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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Wow - 2020 has been quite the year, hasn't it? It seems that we've experienced one disaster after another. Yet through all of this, God never changes. His Son Jesus Christ, has given us the greatest victory of all, the sure and certain hope of forgiveness, life and salvation. There is nothing in this world that can take from us the love that God has for us in His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So many families around us are living in despair. So many people - people we know - our neighbors and friends - need hope. It is time to start thinking of how we can connect with them to share the greatest news of all - that Jesus Christ is Savior - that He offers hope in the midst of a rather awful 2020.

Let's start brain-storming how we might connect our friends and neighbors with this hope we have in Jesus. Summer is wrapping up, people are getting back into the grind. School is starting up, and our churches are opening up after the virus more and more. Families are back from vacation, catechism begins and Sunday school is getting ready to kick off. Everybody is anxious for life to get back to something more normal.

How might your church tap into this? Could you do something for your entire community/ neighborhood to bring people together safely? With the lingering COVID concerns, maybe you could have something outdoors - grilling hot-dogs or something simple - giving families an opportunity to socially distance and yet gather together. Add in a few outdoor games, and perhaps raise some money for a local project which would help your community. I have a

feeling people are aching to get out and see each other in a safe way. Think of the opportunities God would give your church to share the Gospel with your neighbors and friends.

Perhaps your church could put together a group to help the elderly or homebound with their yard work. With Halloween around the corner, Trunk or Treat in your church parking lot is always a great way to connect with families in your neighborhood. If you live in an area with lots of farmers, how about delivering lunches to those working out in the fields and letting them know you are praying for a safe and successful harvest season.

"Let's start brain-storming how we might connect our friends and neighbors with this hope we have in Jesus"

I hope this gives you a kick-start! It's time to climb out of our COVID bunkers and see the opportunities God is giving us right now to share His love and forgiveness. Let's go!

In Christ,

Rev Monte Meyer
Parish Life Facilitator

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ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS



Rev. Timothy Magill was Ordained and Installed at St. John, Villard and Trinity, Grove Lake on July 18, 2020. Pictured are: (back) Rev. Dennis Angland, Alexandria; Rev. William Moeller, Sr., Alexandria; Rev. Roger Lange, Fergus Falls; Rev. Don Wilke, Alexandria; Rev. Bruce Frederickson, Brooten; Rev. Jeff Ross, Garfield; (middle) Rev. Timothy Schiller, Alexandria; Rev. Scott Brown, Alexandria; (front) Rev. Timothy Magill, Villard; and Rev. Dr. Don Fondow, MN North District President.



Rev. Jay Weideman was Ordained and Installed at Faith, Fergus Falls and Immanuel, Friberg on August 9, 2020. Pictured are: Rev. Gary Rehborg, Osage; Rev. Craig Palach, Fergus Falls; Rev. Ross Fritz, Breckenridge; Rev. John Christensen, Fergus Falls; Rev. Jay Weideman, Fergus Falls; Rev. Dr. Don Fondow, MN North District President; Rev. Roger Lange, Fergus Falls; and Rev. George Krueger, Fargo.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.

OAKWOOD GOLF COURSE, HENNING MN

Four Person Teams, Best Ball, Shotgun start, 18 holes

Cost: \$70 per golfer- (One \$5 mulligan per person)

Includes: Golf, Cart, Drawing Ticket, Lunch

Sponsors: \$60 minimum per hole – Golf and Sponsor: \$100

Prizes: Drawing, Longest Drive, Putt, Closest to Pin, Team Score

Individual golfers can be assigned to a team

LIC is available for lodging/breakfast

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REGISTER BY AUGUST 14

FOR REGISTRATION:
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EMAIL: REGISTER@ISLANDCAMP.ORG

TECH+

2nd Annual MN North District Technology Workshop... PLUS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd | 9am - 3pm

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, Rice, MN

REGISTER HERE

- ◇ CHURCH WEBSITES
- ◇ SOCIAL MEDIA
- ◇ WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY
- ◇ CHURCH MANAGEMENT TOOLS
- ◇ ONLINE GIVING
- ◇ BUILDING SECURITY
- ◇ TREASURER WORKSHOP
- ◇ ... AND MORE!

