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From the President's Desk

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THE VOICE

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WHERE DO PASTORS COME FROM?

Submitted by Rev. Bill Wrede



Where do pastors come from? From the church, of course. Men who arrive to study at the seminary come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, but all have been encouraged by someone in the church to study and be formed as a pastor.

Historically, pastors often have seen a son follow them into the same vocation. The incoming class at Concordia Seminary this past year had eight students whose fathers were pastors. But that is far from the number of pastors that the church needs.

The seminary's recruitment staff often meet and work with prospective students who are "low hanging fruit," meaning pastors, Sunday school teachers, relatives, and others have recognized in them qualities that would make a "good pastor." These same people have actively encouraged these men to visit our campus or meet with an admissions counselor when we are in their area. Our goal is to cast a wide net to gather in all those who have already been through a period of discernment and are ready to apply. We also want to be certain we come in contact with men of all ages who would like to discuss their desire to prepare for full-time ministry as a pastor. It's not uncommon to have an elementary school boy ask for an appointment when we are visiting his area. It's also not out of the question to have retired teachers, physicians, attorneys, and other professionals who say, "I'm not finished serving

just yet," and stop by to learn more and some apply.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, continues to be blessed with exceptional men who enroll to be formed as pastors. Our residential programs, Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route, draw students from a wide variety of backgrounds and ages. About half the students had a previous career before coming to the seminary. Within the 2013 incoming class, close to half were married with an average age of 27.

Of the 35 LCMS districts, 24 were represented in the Fall 2013 entering class. A total of 68 percent of the students have been members of the LCMS their entire lives. Geographically, students come from 21 of the 50 states, with Illinois having the highest number of students. Academically, the incoming students had an average grade point average of 3.40, roughly an A-/B+ cumulative GPA from their previous studies.

Enrollment is lower at the Synod's two seminaries in comparison to 10 years ago. But

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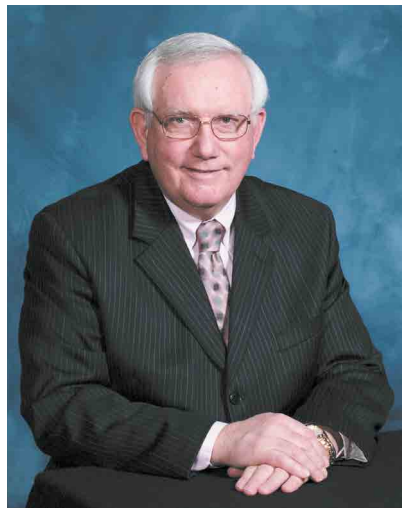
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President Ray Mirly

GOD'S CREATIVE WORK

Debbie and I are concluding our vacation, having traveled from St. Louis through Denver, Grand Junction, Durango, Mesa Verde, the Grand Canyon, the Arizona desert and back to St. Louis. Having crossed prairie, mountains and desert, one section of Holy Scripture has come to mind over and over again. *“And God said, let there be and there was. . .” (Genesis)*

Why share this with you? If you have made a similar trip, your experience was the same as ours. Tour guides, print materials, signs on the various trails and overlooks never give credit to God's creative work. Instead, scientific explanations abounded! Reading and listening to the narratives would lead one to believe

that this world is nothing but an accident.

In spite of the lack of acknowledgement of God's creative work, my thoughts repeatedly were, how awesome God's creation is. The tallest mountain peaks to the deepest depths of the Grand Canyon cried out to me, “Your God is an awesome, creating God.” It was as if the words of Genesis, *“And God said let there be. . .”* were etched in the rocks, rivers, lakes, sage brush and every different aspect of God's creation.

Political and ethnic chaos in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Ukraine . . . the seeming inability of the politicians of the United States to effectively govern in a way that resolves the problems we face in this country. . . the up and down of the stock market, unemployment, home sales . . . cause many to wonder what lies ahead in future days, weeks, months and years.

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The disciples had their concerns too. After the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus told them to go by boat across the Sea of Galilee. Experienced fishermen as they were, that trip caused them to be filled with fear. Then they saw Jesus walking on the water toward them, but thought He was a ghost. Peter, finally recognizing Jesus, boldly stepped out of the boat and walked on the water

toward Jesus. However, the storm, waves, and water caused him to take his eyes off Jesus. Thankfully, Jesus never took His eyes off Peter.

The God who created the world and all in it saved Peter. The God who created the world and all in it created you and me. The God who protected Peter and his fellow disciples from the storm protects us. In the beginning God said, “let there be and there was. . .” Nothing has changed. God created and God watches over His creation. He who created the tall and majestic mountains by the power of His command is in control of what appears to be a world in chaos.

Debbie and my vacation reminded me how dependent we are upon God. As Luther explains, “He provides all we need to support this body and life” (Explanation to the First Article). Jesus invites, *“Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you” (Matt. 7:7)*. St. Paul writes, *“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:38-39)*.

WHO ARE WE?

The Missouri District consists of 300 congregations.

The Vision: Congregations of the Missouri District—LCMS partnering as one church, united in doctrine, ready, equipped and acting to fulfill the Great Commission in their unique setting with their unique people.

The Mission: The Missouri District—LCMS is to serve and encourage congregations to fulfill the Great Commission and promote unity of the true faith.

PRESIDENT'S PRAYER LIST:

PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER THIS MONTH

- *Students entering the new school year, especially those enrolled in Lutheran early childhood programs, elementary schools, high schools, Concordia universities and LCMS seminaries.*
- *Missouri District teachers, assistants and support staff.*
- *Missouri public schools, teachers, staff and students.*
- *Youth and their leaders participating in scouting, 4-H and other such youth programs.*
- *The lay leaders of Missouri District congregations.*
- *Missouri District mission plants and mission planters.*
- *Youth of district congregations who will be attending junior confirmation classes.*
- *Adults who will attend fall adult confirmation classes.*
- *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, for wisdom for President Harrison in his leadership of the LCMS and for all who assist him.*
- *Voters Assemblies of the Missouri District as they deliberate and vote to nominate candidates for District President, First Vice President and Circuit Visitor.*
- *District congregations to elect and/or appoint their lay delegate to the 2015 Missouri District Convention.*
- *Peace where there is conflict.*
- *Thankful hearts that recognize and acknowledge God's benevolent blessings.*
- *Guidance for congregations, their leaders and members.*
- *Our witness that all we do and say will honor the name of Jesus, give thanks for the providence of our Heavenly Father and that our hearts are filled with faith in Jesus by the working of the Holy Spirit.*



RECOMMEND SOMEONE FOR NOMINATION

Consecrated efforts by a number of people help make the Missouri District's structure work. How does the district get such people?

The District's Committee on Nominations is asking district pastors and congregations to recommend people to serve. Any recommendation coming from a congregation must be adopted by that congregation, not simply submitted by individuals within a congregation.

Recommendations must be received by the committee no later than Jan. 5, 2015.

The committee will present to the convention a slate of candidates for these positions:

- District Secretary (Ordained)
- District Treasurer (Lay)
- 4 Lay members for the District Board of Directors
- 1 Commissioned Minister of Religion for the District Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Board for Educational Services, who will also serve on the District Board of Directors (Commissioned)
- Chairman of the Board for Mission Services, who will also serve on the District Board of Directors (Ordained, Commissioned, or Lay)
- Chairman of the Board for Congregational Services, who will also serve on the District Board of Directors (Ordained, Commissioned, or Lay)
- Chairman of the Board for Family Life and Youth Services, who will also serve on the District Board of Directors (Ordained, Commissioned, or Lay)

- 4 Ordained members for the next District Committee on Nominations
- 2 Commissioned members for the next District Committee on Nominations
- 4 Lay members for the next District Committee on Nominations
- 1 Layperson to serve on the Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations (for 2016 convention)
- 1 Lay alternate for the Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations (for 2016 convention)

The committee has adopted a form on which recommendations can be made. A copy of the form accompanies this article. Those being recommended must sign this form or provide the committee a separate letter of acceptance by Jan. 5. (Signed forms may be scanned and submitted via e-mail.) Either way, they are consenting to serve in any capacity to which the district elects them in 2015. The committee promises not to nominate people for positions other than those specified on their recommendation forms unless it has consulted them and received their approval.

