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“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20



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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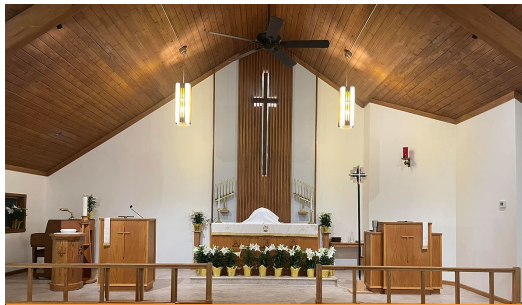
WORKERS TOGETHER

Monthly newsletter of the LCMS Kansas District



The sanctuary is prepared for Easter at Calvary, Topeka, March 31, 2024.

The sanctuary is prepared for Easter at Immanuel, Lawrence, March 31, 2024.



The sanctuary is prepared for Easter at Christ, Topeka, March 31, 2024.

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

“But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.” (Matt. 28:5-6)

The sanctuary is prepared for Easter at Light of the World, De Soto, March 31, 2024.





Rev. Justin Panzer, District President

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Pastors Conference: Call for Papers

The 2024 Fall Pastors Conference will take place **October 7-8, 2024**, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka. The theme of the conference will be "Martin Luther and the Seven Deadly Sins." This theme is based on the Concordia Publishing House book, *Battle of the Soul: Luther Reforms Vice & Virtue* written by **Rev. Dr. Michael Fiebertorn**, associate pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles, Mo. Dr. Fiebertorn will be the keynote speaker at the Pastors Conference.

The Pastors Conference Planning Committee is now accepting abstracts for presentations. Up to six slots per breakout session are available (*there will be three breakout sessions total on Monday and Tuesday of the conference, each 60 minutes in duration.*) Papers are encouraged to be related to the conference theme; those papers on topic will be given preference.

Please submit a brief abstract and title for your presentation to **Rev. Quentin Nuttmann**, qnuttmann@yahoo.com, and copy **Heather Williams**, heather@kslcms.org, no later than **May 1, 2024**.

President's Office

April Devotion

"So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it ... Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt."

(Genesis 37:23-24, 28)

As we are in the Easter months of celebrating the joy of Jesus' resurrection and what that means for our lives, I am reminded of the story of Joseph. It is a rags-to-riches story, or perhaps more correctly a riches-to-rags-to-riches story. Joseph lived a luxurious life in the household of his father, Jacob. He was the apple of his father's eye and the envy of his jealous brothers. Their envy led them into great shame and vice when they determined first to murder their brother and then to deflect their guilt at this heinous plan. As you know, they "merely" sold their brother into slavery, rather than murdering him outright. In a certain way, this was worse than murder; for the slavery to which they condemned him was a kind of living death. Their fear of divine retribution for murder deflected their criminal courage. Instead of killing their brother Joseph, they sold him to the Ishmaelites, while making a little money in the transaction. They could also rationalize their craven act by saying, "At least we are not murderers!" Moral calculations that begin with the words, "At least" do not bode well for the calculators.

Great trouble came upon unsuspecting Joseph through his brothers, and Jacob grieved inconsolably for his beloved son. Both men suffered a living death; one bereaved of father, family, and freedom, and the other's joy stolen from him by conniving children in his declining years. Why did God permit this great wickedness to befall these patriarchs? Couldn't He have subverted the plans of those wicked brothers? Yes, of course. But He chose not to, for his own mysterious reasons. Certainly, by studying our Bible we can be delighted that Joseph is raised to great power and riches after his slavery and imprisonment, and that Jacob's joy is made complete by a reunion with his beloved son in Egypt. But none of that is known or experienced by either Joseph or Jacob when Joseph is sold into slavery. They wandered in the valley of the shadow of death, suffering a heavy burden and even a chastisement from God (Heb. 11:36; 12:6).

The Lord sent the cross that was exactly right for these great saints, taking what men meant for evil and turning it to good (Gen. 50:20). While that is

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Clergy Candidate Report

2016 LCMS Convention Resolution 12-02A "To Encourage Calling Church Workers on Candidate Status" requires annual public reporting of the names of church workers on candidate status.