\$10 Registration Fee | Lunch will be served



About the Gathering Theme

Countless hours of research, prayer and discussions were poured into the In All Things Thematic Development and Talking points. In All Things is a reminder that the Christian story encompasses all things. Nothing, and no one, is left out. In baptism, all things in our lives are brought under the gracious rule and reign of Jesus Christ. The story includes all of each of us. Christ is the single “big idea” in Paul’s letter to the Colossians, and he will be the single big idea at the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering.

- Youth Gatherings proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ and God’s saving grace to His people through Christ. In this setting, young people grow in their personal relationship with God and grow in their fellowship of Word and Sacrament in Christ’s Church.
- Youth Gatherings are a vehicle by which the Church reaches out to, cares for and affirms young people, both church and unchurched.
- Youth Gatherings equip youth and adults for ministry and vocational service in a variety of settings in their congregations, communities, and world.
- Youth Gatherings affirm, equip, and support adults who work with young people.
- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life’s situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God’s people
- Youth Gatherings affirm, support, and promote the ministry of LCMS Districts and congregations.

Dear LCMS Minnesota North District,

I pray this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. I wanted to again thank you for your constant, steady, supply of prayers and financial gifts to ensure that we can continue to work together to be a great witness of our Lord Jesus to these men and women who selflessly serve our Nation. Just like us, they are enduring these days of challenging events. Every day it seems that something changes. We just want some stability to begin to be able to plan our day, our week, our year. We see frustration and anxiety in ourselves and in our neighbors. We don’t like uncertainty and not having stability in our lives, so also for our troops and their families

I was able to watch the new movie by Apple TV entitled “Greyhound”. I was intrigued by the fact that the trailers to the movie had the lead actor, Tom Hanks, praying a portion of the Luther’s Evening Prayer. I watched the movie with my 84-year-old Dad and we truly enjoyed it. It was a movie that was constantly moving from one event to the other, no time to sleep, no time to eat as they confronted the enemy U-boats during WWII. The reason I mention this is at the beginning and end of the movie, the cameras zoom in on a card that Ship’s Captain, CDR Ernest Krause, had stuck in his mirror. It was the passage from Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Wow! What a comfort that Word from the Lord is for us as well during this constant changing time. It was a comfort for Captain Krause during rough seas and enemy combat. So, it is also comforting to you as you go through the rough seas of this year. Cling to this promise that our Lord Jesus Christ has not changed. His love and mercy, His compassion and grace are the same today as it was in 2019 and will be the same in 2021, 2025, or 2040. The same Jesus who lived, suffered and died on the cross to pay for your sins is risen from the dead. He lives and reigns to all eternity. You are His redeemed child. By the grace of God, for Christ’s sake, through faith, you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. No matter what comes your way, you know Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Thank you for being in this ministry with us. Thank you for your prayers and financial support to enable us to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are military connected. Thank you!



In Christ’s Service,
 Chaplain Craig G. Muehler
 CAPT, CHC, USN (Ret)
 Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces



Best Practices for Ministry Heartland / September 23-25, 2020

St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, will host the 2020 Best Practices for Ministry: Heartland conference that helps congregations, church workers, and leaders most effectively use their God-given gifts. Participants are greeted with warm hospitality, great speakers, and practical workshops. The conference is free to all who attend.

[Click here for more info and registration](#)

Note: There is an option to indicate interest in an online format during registration if you have COVID-19 concerns or if the travel to MI isn’t possible for you.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MN NORTH DISTRICT LIFE COORDINATOR

Rev. Jason Wolter, Benson, MN

Every summer, I try to take a 2-week vacation with my family. During that time, I make it my goal to get as much reading done as I can. This year, I only got one book read. But, in my defense, it had more than 950 pages. It was a biography about Ulysses S. Grant. I love learning about history, so it was an enjoyable read.