A letter from committee chairman Ken Schurb to all district pastors and congregations explains the nomination process in somewhat greater detail.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod – Missouri District Committee on Nominations
RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATION FORM
 (Additional forms can be downloaded from the Missouri District Website: www.mo.lcms.org)
 Please Print Clearly

Office or Board: _____

Name of Recommended Person: _____

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (Zip Code)

Home phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Status (Check One): _____ Ordained Minister _____ Commissioned Minister _____ Lay

Member of: _____
(Name of Congregation) (City) (Circuit)

Qualifications:

1 Current Office in Congregation: _____

2 Past Service in Congregation/District/Synod: _____

3 Participation in Civic/Community Affairs: _____

4 Other Comments: _____

Recommended by:

Signature of Recommending Pastor or Officer of Recommending Congregation: _____

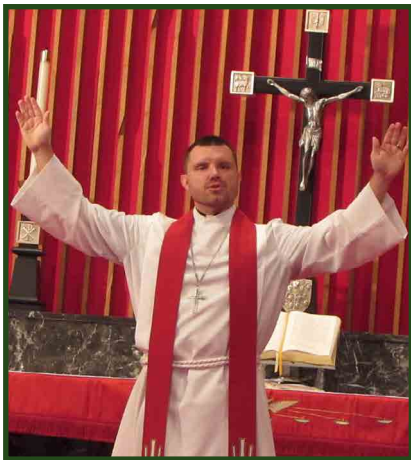
Name and City of Congregation: _____ Date: _____

Consent to Serve:

Signature of Person Being Recommended: _____ Date: _____
(Signature indicates consent to serve in any duly elected office for which nominated, and ability to attend regular board meetings.)

FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 5, 2015 TO:

Mrs. Linda Verman – laverman@comcast.net
 20816 East 13th Terrace South – Independence, MO 64057



BERNARD MELBURN ROSS

ORDAINED AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. ANN

An evening of celebration was held at the ordination of Bernard Melburn Ross III on June 22 at Hope Lutheran Church, 10701 St. Cosmas Lane, St. Ann, Mo., when Bernard Ross became the Reverend Pastor Bernard Ross.

Olinda McEuen served as the organist, the liturgist was Pastor Timothy Ostermeyer and the preacher for the evening was Rev. Dr. Timothy Dost. Also taking part in the ordination was Rev. Mark Miller, president, LCMS Central Illinois District.



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.

INSTALLS PASTOR JOHN DEHNE

Pictured from left (front row): Rev. Barry Pfanstiel, Rev. Paul Winningham, Rev. Jason Shaw, Rev. Dr. Ron Rall, Rev. John Dehne, Rev. Jeff Dorth, Rev. Mark Martin and Rev. Loren Boettcher.

From left (back row): Rev. Mark Boettcher, Rev. David Boettcher, Rev. Paul Short, Rev. Micah Miller, Rev. Bob Hendricks and Rev. Nathan Burgel.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN COLE CAMP, Mo.

INSTALLS REV. JEFFREY KUDDER



Back from left: Vicar Jerry Kurka, Rev. Roger Mackie, Rev. Jeremy Freeman, Rev. Michael Boothby, Rev. Jim Meyer, Rev. Braun, Rev. Andrew Tessone, Rev. Leonard Poppe and Rev. Erik Rottmann

Front from left: Rev. Morris Meseke, District President Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly, Rev. Robin Fish, Rev. Jeffrey Kuddes and Rev. Fred Hertwig.

ALIVE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN COLUMBIA, Mo.

INSTALLS REV. SCOTT JONAS AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Front from left: District President Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly, Rev. Scott Jonas and Rev. Tim Morris.

Center from left: Rev. Kent Pierce, Rev. Peter Lange and Rev. Richard Ingmire.

Back from left: Rev. Tony Alter, Rev. Paul Weisenborn and Rev. Robert Kriete.

ST. PAUL IN STOVER, Mo.

INSTALLS REV. GERALD KURKA



Front from left: Rev. Erik Rottmann, Rev. Gerald Kurka and District President Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly.

Center from left: Rev. Roger Mackie, Rev. David Herald, Rev. Robin Fish, Rev. William Schmidt and Rev. Ken Lampe.

Back from left: Rev. Christopher Kellogg, Rev. Morris Mesekek, Rev. Leonard Poppe, Rev. Jim Meyer, Rev. Jeff Kuddes and Vicar James Cox.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PRAIRIE CITY, Mo.

INSTALLS REV. JOEL MEYER

Front from left: Rev. Lowell Rossow, Rev. Joel Meyer and Rev. John Meyer.

Back from left: Rev. Ronnie Backs, Rev. Kyle Fittje, Rev. Johannes Brann, Rev. David Herald and District President Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly.



HISTORIC CHURCH PLAYS NEW HAPPY HOUR TUNE

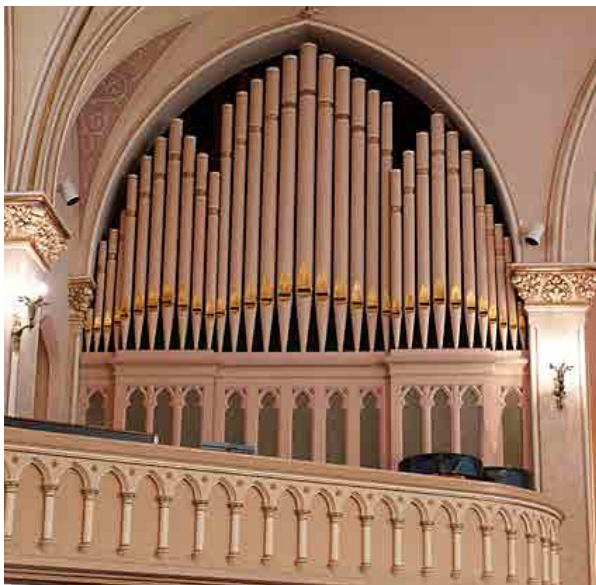
Submitted by Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Forward-thinking outreach is nothing new at historic **Trinity Lutheran Church**, says Norbert Krausz of the St. Louis, Mo., congregation. For example, in 2002 the congregation introduced “Undie Sundays.”

“When I was growing up in the Lutheran church, I don’t know that anyone would have mentioned underwear in church,” Krausz said of Trinity’s collection of undergarments for needy neighbors, which continues today.

The congregation’s latest unusual outreach: happy hour concerts. The focal point of these events is enjoying the church’s 150 year old pipe organ, newly restored and upgraded with the help of an **LCEF loan** and **capital stewardship campaign**.

PIPE ORGAN OPENS A DOOR



Built during the Civil War, Trinity’s pipe organ now brings in church neighbors, parents with children, pipe organ enthusiasts, congregants and others to the church for “Fourth Fridays at Trinity.” In June, more than 90 people filled the pews to hear majestic variations of “God Bless America,” Bach and pop music fill the sanctuary. Afterward, concertgoers mingled over food and drink in the church’s Parish House.

“Especially in urban congregations—but anywhere—music can attract and bring people in the [church] door,” said Krausz, Trinity’s assistant music director and one of the church’s two pipe organists, along with music director Wes Kassulke. Trinity is located in the St. Louis neighborhood of Souldard, located near the Mississippi River.