Per that requirement, we hereby report that we have one rostered worker, Rev. Michael Penikis, on candidate status who is currently eligible for a call.

April Devotion Cont.

quite clear to us in hindsight, it was not to those who suffered through this experience. Bearing the cross is always a challenge to our faith at the time we bear it.

We do not often see the purpose to our suffering, but we must believe that suffering has been sent to us for God's own hidden purposes (Rom. 8:28). Only later might that become clear to us, as it did for Jacob and Joseph. While we may be deeply tempted to gripe and complain about our suffering and lot in life, we must confess that we are becoming better acquainted with the suffering Servant in our cross bearing. The pattern of living by suffering and death is inscribed into His hands with nails, that we might likewise have those prints cut into us through cross bearing. **Like Joseph, we too become beloved sons of God and bear the image of Christ as His baptized, beloved children.**

Calls and Vacancies

PASTORAL CALLS

Rev. Michael Boothby, St. John and St. Paul, Ireton, IA to Bethlehem, Greenleaf & Barnes, St. Peter's – pending

Rev. Nathan Henschen, Bancroft, NE to Medicine Lodge, Trinity & Nashville, St. John – pending

Rev. Evandro Kopper, St. Paul's, California, MO to St. Andrews, Wichita – pending

Rev. Anthony Masinelli, Grace, Sandy, UT to St. Paul's, Cheney – pending

Rev. Jacob Mueller, Holy Cross, Emma, MO to Hope, Shawnee – pending

Rev. John Young, Our Savior, Fishkill, NY to Messiah, Hays – pending

PENDING ORDINATIONS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Sean Baker, Bethany, Overland Park, Assistant to Senior Pastor – accepted, installation Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Bethany, Overland Park

Rev. Timothy Wilcoxon, Zion, Carlinville, IL to Trinity, Burlington – accepted, installation Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity, Burlington

CONGREGATIONS CALLING OR PREPARING TO CALL A FULL-TIME PASTOR

Arkansas City, Redeemer (<i>sole, seminary</i>)	Hoxie, Immanuel & Olathe, Beautiful Savior (<i>associate, seminary</i>)
Basehor, Risen Savior (<i>associate</i>)	Oakley, Immanuel (<i>sole, seminary</i>)
Cheney, St. Paul's (<i>sole</i>)	Shawnee, Hope (<i>sole</i>)
Clay Center, St. Paul (<i>associate</i>)	Leavenworth, St. Paul (<i>sole</i>)
Downs, Zion (<i>sole</i>)	Leavenworth, Trinity
Greenleaf, Bethlehem & Barnes, (<i>associate, seminary</i>)	Wichita, Ascension (<i>associate</i>)
St. Peter's (<i>sole</i>)	Wichita, Risen Savior (<i>associate, seminary</i>)
Hays, Messiah (<i>sole</i>)	Wichita, St. Andrews (<i>sole</i>)

CONGREGATIONS CALLING A COMMISSIONED MINISTER

Atchison, Trinity (<i>Teacher</i>)	Leavenworth, St. Paul (<i>Teacher</i>)
Emporia, Messiah (<i>DCE intern</i>)	Linn Lutheran School (<i>Teacher</i>)
Fairmount Ministries (<i>Commissioned Minister</i>)	Overland Park, Bethany (<i>Teacher</i>)
Garden City, Trinity (<i>Deaconess</i>)	Topeka, Calvary (<i>Deaconess intern</i>)

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CALLS – from the field

Principal David Birnbaum, First, Ponca City, OK to Trinity, Atchison – accepted

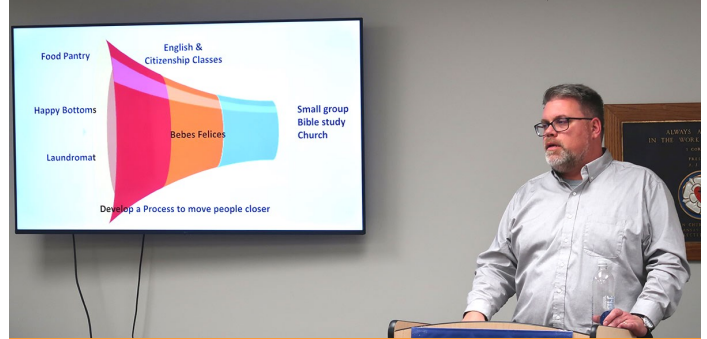
Candidate DPM Lauran Delancy to Olathe, Beautiful Savior – accepted, commissioning and installation Sunday, April 7, 2024