As I read, I was intrigued to see how many similarities there are between the Civil War era and our own, current age. One, in particular, stuck out to me more than any other. At that time, the South was losing the war- badly. Times were desperate. Things were so desperate... that some confederates were saying that it was time to use slaves as soldiers. The slaves would be granted their freedom- IF the South was able to win the war. But the main leaders of the Confederacy were totally opposed to the idea. They said (I'm paraphrasing here), "If we do that, then it will prove that we were wrong (to enslave black people) all along!" In other words: they realized that if they started treating slaves as citizens... then the war was already over, since there would be nothing left to fight for. If slaves could be soldiers- and then set free to be fellow citizens- that would prove that slavery really had been an immoral evil all along.

Meanwhile, the North enlisted hundreds of thousands of black Americans, who served with distinction and nobility. General Grant made sure to recognize the great service that these brave Americans rendered for the country. Without question, the willingness of the North to (begin to) recognize African Americans as fellow citizens was the turning point in the war. The massive contributions of black soldiers to the Union army cannot be overstated. The South, on the other hand, chose to lose the war with a "whites-only" army... rather than admit that they had been wrong about the inherent worth, value and limitless

potential of the people that they had enslaved (and treated as something less-than-human).

As I contemplated the evil ignorance (and arrogance) of the South, I remembered something that the famous atheist Richard Dawkins had once said. He proclaimed that a pig was more human than a human fetus. That sounds crazy, right? But is it any more crazy that the South claiming that black people weren't really "persons"? You see, the same arguments that the South used to delude themselves into supporting slavery... are still being used today to convince people that abortion isn't really the destruction of a fellow human being. According to the "laws" supporting abortion, a human fetus isn't really a "person"; therefore it is merely property that can be kept- or killed- by its "owner".

With notable (and tragic) exceptions, most Americans are (now) able to look back on the Civil War (and Reconstruction) era of our country... and realize how horribly evil and wrong the views were of those who supported slavery. It is positively astounding that any human being (much less, those who claimed to be "Christians") could view fellow human beings the way that slaves were viewed... or treat them the way that they were treated. Yet here we are, in 2020, still viewing fellow human beings as "less-than-persons": like property that can be kept- or killed- on the whims of its "owners".

There were many in the North who fought for the rights and freedoms of those enslaved. But when the War was over, the passion of those abolitionists eventually faded. Therefore, when the newly-freed citizens needed further help in securing and exercising their rights... they were- largely- ignored. In effect, they were on their own. And the evils that were inflicted upon them- for the next 80 years- are as unspeakably horrifying as they are embarrassing.

Because the righteous lost their zeal... the innocent and the oppressed were brutalized again.

My dear friends in Christ, in our defense of the infinite worth and value of every human life- from conception to natural death- we must not lose our zeal! We ARE the righteous ones; and God truly is on our side (as proven by what He has said in His Word). If we turn a blind eye to the ongoing holocaust of abortion... we are no better than those who stood- 150 years ago- by and let the KKK do Satan's bidding.

Is that overly harsh? I don't know. God can be the judge of that. But I do know how He feels about the unborn... and about those with various mental and physical challenges... and about those whose minds and bodies are breaking down in their advanced years... and about every other human being that He has created in His image: He loves each and every one of them! He loves them so much... that He sent His Son to die in their place. For that reason, we are ALL precious... and worth more than any of us can imagine.

Yet millions of these precious lives are being snuffed out each year... with millions more being devalued- and disregarded- as "less than" others. In whatever ways God enables us to do it, may we do everything in our power to "reconstruct" our culture, so that it will begin to see all human beings as the beautiful creations of God that they are. We must not- through willful blindness or cowardly indifference- allow this terrible tragedy to go on. We have God's call to defend the defenseless and protect the oppressed; therefore our cause is just and holy. May God give us His zeal and righteousness, so that this generation will not have to bear the shame and guilt of our nation's previous generations. May God impart us His wisdom and strength to carry out His good and perfect will. Amen.

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT FALL PASTORS CONFERENCE

Cast thy burdens upon the Lord

PSALM 55:22

REGISTER HERE



August 2020 | *The Courts & the Church: What Happened?*

Dear public policy advocates,
As the summer begins to wind down and we start to turn our attention to the new beginnings that each fall brings to our congregations and schools, we would be remiss if we failed to take note of the very significant decisions that were recently handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court. Five of them are especially impactful to Christians in general and the Church in particular.