Worship and praise is church music’s primary purpose, Krausz says, but these days “when we’re all challenged as to how to open the doors and reach out to people and tell them the Good News, certainly music and a pipe organ can do that.”

Over the decades, Trinity’s pipe organ has caught diverse ears. Dr. C.F.W. Walther, Trinity’s second pastor and the first Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod president, played it. Countless bridal couples have marched down the aisles to its nuptial notes – as many as 70 a year as the church has become a favorite St. Louis wedding site.

Understandably, such lengthy service took a toll. Decades ago, church musicians began cautioning that the aging instrument was in failing health.

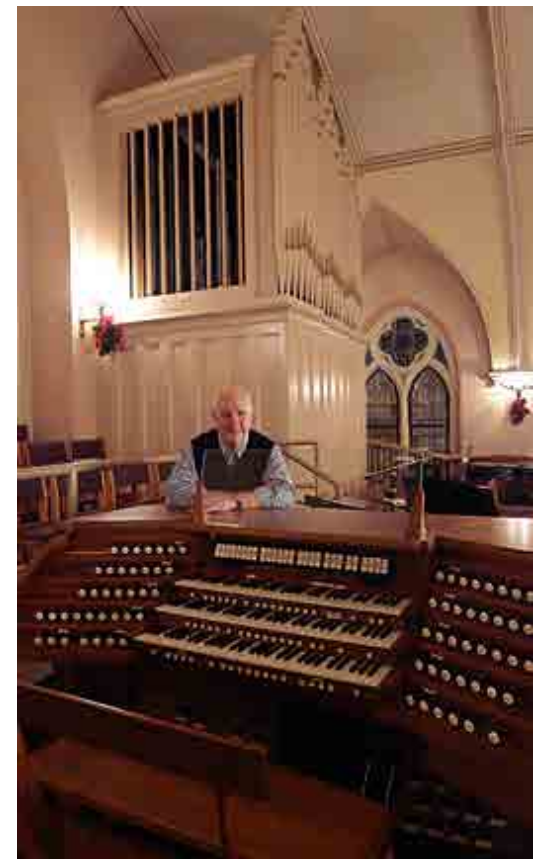
Determined to restore the pipe organ for future generations, Trinity launched a capital campaign last year with the help of LCEF’s Capital Funding Services. The dual-purpose goal is to raise funds for the pipe organ restoration as well as pay off debt from two earlier projects, the Parish House renovation and new church roof and steeple.

Now at the mid-point in the three-year drive, the congregation already has surpassed its organ restoration goal. That doesn’t surprise John Sproul, the **Capital Funding Services** regional vice president who is leading the campaign.

Congregants value the role their pipe organ plays in Trinity’s style of creative traditional worship. “We excel at traditional worship, but that’s not to say it’s dull and boring,” said Sproul, also a Trinity member. “There’s a living vibrancy in the liturgy that people respond to. You see as many young kids [in church] as veterans of faith. There are lots of people exploring the faith who are not born-and-bred Lutherans.”

Likewise, congregants value how Sproul and the biblically based **Capital Funding Services’ campaign** inspired stewardship.

“John is very positive and experienced—a fundraising veteran who helped us communicate that what we’re doing isn’t just for us today,” Krausz said. “Like our church forefathers before us, we want this instrument that has served for more than 100 years to continue to serve people for years to come.”



Pictured above: Trinity’s assistant music director Norbert Krausz at the newly restored organ.

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS: SILENT MOVIE NIGHT, CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

This Easter, the newly restored 52-rank pipe organ made a glorious debut in a processional that included a bagpiper and brass and percussion ensembles. Worshipers entered the sanctuary carrying old pipes from Krausz and Kassulke’s personal collections.

“We raised the roof on Easter morning! People were so excited and giving thanks to the Lord,” said Krausz, who calls the restored pipe organ’s sound more definitive and clear. “Even non-musicians can hear the difference in the notes.”

The Schantz Organ Company of Cleveland, Ohio, completed the meticulous restoration.

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WHERE DO PASTORS COME FROM?

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the need for pastors continues; this past year 10 more placements were requested by congregations than there were available candidates.

Do you know someone who has a mature faith, the ability to teach and guide others and is active in his local congregation? Consider encouraging him to prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this special calling. Some who study to become a pastor are fresh out of college, others have had previous careers and professions outside of ministry and some have long had a persistent thought that they might become a pastor. But all have been called by the Gospel, enlightened with gifts that come from the Holy Spirit, and a desire to serve among God’s people as a pastor. Perhaps this might even describe you. We pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to send laborers into the field.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a pastor, please contact Rev. Bill Wrede, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis at 314-505-7221.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH'S THIRD ANNUAL 'MISSION FAIR' EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!

Submitted by Walter J. McCormick, Outreach Ministry, Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Mo.

Rev. Dr. John Loum recently preached at both services to a packed congregational audience at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2800 W. Elm St., St. Charles, Mo.

Loum's sermon focused on the Pentecostal theme, (Acts 1:8) "The Heartbeat of God is the Center of the Mission" and conducted the Bible study on the theme of "Mission to the Islamic population."

Loum is the Director of Ethnic Immigration Institute of Theology EIIT at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

Loum has more than 20 years of work among the Muslims in Europe, Africa and the United States. He was born and raised in Banjul, the Gambia, on the west coast of Africa and comes from a multi-religious family. At 17, he migrated to Sierra Leone, where he lived with a British/American couple. He studied twice in Nigeria, but considered Sierra Leone as his home country. He holds his B.A. with honors from Oxon, as well as his M.A. and PhD in Islam and is well qualified to speak not only about missions, but also about Muslims.

Between services, members of Our Savior also mingled and talked with groups hosting more than 20 mission booths, such as Kids Against Hunger (which Our Savior's youth may become involved with), Camp Wartburg and Heit's Point. The number of mission booths was almost twice as many as last year's 12 booths.



Rev. Dr. John Loum

Among the other groups represented were Thrivent Financial, Thrivent Builds, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Apple of His Eye, Birthright of St. Charles, Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, Lutheran Foundation, Send Me St. Louis, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Gideon's International, Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Christian Friends of New Americans, Light of Christ Chinese Mission, The Bridge St. Louis, The Sparrow's Nest, Boy Scout Troop 975 and Lutherans For Life.

Overheard comments included, "We really have plenty of opportunities to be involved in ministry with all these groups." Dr. Loum stated, "With Pentecost, there is a perfect connection with our Lord's outpouring of His spirit to the church." That is a perfect fit with the multitude of mission opportunities presented for Our Savior's members.

In his sermon, Loum stated, "With the fast declining American culture, more than ever Christians in this country must in a loving and respectful manner make their voices heard." In essence we must go forth and share the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

Bob Simcoke, along with most of the congregation members, noticed that Loum's sermon was the most dynamic they had heard in many years. Statements from congregants included, "He certainly gets his message across! So forceful is he. I will remember what he said for a long time."

Loum said he loves preaching at Mission Sundays and festivals, as he mentioned in his sermon, "I commend Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Charles, for its commitment to the mission of our Lord, because it is perhaps one of the few Lutheran churches left in the pursuit of Mission Sunday celebrations" as a mission congregation.

When asked for a final statement, Loum stated, "My summation is that a good amount of time was put into the preparation, organizing and execution of the program. The church service was well attended with great participation, joy and a real sense of the love for Our Savior's mission and His salvation. To God be the glory and honor."

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"They took everything out and started over again," Krausz said of the Schantz experts, who reconditioned 20 organ ranks and added 32 new ranks. (Each rank includes 61 pipes.)

Along with happy hour concerts, Trinity is inviting the public to a Buster Keaton silent movie night in October and Christmas carol sing-along in December.