Nancy Jankowski, Hope, Shawnee to Immanuel, Brandon, FL – pending

Worker News



▲ Rev. Juan Zamora was the keynote presenter at the Hispanic Ministry Convocation. ▼



Rev. Daniel Grams, District Executive for Congregational & School Services, leads a presentation.



Rev. Justin Panzer, District President, shares a final blessing.

The first ever **Kansas District Hispanic Ministry Convocation** took place Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the District office in Topeka. The purpose of the Convocation was to gather together those currently engaged in Hispanic ministry, as well as those interested in learning more about Hispanic ministry. The goal was to encourage congregations to work together in sharing the Gospel with Spanish speaking neighbors located throughout Kansas in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Areas across Kansas represented included Kansas City and surrounding cities such as Olathe, Mission and Shawnee; Wichita, Linn, Sabetha, Garden City, Lawrence and Topeka. The keynote speaker was **Rev. Juan Zamora**, the associate pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving, Texas. A variety of guest speakers also shared about their work with Hispanic ministry.

Good discussion took place, and a number of resources were shared to help strengthen and grow Hispanic ministry across Kansas.



If you are in the first five years of ministry and serving in a second chair leader role in your congregation, **KINDLE Recent Graduates** is a program just for you. It is a four day event where you connect with others in a similar stage and address how to stay refreshed in your calling.

Founded in 2000, **KINDLE (the Karpenko Institute for Nurturing and Developing Leadership Excellence)** provides processes designed to enhance the servant leadership of second chair ministry leaders at several levels of experience. Learn more and register at: <https://www.kindleservantleaders.org/kindle-recent-graduates/> [#KINDLerecentgraduates](#) [#KINDLEServantleaders](#)

2024 Higher Things Conferences for Youth!



Greetings! Two of the three *Higher Things* Conferences (Mequon, WI and Clarksville, AR) for this summer are full. Any further registrations will be placed on the waitlist. If you have not yet registered for a *Higher Things* Conference, be sure to get a spot on the waitlist! If another group cancels, you might still be able to go.

Kansas District youth at the *Higher Things* Conference in San Antonio, Texas, July 2023.

Higher Things is a youth conference focused on worship and catechesis, consisting daily of 3-4 worship services, a plenary speaker, and breakout sessions where speakers talk about faith, life here on earth, and most importantly, Jesus. Also included are meals and fun activities. Visit the *Higher Things* website <https://higherthings.org/events/who-am-i-2024> to learn more details.

Did you know *Higher Things* offers more than just conferences? Additional resources include social media videos discussing big questions and hard issues in a Biblical and Lutheran manner. *Higher Things* also offers podcasts with various teachers covering a wide range of topics that focus on Christ, what He has done for us, and how we live out our lives as Lutheran Christians in this unchristian world. Daily devotions are also available!

If you are interested in learning more about *Higher Things* and the resources offered, visit their website www.higherthings.org and click on the "Content" section. If you have any other questions about *Higher Things* or would like to know more, please feel free to reach out to me at Christopher.craig@ctsfw.edu.