[LEARN MORE](#)

The past Supreme Court term was a very important one which will impact the interaction of the Church and the State for many years to come. On balance, it was a good year for religious liberty of the Church itself but leaves the religious liberty of individual Christians in continuing jeopardy. With respect to the life issues, it not only failed to address the underlying injustice of Roe v. Wade but also failed to defend “common sense protections” for women undergoing abortions.

It also left significant unresolved issues dealing with the nature of the human person, issues which will continue to make the Church’s public witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ more challenging going forward.



Reaching Rural America for Christ

Fostering Church Worker Wellness

This issue of *Reaching Rural America for Christ*, the newsletter from LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission, highlights Grace Place Wellness Ministries, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization.

For 20 years, Grace Place has been teaching church workers and their spouses to safeguard their wellness, for their own good and the good of those they serve, particularly during times of trial and great need.

[Read August 2020 newsletter >>](#)

Webinars

“**Grace Place**” — [Watch on demand](#). Presenter: Rev. Dr. Darrell Zimmerman, interim president/CEO of Grace Place Wellness Ministries in St. Louis.

“**Thinking Outside the Box: Partnerships**” — [1 to 2 p.m. Central time, Thursday, Sept. 24](#). Presenters: Rev. Tom Schlund, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona, Iowa.

[View webinar schedule, archives >>](#)



Early bird registration open for Symposia 2021 | January 19 - 22

The four-day Symposia Series is a popular annual event at CTSFW exploring exegetical theology and Lutheran Confessions. Guest speakers and faculty from CTSFW and other theological institutions will lecture on various topics related to the year's theme. The Seminary is celebrating its 175th academic year, during which we are emphasizing how we "Make Known His Deeds," but stay tuned for more specific details on the topics and theme to come.

This upcoming Symposia will take place January 19–22, 2021. Early bird registration for \$150 is open now until November 29, 2020. From then until January 15, the price will return to our regular registration fee of \$180. Late registrations from January 16 on (including walk-ins) will cost \$195.

Livestream access is not yet available, but will be as the time approaches. We will update this text once livestream tickets are available for the 2021 Symposia Series. To register, go to www.ctsfw.edu/Symposia.

For any additional questions or concerns, email Symposia@ctsfw.edu or call (260) 452-2204.

2020-21 Lay Bible Institute series announced

Three workshops cover Christian citizenship, Galatians, suffering

Dates have been set for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis' 2020-21 Lay Bible Institute series. The institute offers ongoing study of the Bible and how it relates to today's life and events. Each one-day workshop is hosted on campus and led by a Concordia Seminary faculty member.

"We are thrilled to introduce all three of our Lay Bible Institute workshops at once," said Erika Bennett, director of Continuing Education. "We hope that this will give participants more time to plan and take advantage of these enriching continuing education opportunities."

The series includes the following three workshops:

Oct. 10, 2020 : Topic: Wholly Citizens: Thinking Rightly about Christian Engagement with the World

Presenter: Dr. Joel Biermann, Waldemar A. and June Schuette Professor of Systematic Theology

Register by Sept. 12, 2020

Feb. 6, 2021: Topic: Galatians: Hearing Paul's Gospel Afresh

Presenter: Dr. Mark Seifrid, Professor of Exegetical Theology

Register by Jan. 24, 2021

Aug. 7, 2021: Topic: When Things Fall Apart: Job's Frightening Journey

Presenter: Dr. Henry Rowold, Professor Emeritus of Practical Theology

Register by July 23, 2021

Open to lay people, students, pastors and others interested in the proclamation of the Gospel, each one-day workshop will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Sieck Hall, room 202, on the campus of Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. Cost is \$20 per person. Registration is open for all three workshops. Interested participants can [learn more or register online](#) or contact Continuing Education at 314-505-7286 or at ce@csl.edu.

About Concordia Seminary

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis provides Gospel-centered graduate-level theological education for pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars and other leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). To learn more, visit csl.edu.



Hearts for Pastors provides grants and other resources to help reduce the emotional toll of financial burdens on pastors and their families. Our goal is to eliminate over \$1,000,000 of student loan debt and moving expenses within the next 5 years. You can help: <https://heartsforpastors.org/>

Applying for PPP loan forgiveness, explained

Many LCEF borrowers and others within our church body received PPP loans and are at the point of applying for loan forgiveness. To help you navigate through the forgiveness process, LCEF invited two SBA representatives from the St. Louis District Office to offer helpful advice and insights. [Watch this video here.](#)



Members benefit from hearing personal stewardship stories.

