immediate shelter.

In the event of a destructive storm or critical event, do you have a list of resources to call to request help? Prioritize your list and be intentional in updating and distributing your list to those responsible for taking the lead on any cleanup or recovery effort. Be sure to include the District Office (President Panzer) and your DDRC (Donna Williams) on your list. LERT teams respond through these contacts.

If you have questions and/or would like to schedule a visit (new or established teams) or inquire about scheduling or attending a LERT Basic Training or Basic Chainsaw Safety Class, please contact your Kansas District Disaster Response Coordinator, **Donna Williams**, ksddrc@gmail.com or (316) 641-0332.

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

There will be a Basic/Beginner LERT training on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, MO. St. Matthew will be paying for all the costs associated with the training. The hope is to build a community of Lutherans who want to love and serve their neighbors in the Kansas City area.

Register on the [LERT registration page](#). For questions, please contact Deaconess Sarah Longmire, deaconess@gracefaithlove.org.

DISTRICT MINISTRIES

Engaging in
God's Mission





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



DISTRICT MINISTRIES

Engaging in God's Mission



When our members move away from our churches to attend college, the Lord plants them in places where they can be His witnesses. For our young people to be nourished and strengthened for this important task, they need to connect to a local congregation. An additional benefit is having a college-age Bible study which they can attend and to which they can invite others.

Thalia, a college student from Kansas writes,

These are the benefits I have received through attending a weekly Bible study:

- ❖ I have grown in my understanding of God's Word.
- ❖ I am able to help other students learn more about the Lord.
- ❖ Each week is like a "reset button." I receive peace and the assurance that the Lord is with me.
- ❖ I love being able to ask questions.
- ❖ The fellowship with other Christian students is great. We have lots of fun just being together to talk and study and love each other.

We pray: Lord, give our young people great zeal for the exciting opportunities You give them to bear witness to You, and lead them to know the joy and blessing of working in partnership with congregations and pastors. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Rev. Mark Boxman
Campus Ministry Coordinator,
and Senior Pastor of Trinity, Salina

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

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis: 2023 Multiethnic Symposium

The thematic emphasis of the **2023 Multiethnic Symposium** is "Hope for the Church, Hope for the Future: 1.5 and 2.0 Generation Immigrants," set for **May 2-3** on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Participants will explore the challenges of 1.5 and 2.0 generation neighbors and embrace their contributions to the life of the church today — and for generations to come. The annual symposium brings together missional leaders including pastors, congregational lay leaders and others from across The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). The symposium explores what it means and what it will take to become a truly multiethnic church.

Plenary speakers include Dr. Joel Okamoto, the Waldemar and Mary Griesbach Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, and Dr. Tesfai Tesema, pastor of Addis Kidan Lutheran Church in San Francisco, Calif. The symposium also includes the 17th Annual Lecture in Hispanic/Latino Theology and Missions, presented by Dr. Daniel Rodriguez, divisional dean and professor of religion and Hispanic studies at Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif. Full admission for the Multiethnic Symposium is \$75, which includes meals; students and faculty are free (no meals). **Registration closes April 17.** For more information, visit the [Multiethnic Symposium](#) webpage, or contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or ce@csl.edu.

Participants are also encouraged to extend their stay and attend the [Multi Asian Gathering](#), set for **May 3-4** on the Seminary campus. Admission is \$25 (includes meals); students and faculty are free (no meals).

Kansas District Circuit Realignment Communication

For at least 20-25 years the Kansas District has requested “exceptions” for several of its circuits when selecting delegates to the Synod Conventions. The circuits affected have been primarily in Kansas City and the western and north central parts of the state. The reason for requesting “exceptions” is that the number of congregations and/or communicant members in these circuits is out of sync with Synod Bylaw 3.1.2 (a) requirements: “7 to 20 member congregations, involving an aggregate confirmed membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000” (2019 Handbook, p. 99).