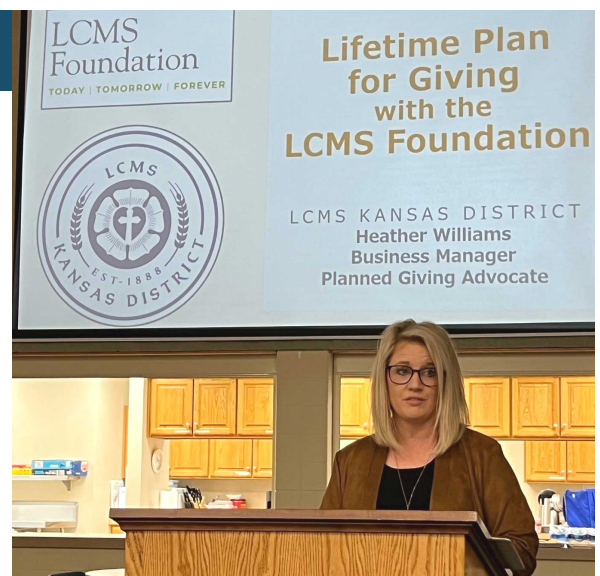
May God bless you all,

Rev. Christopher Craig, Kansas District *Higher Things* Coordinator and pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sylvan Grove

Planned Giving – Creating Your Legacy

A good gift plan within one's estate plan can help manage taxation. For an extended period, Federal Estate Taxation exemptions (*how much is exempt from Federal Estate Tax*) have been high. In 2024 it is set at \$13.6 million per person, or \$27.2 million per couple. For most of us that is not a concern. However, some states have estate or inheritance taxes. In addition, retirement plans like annuities, IRAs' or 401(K)'s can be loaded with income tax liability. If you are planning on making a charitable gift to your favorite ministry from your estate, you want to make sure you use the right asset to reduce this liability.

If you would like your congregation to learn more about gift planning, please call 785-357-4441 or email heather@kslcms.org to schedule a gift planning presentation. Business Manager **Heather Williams** or LCEF DVP **Jeffrey Maltz** will visit your congregation during Bible class, after church or during a potluck or other fellowship event.



Heather Williams, Kansas District Business Manager, shares a Planned Giving presentation at the Older Adult Ministry event at Messiah Lutheran in Hays, Aug. 2023.

The **LCMS Foundation** released a video series highlighting the Dr. Charles and Vivian Herren Memorial Fund, and grant recipients in the Kansas District. Included in the videos are interviews with **Heather Williams**, Kansas District Business Manager. Visit the [LCMS Foundation Facebook page](#) to watch the video series, and/or use the hashtag [#LCMSFoundation](#).

In Jesus' Name we pray...



SPECIAL PRAYERS

In this joyous season of Easter, we celebrate the bodily resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As children of God, we have abundant life. May God bring us opportunities to share the Good News with those around us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia! 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.

APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Those grieving the loss of loved ones, including

- ❖ Family and friends of Rev. George Mock, emeritus pastor. Rev. Mock entered his heavenly rest Feb. 13, 2024.

Those experiencing recent or ongoing health issues,

including Rev. David Kahle, Gideon Franson, Melody Maki, Rev. Jim Mayes, Rev. Robert Grimm, Rev. Matthew Schneider, South Wisconsin District President Rev. Dr. John Wille, Rev. Clark Davis, Cindy Hammons, Carrie Meyers, Kevin Adams, Rev. Richard Andrus, and Judy May.

Those celebrating the gift of new life, including Rev. Kevin and Alicia DeHope (son Benjamin Carlton, March 28), and Rev. Joseph and Amanda Barlau (daughter Lydia Joan, March 14).

Congregations and Schools on our Facebook prayer list in April:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Scott City – April 2

Zion Lutheran Church, Powhattan – April 8

Trinity Lutheran Church, Leavenworth – April 15

First Lutheran Church and SonShine Preschool, Paola – April 22

Zion Lutheran Church, Vassar – April 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