Personal stories help show that sacrificial giving isn't just some "pie in the sky" concept but that it's actually lived out in a very real, tangible way by the people who sit next to them!

- Church leaders can [sign up here](#) to receive this video series.
- To watch more LCEF Ministry Moment videos, [click here.](#)

If you are interested in learning more, contact us today!



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The MN North District website connects you to useful documents and websites to help you navigate the unusual circumstances in our country right now. Stop by our home page: www.mnnlcms.org



A representative from Concordia Plan Services recently hosted a Zoom meeting for churches in our District. 2021 Enrollment Deadlines are already upon us. If you'd like some help navigating the changes and options, you can find the recording at: <https://www.mnnlcms.org/church-treasurers>



Looking for schedules and broadcast times for Main Street Living and MSL Northland? Their news and schedules are posted on the District website. Click the links on our homepage.

Lutheran Annual updates due by September 1st

All congregations and schools should have received their reminder to go to lc.lcms.org to review their information so that it is accurate in the next Lutheran Annual. Congregations and schools have until September 1 to update their information for inclusion in the Lutheran Annual.

Any questions (including login questions) can be directed to rosters.stats@lcms.org or 888-843-5267.

MISSIONARY MINUTES

Puerto Rico missionaries report: "Over the last two weeks Rev. Gustavo Maita led a team from Fuente de Vida in disaster preparedness. This team then prepared their own action plan to help the community in time of disaster." The DiLiberto family requests your prayers: "I have received a Call to serve as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Henderson, Nevada. Grace Henderson is the congregation where I served my vicarage, and the people there are very near and dear to us. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we consider both Divine Calls: the one to serve as missionary pastor in Puerto Rico, and the one to serve Grace Lutheran Church in Henderson. It will not be an easy decision. Regardless of where our LORD leads, we remain confident in His tender, loving care. We give thanks that the One who calls us is faithful (1 Thes 5), and that no matter what we decide, Jesus is and always will be the LORD of both His Church and her mission." Contributions to LCMS Disaster Response (Puerto Rico) will aid some of the short term costs. Learn more [HERE](#). Contributions to the [FORO](#) will help with longer term efforts. Prince of Peace, Mayguez facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ilpdp/>. Find the latest newsletter from Pastor DiLiberto and family [HERE](#). Follow James and Cristel Neuendorf [HERE](#).



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND SCHOOL, COTTON TREE LIBERIA Rev. James NS Kollie serves Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Cotton Tree, Liberia. In the midst of a pandemic, they are celebrating the baptisms of 12 young adults and 4 children! **The school is in need of a roof on their new building (\$1800 total cost) and a new water pump for their well (\$425). Please designate your gifts on the memo line of your check!** Pastor Kollie is pursuing a Doctorate Degree at CTS, Fort Wayne, IN, with hopes of then teaching pastors in Liberia. Jamesetta Kollie, a 2019 CSP grad is working towards a Master's Degree. Gifty Kollie (deaconess student at CUC) and Diane (in high school at Concordia Academy, Roseville, MN) are also studying in the US with plans to return to Liberia to use their education. Funds collected and disbursed to date for the School: \$136,121; for Pastor Kollie's education: \$51,695; for Jamesetta's education: \$10,161; and for Gifty's education: \$15,323. Donations can be sent to: MN North District, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401.



DAN & JOAN JASTRAM Pastor Jastram serves as a manager for theological education in Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. Pastor Jastram requests your prayers: for continued good health for us as we live and work in Japan and for the health and safety of our LCMS missionaries living in more challenging environments. He states: "We are thankful that God has continued to grant us good health to stay the course. And thank you for your wonderful, ongoing support that allows it to happen!" Learn more [HERE](#). Become a partner [HERE](#).