Internationally known organist Fred Swann—of television's "Hour of Power" and Crystal Cathedral fame—will perform at the Nov. 16 pipe organ dedication concert at Trinity.

Sproul says LCEF investors are instrumental in helping the historic church reach new ears with Christ's love.

Trinity would have closed years ago, Sproul says, "if not for the dedication of the pastors, the members and also LCEF investors who enabled loans and support to a church in need when a commercial bank wouldn't have gotten involved.

"I always tell LCEF investors that when they channel their blessings through LCEF, they are helping spread the Gospel instead of enriching a group of stockholders," Sproul said. "At Trinity, they have helped maintain a heritage that is absolutely priceless."

For more information about how LCEF can assist your congregation with loan needs, contact Dennis Klussman by telephone at 314-590-6200 or by email at dennis.klussman@lcef.org.



DORCAS SOCIETY OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TAKES QUILTS TO THE VETERANS HOME



Six members of the Dorcas Society of Trinity Lutheran Church in Troy, Mo., delivered 29 quilts and four lap robes to the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis, Mo.

Members meet monthly to sew and tie the quilts.

Pictured are Carol Klostermann, Mary Wehmeyer, Audrey Ehlmann, Barb Smith, Doris Burns and Betty Jost.

CHECK OUT THE GREAT SUMMER FUN OF MEMBERS FROM CHILD OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ST. PETERS, MO., AND HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN O'FALLON, MO.



Vacation Bible school with theme of "Weird Animals" at Child of God in St. Peters, Mo.



Left: Young adult groups from Holy Cross, O'Fallon and Child of God, St. Peters, pose for a group shot at the Orange Nation servant event in San Diego, Calif.



Right: A member with youth at the Orange Nation servant event in San Diego, Calif.

65TH ANNUAL ROAST BEEF AND POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

Sponsored by The Men's Club
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH -DES PERES
(Ballas & Manchester Roads)

Sunday, Oct. 5
Noon to 6 p.m.

Served family style in the gym—carryout available
Dinner Menu: Roast beef, potato pancakes, slaw, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, ice cream, coffee, milk and water.

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Augusta, Mo.

64TH ANNUAL PORK SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Sunday, Oct. 12
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All You Can Eat Cafeteria Style Dinner
Handicap accessible air conditioned dining area
Please call (636) 228-4642 or visit www.cleaugustamo.org/ for more information.

Bring a friend. All are welcome to join us at our 10 a.m. worship service.

MENU

Pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans applesauce, bread, apple butter and home-made pies

To preorder apple butter please call 636-828-5059.

To preorder pork sausage, meaty backbones or ribs please call 636-228-4417. *Sunday meat sales begin at 10 a.m.*



Christie Steffens

PRESIDENT'S PENNING CALLED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 4:11-12

On a spring day in 1969, my husband and I received our first call to serve Lutheran Elementary North, Houston, Texas. We were excited but also a little intimidated by this "big, growing metropolis" so far away from home. Before Call Day, we had been asked for our preferences. . .city size, location, grade level. Allyn and I had agreed that a city, 100,000 or less, located in the Midwest was best for us. God had other plans, as He called us to the first consolidated elementary school of the Texas District, in the "boom town" of Houston. God has a sense of humor,

we decided, or He was not listening to our "request." It turned out to be a wonderful experience, filled with many unexpected blessings.

Many seminarians go through this same process, as they wait on Call Day to find out where they will serve. If you have attended a call service, you know that emotions run high. Both young men and second career men are brought to stunned silence, laughter, or tears of joy, as they hear their names matched with a congregation and location.

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LWML has been a part of both of these "call days" for many years. Societies and districts across the United States have supported men and women through Church Worker Study Grants and local congregational financial help.

We all are "called into the body of Christ" through our baptism. We do not have the same jobs or talents, but that is the marvelous working of God. He uses all of us to "build up" His church. Some are pastors and teachers. . .some are LWML members, supporting through their

mite contributions. God has been and will continue "to prepare His people for works of service." Whether that is by becoming a pastor, a teacher or some other profession, God is working through His people. It is only through His blessings in our lives that the "body of Christ" will be built up.

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16



Karen Weber

MESSENGERS

God created the world and it was perfect! Do you think that at that time He intended for it to become the mess it is in now? Of course not! As Christians we need to stand up for what is right and let ourselves be heard. Yes, we need more missionaries and pastors, but why leave it all up to them when He also gave all of us the message of salvation. Messengers of God come from all walks of life, all races, and all positions in life.

One of my favorite songs is "Lift High the Cross." When I sing that song, I become so filled with the love of God that I want to proclaim it to the world. Then I go out into that world and I am afraid I do not always hold that cross up like I should. I let Jesus down and I know that hurts Him but I also know that He forgives me and I need to try harder the next time. To be a dedicated Christian takes a lot of strength to stand up to the devil and those he has in his power. Thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, who keeps us in the one true faith, we have that strength to draw on. Right now, so many Christians are being persecuted and put to death because of their faith. Do not get too complacent in your life, thinking that only happens in ungodly eastern countries. If at any time we are asked to denounce God, let us all together "Lift High the Cross" and with prayer and conviction shout the message of salvation as loudly as possible. Be a missionary, go out to "Serve the Lord With Gladness" and see if we can turn this world around with the help of God.

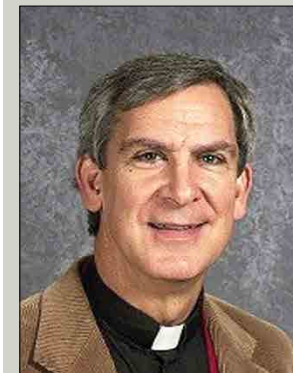


At the 23rd Biennial Convention one of the recipients of the ingathering was Second Harvest in St. Joseph, Mo.

Mary Herzog delivered the ingathering to Gayle Stowers, Development Director.

Gayle writes: Thank you again for coordinating the donation from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Your organization is making a huge impact on the area's Backpack Buddies program! The total of all the donations was \$5,789, which will provide backpacks for 38 elementary school children in our area for the entire school year! It is an honor to receive your generous gifts.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: LWML ASSISTING IN WORD MINISTRY



Rev. Gary Griffin

The LWML has always assisted the church in the formation of lay leaders, lay ministers, and pastors. The theme for the Voice this month is "pastoral formation." How does the LWML assist in "pastoral formation?" Looking back at Scripture to see how pastors were formed, the example that shines forth is

the relationship between Paul and Timothy. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, chose Timothy to assist him on several missionary journeys. In their time together, Timothy became a close companion of Paul. Paul instructed Timothy on the role of a pastor and Timothy was of great assistance to Paul. Timothy learned many aspects of ministry from Paul. On Paul's fourth missionary journey he left Timothy behind in Ephesus to minister to the church there while Paul went on to Macedonia. Pastoral formation happened in Scripture via teacher/pupil relationship. Then at the appointed time, the teacher (Paul) places his student (Timothy) in charge of a fledgling flock new to the faith.

Pastoral formation (formal training) takes place mainly at our Lutheran seminaries over a course of four years (three years on campus in Biblical/Confessional studies, and one year at a local congregation serving as a vicar under the supervision of the congregational pastor leading the way). How does the LWML help in pastoral formation? The LWML has given mission grants to both seminaries to help them develop pastors to serve congregations throughout the Synod. At the June 2014 District LWML Convention, the LWML granted to each seminary in (St. Louis and Fort Wayne) \$8,000 to fund their food banks. This mission grant will help seminary students and their families obtain food for their families at a very low price, if not for free. Otherwise, some students would have to seek part-time jobs and wouldn't be able to complete their studies on a timely basis.