Out and About in Kansas

APRIL Staff Travel Schedule

- April 6 *Faith at Work* service project at Christ Lutheran, **Manhattan** (President Panzer)
- April 7 *Faith at Work* service project at Faith Lutheran, **Abilene** (President Panzer)
- Lauran Delancy Commissioning and Installation at Beautiful Savior, **Olathe** (Rev. Daniel Grams)
- Faith at Work* service project at Faith Lutheran, **Topeka** (Jim Bradshaw)
- April 9 Circuit 12 Winkel at Our Redeemer Lutheran, **Hutchinson** (President Panzer)
- Circuit 7 Winkel at St. John, **Palmer**; Linn Lutheran school visit, **Linn** (Rev. Daniel Grams)
- April 10-11 School visits, **Wichita** (Rev. Daniel Grams)
- April 11 Kansans for Life Banquet, **Overland Park** (President Panzer)
- April 12-14 Kansas District LWML Convention, **Wichita** (Rev. Daniel Grams)
- April 13 Kansas District LWML Convention, **Wichita** (President Panzer)
- April 13-14 Preaching at St. Luke's Lutheran, **Manhattan** (President Panzer)
- April 14 Rev. Sean Baker Installation at Bethany Lutheran, **Overland Park** (President Panzer)

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FAITH *at* WORK



The LCMS Kansas District invites our congregations, schools, and RSOs to save the date for **April 7, 2024**, for the first annual *Faith at Work* kick-off Sunday!

FAITH AT WORK UPDATES

- **T-shirt orders:** There are no more free shirts available. If your *Faith at Work* Team would like to print T-shirts for your project, visit <https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/faith-at-work/resources/> to retrieve the T-shirt information and graphic that you can use at your local print shop.
- **Faith at Work Prayers:** Visit the provided link for a printable PDF form of one-year and three-year prayers for *Faith at Work* (prayers are written by Rev. Michael Hageman, Senior Pastor of the T.I.G. Partnership): <https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/faith-at-work/resources/>
- **Resources Page:** We have a lot of wonderful resources on the *Faith at Work* Communication Resources Page. You can find an updated Timeline Countdown (a list of important tasks to prepare for your project), Sample Registration Forms, T-shirt Graphics, and more to help you plan and communicate your local project(s). Visit <https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/faith-at-work/resources/>

Questions? If you have any questions regarding *Faith at Work*, please reach out to the Planning Team faithatwork@kslcms.org.



Wives of pastors are invited to gather **April 19-20** for the annual Pastors' Wives Retreat at the Kansas District Retreat Center in Herington.

The keynote presenter will be **Deaconess Rose Adle**, the Assistant Director of Deaconess Formation at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Publishing House author. Visit the Kansas District homepage kslcms.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

APRIL Staff Travel Schedule, Cont.

- April 14-16 DCE Retreat at the District Retreat Center, **Herington** (Rev. Daniel Grams, Jim Bradshaw)
- April 19-20 Middle School Huddle at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch, **Junction City** (Rev. Daniel Grams, Jim Bradshaw)
- April 21 Stewardship Sunday at Immanuel, **Junction City** (Rev. Daniel Grams)
- April 22-24 Cognia school visit at Holy Cross Lutheran, **Wichita** (Jim Bradshaw)
- April 19-25 Council of Presidents, **St. Louis, MO; Fort Wayne, IN** (President Panzer)
- April 27 PALS meeting at Immanuel Lutheran, **Lawrence** (President Panzer)
- April 28 Rev. Timothy Wilcoxon Installation at Trinity Lutheran, **Burlington** (President Panzer)

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



2024 Middle School Huddle

Middle School Huddle – April 19-20

Join us for the 2024 Middle School Huddle (MSH) which will be held **April 19-20** at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch, south of Junction City (1168 Highway K157, Junction City, KS 66441). The goal of the Middle School Huddle is to lift up the middle school students of our Kansas District and provide community and faith growth opportunities through time in God's Word.

The theme for this year's MSH is "Connected" based on John 15:1-5. We will consider our individual place in the body of Christ and how that connects us with our Savior, Jesus Christ. The keynote speaker is **Rev. Ryan Matthias**, the campus pastor at Concordia University, Nebraska. Music will be led by a praise team also from Concordia University, Nebraska.

The cost for the event will be \$80 per person. Visit the [Middle School Huddle](#) page on the District website to register and find more information.



Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) Summer Camp is almost half full. **Don't forget to register by May 1!** The camp will be held **June 2-7** in Woodland Park, Colo. LVR is for high school students currently in

grades 8-12.

The cost is \$675 per student, with a \$100 deposit due at the time of pre-registration. Final payment and registration are due on **May 1**.