PROJECT 24 & CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN - KENYA Project 24 is an initiative of the LCMS Office of International Mission and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. Pastor Dennis McManus, MN North District ambassador shares: "I had a Zoom meeting with the group connected with Project 24/CCCK. Among the topics discussed was the fact that schools in Kenya will not open now January 2021. This means the children in the boarding facilities will not be permitted to return until that time. We will continue to make monthly contact with those children and those caring for them and will also deliver food to them during this time. There is still a great need for sponsors for children, as our facilities are not full and not all children in the facilities are sponsored. For more information on this or anything concerning Project 24/CCCK, please contact Rev. Dennis J. McManus at revdmcmanus@gmail.com. I am also available to do a presentation on this open door mission God has given us in Kenya." Total Number of Students at the P24 sites: 190 children; Number of Students Sponsored as to date: 140. Find the latest Project 24 Newsletter [HERE](#). Find missionary Brit Odemba's latest newsletter [HERE](#). District support for Project 24 to date is \$112,034. Support for CCC: Kenya to date is \$17,366.



Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser are excited to extend the partnership between Lutheran Bible Translators and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). In the early 1980's, Susan helped establish a literacy program for the Loko people of Sierra Leone. Together with Jim they helped to translate the New Testament for the Kono people of Sierra Leone, and later the New Testament for the Chaldean people of Iraq. Jim now consults with six different translation projects and Susan provides care to other missionaries. Susan is a former member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar. Learn more [HERE](#).

Support for any of these missionaries can be sent to: Minnesota North District—LCMS, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401 —earmarked for the specific mission or missionary.



CALL UPDATE

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

CALLS ACCEPTED

MADISON, St. John - Rev. Noel Herr accepted the Call. Installation September 6, 2020.

ST. CLOUD/CLEAR LAKE, Faith/Trinity - Candidate Joshua Reber accepted the Call.

Ordination and Installation September 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

WOODLAKE, St. Luke's - Rev. David Tilney accepted the Call. Installation August 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

ALBANY, Immanuel

BARNESVILLE, St. John's (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Gary Rehborg)

BELLINGHAM/CORRELL/ODESSA, Trinity/Grace/Trinity - Called Rev. Ben Siebert, Lincoln, KS.

CROWN, Zion (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Jake Gillard)

ELY/BABBITT, First/Good Shepherd (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. John Grohs)

GRAND RAPIDS, First (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Steve Breitbarth)

HINCKLEY (KROSCHER), St. John (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. David Steege)

MOORHEAD, Our Redeemer (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. George Krueger & Rev. Adam Harvala) Called Rev. Sam Pitsch, Gretna, NE

PEQUOT LAKES, Gloria Dei (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Mark Johnson)

RED LAKE FALLS/PLUMMER, St. John/Redeemer

ST. CLOUD, Holy Cross (Senior Pastor) - Called Rev. Daniel Deardoff, Sr., Brandon, SD

SEBEKA/NIMROD/N. GERMANY TWP, Grace/Nimrod/Zion (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Dr. Larry Harvala)

SNELLMAN/HEIGHT OF LAND, Gethsemane/St. John

OTHER CALLS AND CHANGES

Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger received a Call to Peace, Sandusky, MI. He accepted the Call.

Rev. Noah Rogness received a Call to Immanuel, Alexandria, VA. He accepted the Call.

Rev. Brady Finnern received a Call to St. Johns, Ludington, MI.

Rev. Tysen Bibb received a Call to St. Paul and St. Paul, Winside and Carroll, NE.

Rev. Fred Kutter retired on July, 26, 2020.

Rev. Rolf Preus (emeritus) transferred from the Montana District.

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CHANGES

Tiffany Hartfiled (teacher) transferred from the Pacific Southwest District.

Elizabeth Schmidt (teacher) transferred from the Minnesota South District.

CHURCH WORKER WELLNESS RESOURCES

In Our District:

CHURCH WORKER CARE

COORDINATOR: Rev. Paul Cloeter is available to provide a listening ear, sound advice and professional referrals. He can be reached at (320) 333-6319 or

paul.cloeter@mnnlcms.org

HEALTHY CHURCH WORKERS:

HealthyChurchWorkers.com exists to help ministers and their spouses to live the abundant life Jesus promised in John 10:10.