At the national LWML convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., in June 2013, the LWML gave a \$100,000 mission grant to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne for the training of indigenous pastors and deaconesses. St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac, Mich., also was granted \$65,000 to help the pastors there in their mission outreach. Yes, LWML is very active in supporting pastoral formation and in assisting pastors and missionaries in their work. Scripture reminds us, "How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15) Thank you, LWML societies throughout Missouri, for your support in mission development and in funding pastoral formation.

www.MissouriLWML.org
www.lwml.org



THE MISSOURI DISTRICT LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

SENT THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL

We are all SENT to share the most important gift of all – the gift of hope and life in Jesus Christ.

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has SENT me, even so I am sending you.’” John 20:21

God is calling us—and sending us—still today to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ among our families, communities, and all people everywhere.

We each must do our part as a bearer of Good News. A faith-sharing event is: “When one Christian gives witness about Jesus of the hope that is within him or her to another person so that person can encounter Christ.” Therefore, each and every one of us must witness daily and share our faith. It must be authentic and real, positive and genuine.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is ready to come alongside you and be your partner in His mission in calling back the lost and hurting—back to the Church; back to forgiveness and grace; back to God and His Word.

LHM offers a variety of ministry programs and resources for discipleship and outreach: evangelism training events and resources; opportunities for hands-on international outreach; resource media and materials for men's ministry; mission resources for children and schools; and much more.

Browse the LHM web site www.lhm.org for information on all Lutheran Hour Ministries programs and resources to find out how you can partner with us!

Jim Harms, Missouri District LLL President



Rev. Daniel Ramthun of St. Stephen Lutheran Church-Detroit invites neighborhood kids to a one-day VBS program.

OUTREACH CONFERENCE

HELD IN DETROIT
JULY 24-27, 2014

Lutheran Hour Ministries' biennial Outreach Conference energetically empowered Christians, in particular LCMS members and workers, to engage in a lifestyle of living out, and speaking

out, the Gospel of Jesus. The conference was a gathering of people who desired to see the Gospel shared in their communities and around the world, and be witness to the Holy Spirit breathing new life into the lost. It was a venue where church workers and laity, who had the desire to see their congregations grow, came to learn, network and worship together. It created a momentum and a passion amongst attendees for evangelism in their communities and support evangelism efforts around the world.

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Questions or comments?

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SATAN: THE GREAT DECEIVER

Submitted by Rev. Michael Newman

The battle we wage in this world is not against flesh and blood but “against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” So writes the apostle Paul in Eph. 6:12. Thus our capacity to resist the forces of darkness is ultimately a losing fight. Alerting readers in their struggle against sin and evil, Pastor Michael Newman reminds us Satan is the “father of lies” and a nemesis we cannot take down on our own. Applying a generous use of Scripture to reinforce his message, the author shows how the devil – the “prince of this world” and a “murderer from the beginning” – is hell-bent on our destruction.

In this Project Connect booklet, Newman pulls no punches: the Christian is contending with a sinister being whose nature is pure deception and malicious intent. From twisting God's words in the Garden to the distortions he perpetuates today, Satan's scheme to deceive and mislead are in operation full bore. Yet, grave as this situation appears, our position – though vulnerable due to sin and our corrupt nature – is not one of ultimate defeat. Instead, as believers in Christ's redemptive victory, we have a complete and decisive triumph over Satan. God's own Son has demolished the works of unrighteousness by paying the penalty for our sins on Calvary, and He now reigns gloriously at the right hand of God.

For a deeper study of the Great Deceiver, the Men's Network offers a four session Bible study (video and study guide) by Rev. Newman. The study is suitable for personal or small groups. Order or download your copy from lhmmen.com.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY CELEBRATING THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will celebrate their 175th anniversary on Friday, October 10, 2014. The event will kick off with a special chapel service, and there will be food, beverages, live entertainment, special lectures and exhibits, campus tours, and fun for the whole family.

Concordia Seminary was founded in 1839 by German immigrants in Perry County, Missouri; after the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was formed in the late 1840s, the Seminary was given as a gift to the LCMS and moved to a more central location, which was on South Jefferson in St. Louis. As the city of St. Louis grew, so did the Seminary; it moved to its current 72-acre location in Clayton in 1926.

Since its founding, Concordia Seminary has trained more than 12,000 LCMS church professionals, including pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars, and church leaders. Over the years, the Seminary has started many programs to address the needs of a changing world, including MissionShift, the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS), the Deaf Institute of Theology, and the Ethnic Institute of Theology (EIT). Concordia Seminary continues to be dedicated to the theological education of church leaders in a modern world.

**175TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
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- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- ANNIVERSARY LECTURES
- CAMPUS TOURS
- EXHIBITS AND
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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September 23-24, 2014
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1 This workshop can be used to fulfill the symposia objectives for Ministry 411 and qualifies for 1 CEU.

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LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The faculty of Lutheran High School North in St. Louis presents Christian Character Awards to members of the graduating class whose lives exemplify the qualities and characteristics of some of our greatest Biblical examples.

These awards carry great significance in the Lutheran North community, which finds its unity and hope in Jesus Christ and strives to live as He desires. This year's outstanding group of Christian leaders and their respective awards are pictured left to right:

(Back) **Allison Schmidt–David**...is a Christian example through the use of his/her gifts and talents in athletics; **Chip Thompson–Daniel**...trusts the Lord, uses the gift of prayer, and is a bold witness to his faith; **Alex Mathis–Joseph**...keeps a positive attitude and optimistic outlook, trusting that God is working through the ups and downs of school life; **Brandon Johnston–Isaiah**...demonstrates outstanding scholastic achievements in



LHSN Class of 2014 Christian Character Award Recipients

many subjects, but especially shows a keen interest and zeal in the study of God's Word and demonstrates that by going the extra mile to seek that knowledge; and **Isaiah Holman–David**...is a Christian example through the use of his/her gifts and talents in athletics.

(Front) **Jessica Grimmert–Esther**... accepts the role of leader, is strong and courageous and puts God first in her life; **Sarah Brutlag–Ruth**...shows a great love and care for others and great loyalty to the betterment of the lives of others; **Kathryn Hayden–Samaritan**...is a good servant,

helpful, giving, and willing to do more than what is required and not complaining when asked to serve; **Zaria Weeden–Joseph**... keeps a positive attitude and optimistic outlook, trusting that God is working through the ups and downs of school life; **Summer Sepulveda–Paul**...shows a growing zeal and conscientious spirit for the work of Christ and the church, despite many difficulties and challenges that may come along; **Ashley Williams–Peter**...shows great improvement in understanding God's Word; **Rachel Grimmert–Nehemiah**... is a hard worker, sticks to the task until it is



Pictured above: Principal Zachary Klug, Pastor David McBurney, Kindergarten Teacher Kim Clements and future eighth grade graduating class of 2023!

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CELEBRATES OPENING DAY OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

Students arrived to a surprise celebration on the first day of the school year for Abiding Savior Lutheran!

Celebrating 30 years of providing Christian education for early childhood, kindergarten and grades 1-8 in South St. Louis County, the school provided a cake photo opportunity, modeled after the 250th St. Louis celebration cakes that students have been visiting throughout the summer at St. Louis landmarks around the area. The cake was created by Scott Miller, and commissioned by his wife, Debbi Miller, an aide at the school.

The 30th birthday year will continue to be celebrated with special programs and events commemorating the past, and focusing on the future ministry of church and school.



REALLY?

Submitted by Jennifer Freudenburg



Jennifer Freudenburg at the Singapore Airport.

There are colliding thoughts j u m b l i n g around in my brain. They all have shaken me and caused unsettledness around me like a low-hanging cloud. As I am assaulted with

these thoughts, my recurring question continues to be. . .really?

Probably the first dramatic incident that impacted my struggles occurred in Singapore recently. The issues are around chewing gum and prostitution. I know, those two things don't seem anywhere remotely connected, but for me, they are.