In response to the “exceptions” granted, the Kansas District communicated with the Synod that circuit realignment would occur at the 2025 Kansas District Convention. In November 2022, the District Board of Directors passed **Resolution 22D-06-07 – Establish Task Force to Develop Circuit Realignment**

Recommendations

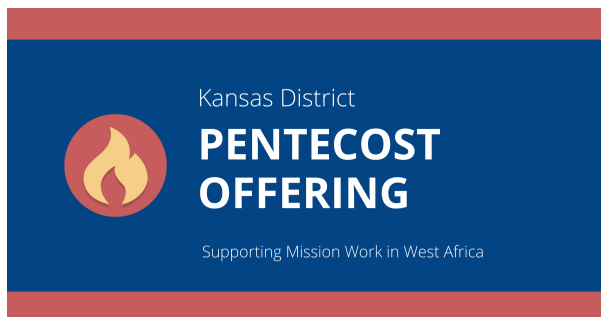
Whereas, a number of circuits in the Kansas District do not meet the minimum requirements for representation to the Synod Convention and received exceptions for the 2023 Convention, and

Whereas, the Kansas District Board of Directors, when requesting exceptions for the 2023 Convention, told the Synod that circuit realignment would occur at the 2025 Kansas District Convention, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors authorize the District President, in consultation with the President’s Council, to appoint a task force for circuit realignment to assess the situation and make circuit realignment recommendations to the 2025 Kansas District Convention.

President Panzer appointed a Circuit Realignment Committee consisting of Pastors Mark Schulz (Region 1 VP), Alan Stahlecker (Region 2 VP), Michael Schotte (Region 3 VP), Michael Hageman (Region 4 VP), Andy Keltner (Chairman of the Circuit Visitors), and Joshua Woelmer (District Secretary).

The committee is taking the approach that its primary work will be to coordinate and communicate with the District, rather than to put forward a solution without thorough communication with and input from the affected circuits. Additional communication will follow on a regular basis. Watch for further details.



Kansas District Pentecost Offering—Save the Date!

Pentecost this year is **May 28**, and there will be a district-wide offering to support mission work in Guinea and West Africa. Since the start of last year’s offering, numerous gifts have been made towards the CLET-Guinea seminary, totaling over \$55,000!

This year’s Pentecost Offering will continue to help support the mission work in West and Central Africa. Please mark your calendars and prayerfully consider participating. More information to come!

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.

To schedule a presentation, contact Rev. Dan Galchutt dangalchutt@kslcms.org, Jeffrey Maltz Jeffrey.Maltz@lcef.org, or Heather Williams heather@kslcms.org.



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Concordia Academy - Wichita: NOW ENROLLING!

Enrollment is now open for the 2023-2024 academic year at Concordia Academy - Wichita (CAW) for 9-12 grade. Scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis. Applications and enrollment information can be found on the [CAW website](#), under the "Admissions" tab. Applications are due to the CAW office by April 15, 2023.

If you would like to schedule a tour please contact the office at 316-202-8989, or email CAW_info@concordiaacademywichita.org.

Virtual Campus enrollment options may be available for LCMS families outside of the Wichita area.

2023 LCEF Take Heart Scholarship!

High school seniors invested with LCEF have the opportunity to earn a \$3,000, \$1,000 or \$500 Take Heart Scholarship! **The window to apply closes May 7, 2023.** Winners will be announced on May 23, 2023.

Visit the [LCEF Take Heart Scholarship](#) page to learn more, and to apply! The Take Heart Scholarship was developed for LCEF Young Investors Club members who are high school seniors, and will soon advance to the next level of higher education.

LCEF is hiring!

All open positions can be found on the LCEF website's careers page at

[https://lcef.org/careers/.](https://lcef.org/careers/)

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ONE-YEAR FIXED-RATE TERM NOTE

Lutherans Helping Lutherans

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has served as the financial extension of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) since 1978, offering funding and resources in support of the church. Our investors make it possible for us to provide customized loans and support services to new and growing ministries as well as loans for Rostered Church Workers who dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel.

This limited-time offer is available for Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:

✔ INDIVIDUALS ✔ CONGREGATIONS ✔ ORGANIZATIONS

The choice is up to you. LCEF offers a variety of term notes from 1 to 5 years.