Visit the [LVR page](#) on the District website to register and find more information. Questions can be emailed to DCE Beth Stephens (Trinity, Mission/Shawnee) at beth@tlcms.org

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW)

April 23-24, 2024

- Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignments - **Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.** (EDT) Preacher: Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, pastor of Trinity, Hampton, IA
- Candidate Call Service - **Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m.** (EDT) Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, LCMS Missouri District President

A live stream of Call Day services will be available on the CTSFW website on the [Chapel page](#). For more information, visit ctsfw.edu/callday.

Call Day Services, April 2024

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL)

April 23, 2024

- Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignments - **Tuesday, April 23 at 3 p.m.** (CDT) Preacher: Rev. Michael Mohr, LCMS Central Illinois District President
- Candidate Call Service - **Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.** (CDT) Preacher: Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, LCMS Iowa District East President

A live stream of Call Day services will be available at csl.edu/live, [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information, visit csl.edu/call-day-2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop

June 3-5, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church (702 S. 9th Street,
Salina, KS 67401)

The Beginnings of Genesis and the Genesis of Beginnings

Rev. Paul Landgraf, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church/St. John Lutheran Church, Chamois/Drake, Mo.

Join Rev. Landgraf as he presents material on the structure and layout of the book of Genesis, as well as other Biblical books. The event

will take place **June 3-5, 2024**, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina.

The registration deadline is May 20. Registration cost is \$150. For more information and to register, visit the [events page](#) on the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis website. The local contact is Rev. Dennis Kootz, associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, pastordennis.kootz@gmail.com

CTSFW Continuing Education Opportunity

June 27-29, 2024

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

Apologetics for the 21st Century

Dr. Adam Francisco, Academic Director of 1517

Join Dr. Francisco as he presents the history of and various methods employed by Christian apologetics past and present, and focuses on the challenges posed to the faith today. The event will take place **June 27-29, 2024**, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lawrence.

Registration cost is \$150 for pastors and professional church workers, and \$100 for retired pastors and laypersons. For more information and to register, visit the [continuing education page](#) on the Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne (CTSFW) website. The local contact is Rev. Sean Kilgo, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, kilgosr@gmail.com

Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop

July 8-10, 2024

Messiah Lutheran Church (2000 Main
Street, Hays, KS 67601)

What Does It Mean to be Lutheran in America? Discord in the LCMS in the 1960s and 1970s

Rev. Dr. Gerhard Bode, Professor and Chairman of Historical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Join Dr. Bode as he presents analysis of the controversy within the

LCMS in the 1960s and 1970s, with attention to doctrinal issues and church-political developments in the Synod. The event will take place **July 8-10, 2024**, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays. **The registration deadline is June 24.** Registration cost is \$150. For more information and to register, visit the [events page](#) on the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis website. The local contact is Rev. Michael Schmidt, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church, revschmidt@yahoo.com

Save the Date!

Saints Alive After 55 Conference



The 2024 Saints Alive After 55 (SAA55) Conference will be held **July 21-22** at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina (111 W. Magnolia Rd., Salina, KS 67401). The event will be 6:30-8 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, July 22.

The theme for the conference is "What's Love Got to Do with It" based on Matthew 22:36-39. The keynote speaker is **Rev. Cliff Winter**, emeritus pastor. The Bible study leader is **Rev. Mark Boxman**, senior pastor at Trinity, Salina.

Registration is open April 15-July 8. The cost is \$50. If you have any questions please contact **Barb Geuy**, jobageuy@gmail.com.