My husband and I were at a pharmacy requesting medicine because we both had become uncomfortably ill on this particular journey – before Singapore – in Indonesia. As we were conversing with the pharmacist, we somehow drifted to the topic of chewing gum. He told us that due to the “U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement,” Singapore was *required* to sell

chewing gum. He said that in order for the government to have some controls over the sale and make it hard to obtain, the gum could only be therapeutic gum and required to be purchased through the pharmacist. The purchaser had to sign a paper supplying personal information and identification – hoping this to be a sufficient deterrent. If a pharmacist sold the gum without collecting the required information, he could be fined approximately \$3,000 (US dollars) and jailed for two years. **Really?**

Later that day as I was having “tea” with a few of my friends, I mentioned what the Pharmacist had told us about the gum issue and I asked their opinion. These were life-long Singaporeans. They became very animated and said that *absolutely* they didn't want people to chew gum because people leave it at unwanted places and it would totally mess up their city. They were quite adamant on the subject.

That evening we were with some of our church friends, and I was discussing a ministry to prostitutes that one of the women was working with. In our discussion I discovered that in Singapore, prostitution was legal and people say some prefer this to a possible rape taking place.

So here was the first set of incidences conflicting in my brain. There are people who become so incensed about what people may do with their chewed gum, but were somewhat blasé on the issue of prostitution.

All the way home on the plane, these thoughts clung to me like wet newspaper. **Really?** But another thought penetrated as clearly into my sphere of thinking. How different are we Americans? We don't allow anyone to obtain a driver's license until the book is read, and vision, driving and written tests are taken. We encourage students to take some type of driving



lessons – professionally or with parents. Isn't it vital to us that people know what they are doing out on the road?

On the flip side of that, it is pretty simple to get a marriage license. What, no pre-marriage education requirement (communication styles, personality traits, family birth order understanding, male/female differences, discovering the effect of past baggage to a marriage), no written tests (inventories), no way to demonstrate the knowledge that is needed in a marriage? No requirements? So let's not shield our eyes from the fact that the divorce rate in America is astronomical.

Chewing gum or prostitution? Driver's license or marriage license?

So in the mess of life, in what seems important or not so important, we come down to the bottom line of what really is MOST critical. When we strip all the “stuff” away, we find that it is most crucial to have healthy homes and marriages and healthy churches where faith is being passed on through the power of the Holy Spirit to the next generation.

This is what the Family Life Program at Concordia University Ann Arbor teaches its students and this is what the *Concordia Center for the Family* at Concordia University upholds and is passionate about.

It is focusing on the eternal – the beginning and the end! **Now THAT is what is important! REALLY!**

2014 SUMMER SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING HIGHLIGHT PHOTOS!

Two hundred young people enjoyed great fellowship, worship, music and fun during this summer's gathering held at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

This year's gathering brought together congregations from all across Missouri to learn, fellowship, worship and be in service to the Springfield area.

Rev. Kristopher Morris of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Lake Ozark, Mo., served as the main presenter.

The Relentless Project provided music for the weekend. Relentless Project has a great heart for ministry and love to share Jesus through its music.

Make sure to check the event section on the Missouri District's website often for upcoming youth retreats!





INTERGENERATIONAL CONFIRMATION

CONTRIBUTED BY ANDY BATES, DCE, HOST OF "FAITH 'N' FAITH" ON KFUE AND DEACON FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MILLSTADT, ILL. (ANDREW.BATES@KFUE.ORG)

"God Himself is not ashamed to teach these things daily. He knows nothing better to teach. ... Can we finish learning in one hour what God Himself cannot finish teaching?"

— Martin Luther (LC Preface 16)

Catechesis and confirmation can certainly be a great challenge for our rural and small-town congregations and pastors. It is because of this that we wanted to give you a glimpse into one way a small town congregation is making this learning a lifelong blessing to its members.

Catechesis and confirmation preparation in a rural or small town church can appear to have its challenges. But it really can be a blessing to the life of the congregation and serve as a great opportunity to bring together multiple generations in the congregation around God's Word. At Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, Ill., we understand catechesis to be a lifelong experience. We study and reread the catechism throughout our lives. People of all ages attend catechesis as a group with our pastor on a weekly basis through the fall, winter and spring. Parents attend catechesis with their children. We don't have a set age at which children enter or complete catechesis or reach confirmation. Rather, parents and pastor agree upon an appropriate time for a child to begin catechesis. Generally this occurs after a child acquires adequate reading skills. No family is pressured to enroll their child before they feel their child is ready.

Catechesis at Trinity also encourages family prayer in a simple way, much like Dr. Luther has taught us. Families are encouraged to pray together the 10 Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer daily. This is modeled by pastor and all students, including parents at the end of each class. Praying this in the morning at breakfast or even in the car on the way



Andy Bates (upper right) stands with other leaders at Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, Ill., following a confirmation service. Andy serves as a deacon and as the director of youth and family programs at this church.

to school is a way to encourage both praying together as well as learning the catechism by heart.

An intergenerational approach to catechesis in a rural or small town congregation can help bridge the perceived gap between generations and help us in our life together. For many years at Trinity, one of the oldest members also was one of the most faithful in attendance at catechesis. "Uncle Joe" set a fine example for us all, demonstrating that catechesis doesn't end at confirmation. It was a lifelong practice for Uncle Joe until the Lord called him home.

As host of "Faith 'n' Family" on Worldwide KFUE, I also get to discuss topics like this with great pastors, such as Dr. W. Mart Thompson and his family, who helped demonstrate this simple way of praying as a family. You can listen to the conversation online at www.kfuoam.org/2013/11/26/faithnfamily-111.

The Lord bless us in this endeavor to be catechized, to catechize and pray!

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission supports and encourages rural and small town congregations in engaging their communities and growing together in Christ through Word and Sacrament.

If you have a good idea for outreach or a story you'd like to share so that we can share it with others, please email Amy Gerdts at amy.gerds@lcms.org.

Learn more about us at www.lcms.org/rstm or by calling our office at 888-463-5127, by email at rstm@lcms.org or "like" us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lcmsrstm.

Register now for the National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference



Join us for the RSTM National Conference, Small Places, Big Mission – Standing in the Gap! in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 6-8. Includes speakers Dr. Dale Meyer, Dr. Lawrence Rast, Rev. Richard Boring and Rev. Todd Kollbaum.

View details here: www.lcms.org/rstm/conference



Earning first aid certificate.

The Crusader Summer Academy at Lutheran High School North in St. Louis included a variety of athletic and enrichment camps. A total of 200 grade school students enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, basketball, or volleyball; had fun drawing, painting, or molding ceramics; learned basic first aid and emergency preparedness; or used TI-84 calculators to explore mathematics. The month of June was fun-filled at LHSN!

FUN-FILLED TIMES AT CRUSADER SUMMER ACADEMY



A budding artist creates a gnome.

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64TH ANNUAL SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014

11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$10.00 adults

\$5.00 ages 5-12

Meal includes drink & dessert

Bazaar items available - Quilts and Crafts



MISSOURI DISTRICT BOARD OF ELDERS TRAINING

The Missouri District elder training will provide direction and support for boards of elders in their work of care and service to their respective congregations. Special attention also will be given to the relationship of the elders with the pastor. Time will be included for discussion and goal setting for each board of elders. The training will be practical and relevant for congregations of any size and setting.

Workshop Locations

Sept. 27	Faith – Springfield	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Alive in Christ – Columbia	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Timothy (North Campus) – Blue Springs	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	St. Paul – Jackson	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Missouri District Office	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The cost to attend any of the workshops is \$15 per person. This covers materials, refreshments and lunch. Please RSVP at least one week before your workshop with Sue Thompson at Sue.Thompson@mo.lcms.org with the number of elders who plan to attend and which location you plan to attend. For additional information visit the Missouri District website's event page at mo.lcms.org.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

2500 N. 21st St.

St. Louis, MO 63106

HARVEST

HOME FESTIVAL

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Dinner: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9

Dinner reservations no later than

Nov. 4 to 314-231-0382.