From the Synod:

CHURCH WORKER WELLNESS

ONLINE: Whether you are a church worker or spouse — or someone who loves those who are called to serve — the LCMS prays that these resources are helpful. Learn more [HERE](#).

Recognized Service Organizations:

DOXOLOGY: DOXOLOGY offers an innovative program of advanced study retreats to strengthen pastors for the task of faithfully shepherding the souls entrusted to their care.

Doxology.us

GRACE PLACE WELLNESS:

Grace Place Wellness is a preventive wellness ministry that seeks to positively impact the ministry of Christian congregations.

www.graceplacewellness.org

SHEPHERD'S CANYON

RETREAT: Shepherd's Canyon Retreat offers seven carefully designed days of individual, couple and group Christian counseling for church professionals and their spouses. There are openings in both the July and August retreats.

shepherds canyonretreat.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19-20, 2020	New Member Orientation, District Office
August 20, 2020	Retired Workers Luncheon, Brainerd
August 22, 2020	Organist Workshop, Emmanuel, Barnum
Aug 31– Sept 1, 2020	Circuit Visitors Conference, District Office
September 21, 2020	Fall Pastors Conference, ONE DAY ONLY
September 27-28, 2020	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office
October 3, 2020	Tech + Conference, Shepherd of the Pines, Rice
October 13, 2020	LWML Board of Directors Meeting, District Office
December 6-7, 2020	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office
January 25-26, 2021	Circuit Visitors Conference, Lutheran Island Camp
February 14-15, 2021	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office
April 12-14, 2021	MN North District Convention—Madden’s on Gull Lake



*Trinity Learning Center, Long Prairie is
Seeking two lead teachers,*

- *Preschool classroom 4 days per week*
- *Toddler classroom 2 days per week*

*Please email cover letter, resume & standard application
to preschool@trinitylp.com.*

CHURCHES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

August 15-16, 2020	75 years	Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud
August 16, 2020	125 years	St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls (Celebration postponed)
October 11, 2020	100 years	Trinity Lutheran Church, Isle

Please contact the District Office if your congregation will be celebrating an Anniversary.

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of William Stockman (em. Long Prairie), who passed away on July 29, 2020.

Rev. Noah and Becky Rogness at the birth of baby boy, Gabriel Christian on July 27, 2020.

Lucas Bibb, son of Rev. Tysen Bibb (Holy Cross, St. Cloud), recovering after surgery.

Mrs. Sue Zeige, wife of Rev. Bill Zeige (em., Grand Rapids), who will undergo foot surgery.

Mrs. Joanne Wilke, wife of Rev. Don Wilke (em., Alexandria), undergoing knee surgery on August 19.

Mrs. Ann Frederickson, wife of Rev. Bruce Frederickson (em. Brooten), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Michael Breach (St. John, Wheaton), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Gunard Heikkila (em., New York Mills), in hospice care.

Rev. Jack Baumgarn (em. New London), recovering after back surgery.

Rev. Roy Hasbargen (em. St. Cloud), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Fred Kutter (em. Albany), recovering after surgery.

Rev. Norm Hanan (em. Annandale), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Larry Cain (em. Cromwell) dealing with health issues.

John Kutter, Brother of Rev. Fred Kutter (em., Albany), continuing to deal with health issues.

Rev. Henry Koopman (em. Waite Park) recovering after heart surgery.

Mrs. Mary Weber, wife of Rev. Dr. Karl Weber (St. John, Ottertail & St. Paul, Richville), diagnosed with cancer.

Rev. Dean Stolz (Zion, Crosby & Immanuel, Iron Hub) dealing with health issues.

George Miller, dealing with severe back pain.

Rev. Jim and Mrs. Bev Meyer (Thief River Falls), dealing with health issues.

Jenny Schoessow, wife of Rev. David Schoessow (Christ, Superior, WI), who is dealing with health issues.

Rev. David Milz (St. John, Kimball), dealing with heart issues.

Rev. Victor Dorn, (em., St. Cloud), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Paul Dare's (Zion, Alexandria) father, diagnosed with cancer.

The mother of Rev. Dennis McManus (em. New Germany), facing a number of health issues.

Mrs. Martha Buchholz (wife of sainted pastor Rev. Henry Buchholz), Richville, who is having health issues.