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) News

ON THE CALENDAR:



Community Outreach Cookout

Date: April 7, 2024

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church (306 E. Madison, Gardner, KS 66030)

Registration: lcms-lert.org

Contact: Mark Trivilino, tma41@yahoo.com

Basic LERT Training

Date: April 13, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church (3105 W. 135th St., Leawood, KS 66224)

Registration: \$35 (send to Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Attn: Josh Keithly LERT, 3105 W. 135th St., Leawood, KS 66224)

Registration: lcms-lert.org

Contact: Mark Trivilino, tma41@yahoo.com or Josh Keithly, josh.lordlife@gmail.com

Red Cross Readiness "Shelter Set-Up After a Disaster 101"

Date: April 18, 2024

Location: Johnson County Firehouse - District 1 (33364 W. 191st St., Edgerton, KS 66021)

Registration: FREE to LERT & CERT team members only

Registration: lcms-lert.org

Contact: Mark Trivilino, tma41@yahoo.com

For questions related to LERT or Disaster Response or to schedule a Training event, please contact **Donna Williams**, District Disaster Response Coordinator, at ksddrc@gmail.com

DISTRICT MINISTRIES

Engaging in Christ's Mission



Ministry to College Students!

Wow! Young adults have such curiosity! They think. They have questions. They love to learn. They want to know what God has to say about all kinds of topics. They want their mind and worldview to be shaped not by godless philosophy, but by a true and genuine fear of the Lord, and trust and love in His redeeming grace. Their enthusiasm for learning is exhilarating! **We thank the Lord for every campus ministry throughout Kansas!** Young people gather every week with a competent teacher for in-depth study of the Christ-centered Word of God. Thank you, Lord!

High school seniors are getting excited about graduation and plans for the fall. As opportunity arises, be engaged in those plans and work with these beloved children of God on a plan to be fed and strengthened in the true faith during this next step in their life's journey.

We pray: *Dear Father in heaven, You have entrusted to us the care of children. As our young people transition into adulthood and develop their own habits, instill in them the strong desire to remain connected to a faithful, Christ-centered church that they may be strengthened and preserved in the true faith unto life everlasting. Lord, have mercy. Amen.*

Rev. Mark Boxman, Campus Ministry Coordinator and Senior Pastor at Trinity, Salina Email: markdboxman@gmail.com



COMING THIS SUMMER/FALL TO
AN LCMS CHURCH NEAR YOU:

Marriage Enrichment SEMINARS

Single, engaged, married, or widowed, we are all members of Christ's Bride, the Church. But how does that affect how we think about and live in marriage?

This summer/fall, join fellow Lutherans and other Christians as we meditate upon God's gift of marriage and how we can build each other up in a world where marriage and family are under constant assault.

Dates, locations, and speakers will be announced soon!

For more information, talk to your pastor or email Rev. Philip Hoppe at pastor@ihoppe.com (KS-LCMS Parish Education Committee Chair).

Scholarships Available!



Our LCMS congregations and schools need church workers, and the Kansas District is ready and willing to help. The 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 Kansas District awarded over \$45,000 in scholarships to future church workers!

Scholarship amounts are based on available funds and the number of applications received. **The application deadline for 2024-25 scholarships is June 1.** The application is 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](#) and [St. John's Alumni Association](#).

Give for Youth!

The "Give for Youth" opportunity serves the purpose of allowing congregations and

individuals to support the youth ministries of the LCMS Kansas District in a financial way, largely due to inflation. Not all households can afford to send a young person to District-sponsored events. This fund is being established to assist young people by reducing the cost of District-sponsored youth ministry events (*Note: this does not include the LCMS Youth Gathering and Higher Things because they are national events.*)

Congregations and/or individuals willing to assist can select where to

direct their youth ministry gift. Gift designated options are listed below:

- 1. Support a specific Kansas District Youth Ministry Event**
 - a. Kansas District Youth Gathering (KDYG) (*high school*)
 - b. Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) summer camp (*high school*)
 - c. Kansas District Event at the LCMS Youth Gathering (*high school*)
 - d. Confirmation Retreat (*middle school*)
 - e. Middle School Huddle (*middle school*)

2. Support all District Youth Events

Financial gifts can be sent to the LCMS Kansas District Office (*Attn: Business Office, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104*). Please earmark "Give for Youth."

Gifts can also be made electronically through the "Donate" red button found on the [Youth Ministry](#) page of the District website. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Daniel Grams at daniel@kslcms.org



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Pictured left to right, Revs. Joel Hiesterman, David Gruoner, Dean Christ and President Justin Panzer.