At the end of the term, the funds remain yours to re-invest or redeem. Interest is compounded quarterly (March, June, September and December).



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Friendly Reminders!

Synod & Partners

Congregation Statistical Reports

Synodical Congregation Statistical reports were emailed to congregations the week of January 23. Be sure to submit your congregation's end-of-year statistics for 2022, and update your current list of lay leaders at the following website: <https://lc.lcms.org/>.

The deadline for reporting is March 31, 2023. You may review your congregation's profile and update lay leader information throughout the year to make sure your contact information, service times, and other important data are current. If you do not have your congregation's login information, contact rosters.stats@lcms.org, or the LCMS Church Information Center at **888-843-5267**.

Up-to-date statistical information is essential for the Synod as it plans current and future ministry efforts. Such information is also critical for determining proper voting representation at conventions (see LCMS Bylaw 1.3.4.3). **Your timely completion of the report is appreciated!**

2023 LCMS Convention: Designating Pastoral and Lay Presidential Voters

The deadline to register your congregation to vote is **March 19, 2023**. This needs to be done very soon. It is your right and privilege to vote for the LCMS President. You are encouraged to take an active part in the life of your church body just as you encourage your members to take an active part in the life of your local congregation.

Visit the LCMS Convention page to view the convention timeline: <https://www.lcms.org/convention/timeline>

LCMS Rosters & Statistics is handling the voter registration process: <https://pvr.lcms.org>

- Notices arrived in the mail by October 29, 2022.
- Voter registration must be completed by midnight central time on March 19, 2023.
- If your congregation has registered its voter(s) before the deadline but needs to make changes to emails, addresses, or replace a voter who is no longer available, it may do so until the end of June 9, 2023, at midnight central time, through the same site used to register voter(s) initially.

Questions? Comments? Lost information? Please contact Rosters & Statistics directly: Rosters.Statistics@lcms.org or call the Church Information Center at **888-843-5267 (THE-LCMS)**.



Death
is Defeated



Lent, Holy Week and Easter Media Kits Available!

Media kits are available for congregational use, in reaching out to local communities this Lent and Easter

season. These free kits may be personalized with a local parish's information about their Holy Week and Easter services. Included in the kits are a newspaper opinion editorial and advertisement, a Facebook advertisement, social media shareables, and post/note cards. **Visit [LCMS Resources](#) to access the media kits!**

"Life Together as Synod" Video Series

The "Life Together as Synod" video series is designed to provide information about the LCMS Synod and its history, church structure and governing documents, boards, entities, institutions, and much more!

The video series is categorized into modules, which can be found on the ["Life Together as Synod"](#) page, on the LCMS website. **President Justin Panzer** is the key presenter for Module 10 and explains the duties of a district president, which include serving as a representative of the Synod president in that place.

You can watch ["Life Together as Synod" Module 10](#) with President Panzer by clicking on the provided link.

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Around the District

KC Young Adult Ministry!



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Young adults participate in the KC Young Adult Murder Mystery Dinner at Beautiful Savior, Olathe.

On Sunday, February 5, the KC Young Adult Ministry hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner at Beautiful Savior, Olathe. The event was a great opportunity to help young adults in the area connect. 90 individuals participated from at least 13 different churches in the area. **Praise the Lord!**

KC Young Adult Ministry seeks to form connections with young adults, to encourage one another in the Christian faith. For more information about the KC Young Adults, please contact Rebekah Hadle (Bethany, Overland Park) at rebekah.hadle@yahoo.com.



Jesus Door-2-Door Event

Rev. Timothy Koch, pastor of Zion Lutheran, Linn



On Saturday, February 18, six people representing three LCMS congregations went canvassing door-to-door, on behalf of Zion Lutheran Church in Vassar. The group knocked on 80 homes. 32 people answered the door, and 21 of those agreed to take the survey. 24% of those who took the survey were unchurched, and 19% of the people expressed an interest for a follow-up visit from Zion. **God be praised for the Gospel seeds sown!**

The next JD2D event will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in McFarland on Saturday, April 1. Those 6th grade and older are invited to participate.