

Kent Kunkel Joins the LCMS Foundation as the Gift Planning Counselor Serving the Kansas District and Western Missouri

Concordia, Mo. – The LCMS Foundation is pleased to announce that Kent Kunkel has joined the organization as the gift planning counselor serving the Kansas District and Western Missouri.

As a gift planning counselor, Kunkel will meet with members of the Kansas District and Western Missouri to help them create gift plans that benefit their LCMS congregations, schools or other LCMS ministries. He will also work directly with congregations to help them establish and promote gift planning programs, as well as connect them with the investment and endowment services the Foundation provides to LCMS ministries.

Kunkel brings years of experience in fundraising and nonprofit leadership to his new role. He previously served as development director for Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Mo., and as a development officer for Lutheran Bible Translators. Earlier in his career, Kunkel spent more than a decade in banking and lending, serving as a vice president and loan officer at State Bank of Missouri and, more recently, as a loan officer at Concordia Bank. That experience in finance will be quite valuable in his gift planning role at the Foundation.

A servant-oriented leader, Kunkel is active in his local congregation and serves the Missouri District as a disaster response coordinator for the Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT), helping coordinate volunteers who bring relief and hope to communities affected by disaster. Kunkel has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from the University of Central Missouri. He lives in Concordia, Missouri, with his wife, Jennifer.

“Kent’s heart for ministry and his years of experience walking alongside donors make him a wonderful addition to our team,” said Rev. Phil Krupski, Senior Vice President of Gift Planning for the LCMS Foundation. “His background in both fundraising and finance, combined with his heart for serving others, will be a real blessing to the people and ministries of the Kansas District and Western Missouri.”

“I’m excited for this opportunity to serve the Church and the members of the Kansas and Missouri Districts,” said Kunkel. “It’s a privilege to work with God’s people as they plan ways to support the ministries that have shaped their faith and their families, and to help ensure those ministries continue to flourish for generations to come.”





About the LCMS Foundation

Established in 1958, The LCMS Foundation is the Synod's primary financial organization providing Lutheran donors with charitable expertise and opportunities to ensure that families are provided for and beloved ministries are supported. The Foundation also manages financial instruments and the gifts they represent, entrusted to it by congregations, organizations, and individuals. As of fiscal year 2026, the Foundation managed more than \$1.7 billion of assets and distributed \$41.9 million in new funds to approximately 1,000 LCMS ministries. For more information, visit <http://lcmsfoundation.org>.

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