Three Kansas District Mission Advocates (Revs. Joel Hiesterman, David Gruoner and Dean Christ) are available to give presentations at Mission Festivals and/or Mission Sundays about the mission work being accomplished in the Kansas District, as well as the work in Guinea and West Africa.

Congregations interested in having a Mission Advocate give a presentation should contact Janet Powell at the District Office, janet@kslcms.org or 785-357-4441, ext. 2001.



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For more information about LCEF options, contact Jeffrey Maltz by email jeffrey.maltz@lcef.org or phone 785-230-4112.

Friendly Reminders!



Pentecost is May 19 and there will be a District-wide offering to support mission work in Guinea and West Africa. Last year's offering and designated funds to West Africa resulted in a total of \$50,000!

Construction began in April 2023 on the two main seminary buildings in Guinea, and progress continues. Other updates from Guinea and West Africa include repairs for the Saint Paul School near Guéckédou, Guinea, after suffering damage from violent storms in May 2023. The Care of Souls Hospital & Prison Ministry continues to meet the material and financial needs of patients and prisoners by providing food, clothes, Bibles, mats, soap, and medical supplies.

An abundance of mission work is taking place in Guinea and West Africa, and there is still much to be done! Please consider participating in this year's Pentecost Offering, and supporting the great work being accomplished. The offering will be used to continue supporting the Guinea seminary, as well as the provision of Lutheran education and resources to the people of Guinea and West Africa.

To learn more or make an online gift, visit the West Africa/Guinea page on the District website, <https://kslcms.org/guinea-westafrica>.

If you would rather donate by mail, you can send a check with "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line to the LCMS Kansas District (1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104).

Kansas Secretary of State Annual Report Filing Frequency Changed

Good news! The Kansas Secretary of State has changed the filing frequency for business annual reports from annually to biannually. Churches and schools incorporated in Kansas will now be required to file Form INP every two years. Filing years will be determined by formation documents on file with the Kansas Secretary of State. If a ministry was formed in an even year, they will file every even year. If a ministry was formed in an odd year, they will file every odd year. Please visit <https://www.sos.ks.gov/businesses/information-reports.html> for more information.

Remittance Vouchers

This is a reminder to please include a remittance voucher with any check that is submitted to the Kansas District office in Topeka. This is to ensure that the money is credited properly.

Remittance vouchers are available on the District website under the "Business Office, District Resources" section: <https://kslcms.org/district-resources>. You can also access a remittance voucher by clicking the link provided [here](#).

Synod & Partners

LCMS National Grants

The LCMS Office of National Mission (ONM) offers grants to aid LCMS congregations, Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) and districts to vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches and communities.

Types of national grants include National Development Grants, Million Dollar Life Match, the Schiebel Grant Program, and the Ukraine Refugee Grant Program.

For more information and to apply for a grant, visit www.lcms.org/serve/national-grants. For questions about grants, contact grants@lcms.org or 888-THE LCMS.

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Around the District



On Saturday March 9, 2024, **15 people representing four LCMS congregations** gathered at the LCMS church plant in Concordia, Kansas (Zion Lutheran Church) for a Jesus Door-2-Door (JD2D) event. After Bible Study, hymn singing, and witness training, six canvassing teams went out for 90 minutes and knocked on 136 doors. At the 74 places where no one was home, congregation and gospel literature was left at the door. Of the 62 people who answered the door, 43 of them agreed to take our survey. Of those 43 people, 44% of them were unaware of Zion Lutheran Church, 18% of them were unchurched, and only 39% were certain of their salvation because of what Jesus did for them.

The teams shared the gospel with all who would listen, and through canvassing efforts the Lord blessed the group with the name of one individual who desired a follow up visit and additional information about Zion Lutheran Church.

The next JD2D event is at Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee on April 13. If you would like your congregation to host a JD2D event, please reach out to Rev. Timothy Koch, revtimkoch@gmail.com



The Mt. Calvary, Wamego Piecemakers enjoyed a Quilter's Retreat March 15-17 at the Kansas District Retreat Center in Herington. Good fellowship took place during the retreat, and many beautiful quilts were made!