GOD'S DESIGN: A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

MISSOURI DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS' CONFERENCE

"GOD'S DESIGN: A SPIRITUAL HOUSE"
Nov. 11 -14, 2014

The Professional Church Workers' Conference begins for pastors on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 11 a.m.

Registration for educators begins on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 3 p.m.

A banquet for all Professional Church Workers begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. The worship service is on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 8:15 a.m.

Visit the Missouri District's website's event page at mo.lcms.org for additional information and to register.

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2014 MISSOURI DISTRICT FALL REGIONAL GATHERINGS

The 2014 Missouri District Fall Regional Gatherings will provide an opportunity for pastors, presidents, treasurers, chairs of elders, trustees and school boards as well as business managers to receive information and discuss church management essentials in the areas of:

- Financial
- Risk
- Employee/Volunteer
- Governance
- Technology
- Communications

District President Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly and Peter Krege will be the presenters. The gatherings are free to attend, but please RSVP to Sue.Thompson@mo.lcms.org (314-590-6217) with which gathering you are attending and how many are coming from your congregation.

Gathering Dates	Time	Church	City
Thursday, Sept. 4	7-9 p.m.	Zion	Moberly
Wednesday, Sept. 10	7-9 p.m.	Timothy	St. Louis
Monday, Sept. 15	7-9 p.m.	Immanuel	Hannibal
Tuesday, Sept. 16	7-9 p.m.	Concordia	Sikeston
Wednesday, Sept. 17	7-9 p.m.	Trinity	Columbia
Wednesday, Sept. 24	7-9 p.m.	Zion	Harvester
Thursday, Sept. 25	7-9 p.m.	St. Paul	St. Joseph
Thursday, Oct. 2	7-9 p.m.	St. Paul	Farmington
Tuesday, Oct. 7	7-9 p.m.	Christ Memorial	St. Louis
Wednesday, Oct. 8	7-9 p.m.	Our Savior	Sedalia
Monday, Oct. 13	7-9 p.m.	Holy Trinity	St. Clair
Tuesday, Oct. 14	7-9 p.m.	Peace	Kansas City
Thursday, Oct. 16	7-9 p.m.	Biltz Hall - Saint Paul's High School	Concordia
Saturday, Oct. 25	2-4 p.m.	Faith	Springfield

KITCHEN SINK WORKSHOPS

**IN 2015
SAVE THE DATE!**



Saturday, Jan. 31: Alive in Christ – Columbia

Saturday, Mar. 7: St. Paul – Jackson

Saturday, Mar. 14: St. John's – Arnold

Saturday, Mar. 21: Faith – Springfield

Saturday, Mar. 28: Timothy – Blue Springs (North Campus)

Registration details and additional information will be available soon!



CALLING CONGREGATIONS

For Sole Pastors:

Belle/Owensville, Mount Calvary/Zion
 Bourbon, Concordia
 Cape Girardeau (Egypt Mills), Trinity
 Overland, Our Redeemer – called Rev. James Hageman of Glendive, MT
 Republic, Hope
 St. Louis, Christ in the City – called Rev. Matthew Schultz of
 St. Louis (Accepted)
 St. Louis, Epiphany–called Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Accepted)
 Springfield, Faith–called Rev. Michael Edwards of Auburn, WA
 (Accepted)

Served by Intentional Interim Pastor or Interim Pastor:

Altenburg, Immanuel (Rev. Mike Gallagher)
 Clinton, Trinity (Rev. Roger Mackie)
 Grandview, Holy Trinity (Rev. Dr. Rick Foss)–called Rev. Jeremy Loesch
 of Newark, DE
 Overland, Our Redeemer (Rev. Steven Albers)
 St. Louis County, Immanuel Chapel (Rev. Nathan Ruback)
 Slater, Peace & St. Paul (Rev. Douglas Dubisar)
 Ste. Genevieve, Holy Cross (Rev. James Kirk)
 St. Joseph, St. Peter (Rev. Thomas Schoech)

For Senior Pastor:

St. Louis, Historic Trinity
 Immanuel, Olivette

For Associate or Assistant Pastor:

Des Peres, St. Paul – called Rev. Dr. Glen Thomas (Accepted)
 Des Peres, St. Paul – (calling another associate)
 Oakville, Faith – (calling mission pastor and youth pastor)
 St. Charles, Immanuel – called Rev. Ronald Millard of Matteson, IL
 (Accepted)

Vacant on Hold – But Being Served:

Ashland, Family of Christ
 Bethany, Hope
 Center, Trinity
 Elk Prairie (Rolla), Peace
 Isabella, Faith
 Knob Noster, Faith
 Memphis, St. Paul
 Milan, Peace
 Oak Grove, Shepherd of the Valley
 Princeton, Immanuel
 St. James, St. John
 St. Louis, St. Paul
 Sarcoxie, Trinity
 Shelbyville, Mount Hope
 Sweet Springs, Christ
 Vandalia, St. John
 Washington, Faith

Pastors Considering Calls:

Canaday, Matthew (River of Life, Rogersville) to Trinity – Spencerport,
 NY (Accepted)
 Futrell, Rich (Shepherd of the Hills, Kimberling City) to St. Paul –
 Thermopolis, WY (Declined)
 Jameson, John (St. Mark's, Eureka) to Christ, Anderson, IN (Accepted)
 Palmer, Jon (Faith, Oakville) to 1C – Columbus, NE (Declined)
 Stark, Paul (Zion, Diggins) to St. Paul – Peachtree City, GA (Accepted)

PERSONNEL CHANGES — COMMISSIONED MINISTERS OF RELIGION

Graduates Installed

Grass, Joshua (S '14) to St. Paul's–Sedalia 7/27/14 by J. Freeman

Transferred from Other Districts

Besel, Brittnie (IE) to Christ Community–
 Kirkwood 5/23/14 by J. Christiansen
 Lorentz, Deborah (SI) to Grace Chapel–Bellefontaine Neighbors
 7/9/14 currently serving
 Senechal, Mark (PSW) to Christ Memorial–St. Louis 7/13/14 by J. Cloeter
 Shirley, Angela (MDS) to Christ Community–Kirkwood
 5/23/14 by J. Christiansen
 Zickfield, James (FG) to candidate 4/24/14

Changes Within District

Butterfield, Jonathan (Middle School Principal,
 Christ Community–Kirkwood)
 to Executive Director, Christ Community–
 Kirkwood 5/23/14 by J. Christiansen
 Golchert, Kent (Immanuel–Rosebud) to Immanuel–
 Lockwood 7/27/14 by K. Fittje
 Horvath, Gail (Candidate) to LCMS Board for International
 Missions–St. Louis 3/26/14 by J. P. Cima
 Klug, Zachary (Word of Life–St. Louis) to Abiding Savior–
 St. Louis 7/13/14 by D. McBurney

Candidate Status

Falls, Brian (New Beginnings–Pacific) 5/1/14
 Thomson, Jordan (Zion–St. Charles) 7/10/14

Non-Candidate Status

Auer, Donna (Candidate) 4/27/14
 Hornburg, Emily (St. Andrew–Cape Girardeau) 1/1/14
 Weider, Michael (LCMS World Mission–St. Louis) 7/1/12

Retired

Bordeaux, Joseph (Abiding Savior–St. Louis County) 6/1/14
 Carlson, James (Immanuel–St. Charles) 7/1/14
 Cohrs, Richard (Lutheran Hour Ministries–St. Louis) 7/1/14
 Giesselmann, Duane (St. Paul Lutheran High School–Farmington) 1/1/14

Langford, Sherry (Our Savior–Fenton) 7/1/14
 MacLean, Judy (St. Paul–Sedalia) 6/1/14
 Marsh, Keith (St. Mark's–Eureka) 6/10/14
 McFerran, Peggy (St. John's–Arnold) 6/1/14
 Pawlitz, Gail (Concordia Publishing House–St. Louis) 6/18/14
 Pawlitz, Ron (St. John's–Arnold) 7/1/14
 Spieler, Gary (Green Park–St. Louis) 7/1/14
 Trah, Richard (Lutheran High School South–St. Louis) 5/31/14
 Wehmeyer, Barbara (Messiah–St. Charles) 6/1/14
 Weinhold, Deborah (St. Paul–St. Joseph)

Deceased

Groerich, Deborah (St. Paul's–Des Peres) 5/30/14

Resigned/Removed from Roster

Buffington, Elizabeth (Non-Candidate) 6/7/14
 Cross, Rachel (Immanuel–Wentzville) 5/12/14
 Kurka, Gerald (Non-Candidate) 6/29/14 –installed as ordained minister
 Puligadda, Angelina (Our Savior–Platte City) 5/12/14
 Rueckert, Brian (Green Park–St. Louis) 5/12/14

Transferred to Other Districts

Baumann, Joshua (Lutheran High School North–St. Louis) to MNS 7/29/14
 Bird, Terry (Candidate) to MC 7/1/14
 Crowder, Jason (Trinity–St. Charles) to PSW 7/1/14
 Deardoff, Daniel (Calvary Lutheran High School–Jefferson City) to NEB 7/1/14
 Evans, Natalie (Martin Luther Academy–Kansas City) to NEB 7/5/14
 Leech, Debra (Immanuel–Jefferson City) to NEB 6/1/14
 Leech, William (Emeritus) to NEB 6/1/14
 Marty, Kayla (Non-Candidate) to PSW 7/1/14
 Marty, Matthew (Lutheran High School of St. Charles
 County–St. Peters) to PSW 7/1/14
 Pawlitz, Ronald (Emeritus) to IE 7/30/14
 Rosebrock, Erica (Candidate) to SW 7/8/14
 Schiller, Angela (Green Park–St. Louis County) to PSW 7/1/14
 Shidner, Erin (St. John–Ellisville) to OH 6/16/14
 Shudy, Amy (St. Paul's–Sedalia) to PSW 6/1/14
 Spieler, Gary (Green Park–St. Louis) to SI 7/2/14
 Stewart, Timothy (Trinity–Cape Girardeau) to NW 7/15/14
 Voss, Amy (Springfield–Springfield) to NEB 7/1/14



PERSONNEL CHANGES — ORDAINED

Ordinations/Installations:

Conrad, James (SL2014) ordained and installed Sole Pastor Faith –Richmond, MO 7/20/2014 by L. Hagan
 Dohne, John (SL2014) ordained and installed Senior Pastor St. Andrew – Cape Girardeau, MO 6/22/2014 by R. Rall
 Jonas, Scott (SL2014) ordained Lutheran Church of Our Savior – Santa Maria, CA 7/13/2014 by S. Eckert; installed Associate Pastor Alive in Christ – Columbia, MO 7/27/2014 by R. Mirly
 Krikava, James (CQ2014) installed Office of International Mission, LCMS to be Assoc. Reg. Dir. Czech Republic 6/23/2014 by M. Harrison
 Kurka, Gerald (SL2014) ordained and installed Sole Pastor St. Paul – Stover, MO 6/29/2014 by R. Mirly
 Pahl, Justin (SL2013) ordained at Grace – Chester, VA 6/22/2014 by R. Finck; installed Worker/Priest Messiah – Weldon Spring, MO 7/13/2014 by P. Schult
 Wildauer, Weston (SL2014) ordained and installed Sole Pastor Good Shepherd – Cape Girardeau, MO 7/20/2014 by R. Mirly

Transferred to our District:

Edwards, Michael (NOW) installed Sole Pastor Faith –Springfield, MO 7/27/2014 by W. Marler
 Geis, William (NI) installed Dir. of Adult/Senior Adult Ministries, Webster Gardens – Webster Groves, MO 6/22/2014 by D. Zimmerman
 Meyer, Joel (PSW) installed Zion – Rockville, MO 6/22/2014 by R. Mirly
 Philp, Paul (SI) installed Dir. of Institutional Research & Integrity for Concordia University System - St. Louis, MO 6/18/2014 by R. Mirly
 Schnakenberg, Kevin (NEB) Non-Candidate 8/1/2014
 Stratmann, David (SI) installed Chaplain at Breeze Park, Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis, MO 5/29/2014 by R. Mirly

Transferred to other District:

Aurich, Leonard (Emeritus Status) to IE District 8/4/2014
 Canaday, Matthew (River of Life – Rogersville) to EA District 6/2/2014
 Eggers, Robert (Emeritus Status) to IW District 8/1/2014
 Jameson, John (St. Mark – Eureka) to IN District 6/9/2014
 Mekasha, Eddie (Candidate Status) to NEB District 6/1/2014
 Merritt, Glenn (Emeritus Status) to TX District 7/25/2014
 Miller, William (Candidate Status) to MDS District 6/23/2014
 Murdock, Cecil (Emeritus Status) to CI District 6/26/2014
 Rosebrock, Stephen (Hope – St. Louis) to SW District 7/1/2014
 Stark, Paul (Zion – Diggins) to FG District 6/5/2014
 Wolter, Derek (VA Hospital Chaplain – St. Louis) to SW District 7/1/2014

Changes within District:

Gallagher, Frank (Int. Interim St. John – Mexico) installed as Intentional Interim Pastor Immanuel – Altenburg, MO 7/13/2014 by P. Winghamam
 Hayter, Matthew (Associate Pastor St. Paul – Union) installed Sole Pastor of same 5/25/2014 by R. Mirly
 Karsten, Darwin (Faith – Branson) installed Sole Pastor Praise and Worship – Branson, MO 7/20/2014 by S. Brassie
 Wesemann, Kenneth (SPLHS – Concordia) installed Sole Pastor Trinity – Alma, MO 5/4/2014 by B. Mueller
 Zeigler, Michael (Timothy – St. Louis) installed Sole Pastor Epiphany – St. Louis, MO 8/3/2014 by R. Rall

Candidate Status/Non-Candidate Status:

Pavelski, Gregory (Candidate to Non-Candidate) 7/3/2014
 Stites, Jonathan (Immanuel – Altenburg) 5/18/2014

Retired:

Hartung, Bruce (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) 6/30/2014
 Henrichs, Robert (St. Paul – Jackson) 7/31/2014
 Larson, Mark (Holy Cross Deaf – St. Louis) 5/4/2014
 Maas, Duane (Redeemer – Springfield) 6/26/2014
 Merritt, Glenn (Dir. LCMS Disaster Relief) 6/30/2014
 Moeller, Randall (Our Savior – Fenton) 7/1/2014
 Nicolaus, Jon (Messiah – Independence) 5/1/2014
 Pfanstiel, Barry (Good Shepherd – Cape Girardeau) 7/20/2014
 Ratcliffe, Keith (Peace – Kansas City) 4/30/2014
 Schmeisser, Kirk (St. Peter – St. Joseph) 6/22/2014
 Schreiber, Mark (Min. to the Armed Forces, LCMS – St. Louis) 6/30/2014
 Short, Paul (St. Andrew – Cape Girardeau) 6/1/2014
 Simmons, Ronald (St. Paul – Ironton) 4/27/2014
 Smith, Gregory (Christ Memorial – St. Louis County) 6/30/2014

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