Mary Langemo Hughes, daughter of Rev. Martin Langemo (em. Princeton), who is suffering from hyperacusis.

Mrs. Melissa Martini-Tischer, wife of Rev. Steven Tischer (Zion, Princeton), diagnosed with sarcoidosis.

Rev. Robert and Mrs. Phyllis Volkert (em., Palisade), both dealing with health issues.

David Rickbeil, brother of Rev. Blake Rickbeil (St. Paul, Bertha), who has been missing for several months.

MN North District Seminary Students:

Jordan DeBoer, Crookston, studying at CTSFW

LeAnn Gregoire, Isle, Deaconess student at CTSFW

Josef Muench, Duluth, studying at CTSFW

Erik Saunders, Grand Marais, studying at CTSFW

Carl Seim, Elk River, SMP student at CSL

Berett Steffen, Spicer, studying at CTSFW

Michael Thomas, Parkers Prairie, studying at Concordia Lutheran

Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario

Stafford Thompson, Brainerd, studying at CTSFW

Stephanie Wilde, Parkers Prairie, Deaconess student on internship in Puerto Rico

Those serving in the military & chaplaincy and part of our District family:

SGM Rev. Noah Rogness, serving a Special Assignment in Washington DC, US Army Reserve

LT Geoffrey Gronewold, Active Duty Chaplain, US Army—North Carolina

Chaplain Captain Vincent Bain—Active Duty Chaplain, Fort Campbell, KY

Chaplain Lt. Aaron Bell, son-in-law of Pastor Tom and Mary Brinkley (St. Matthews, Esko) – Active Duty Chaplain—US Navy Camp Pendleton

Chaplain LCDR John Thomson – Active Duty Chaplain—US Navy Guam

Rev. Steve Breitbarth (em., Hibbing), LCMS endorsed Emergency Response Chaplain and Disaster Response Chaplain

Joshua Bonk, son of Rev. John Bonk and Linda Bonk —US Army
MSG Jonathan Fondow, son of Pres. Don & Connie Fondow, Park Rapids—US Army

Ens. Michaela Biegner, granddaughter of Rev. Paul (em. Brainerd) and Joan Biegner, Pensacola, FL Flight School

Ensign Emily Geddes, granddaughter of Virginia Ansorge—US Navy

Dennis Gerold, husband of DCO Abby Dawkins Gerold, US Air Force

Timothy Milo, son of Rev. Frank & Sue Milo, —MN National Guard

1st Lt. Micah Uhrinak, son of Rev. Les & Susan Uhrinak, Crosslake, Air Force

Staff Sgt Nathaniel Vrudny, son of Rev. Matthew & Bonnie Vrudny, Walker, with the Army Reserve Engineering unit at Ft. Snelling, MN.

Tanner Wagner, son of Rev. Don & Jolene Wagner, Trinity, Deer Creek, National Guard

Missionaries Rev. Dr. Daniel and Dr. Joan Jastram serving as career missionaries through the LCMS in northern Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. (son of sainted pastor—Rev. Robert Jastram and Mrs. Phyllis Jastram)

Missionaries Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser, serving with Lutheran Bible Translators in Ethiopia.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 St. Paul's, Melrose - Rev. David Mommens	2 Redeemer, Menahga - Rev. David Walsh	3 St. Paul's, Milaca - Rev. Daniel Carlson	4 St. Calvary, Milto- na - Rev. Terry Finnern, VP	5
6	7 LABOR DAY— DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED	8 Montvideo, St. John - Rev. Kent Borglum	9 St. Paul, Montevi- deo - Rev. Keith Brustuen	10 Trinity, Montevi- deo - Rev. Kent Borglum	11 Alive!, Monticello - Rev. Christopher Lieske	12
13	14 Our Redeemer, Moorhead - Rev. Adam Harvala, VP	15 St. Peter, Moose Lake - Rev. Bradley Vogt	16 Zion, Mora - Rev. Anthony Cloose	17 Zion, Morris - Rev. Reed Stockman	18 St. John, Motley - Rev. Paul Koehler	19
20	21 Living Word, New London - Rev. David Dauk	22 Trinity, New York Mills - Rev. Kirk Douglas	23 Living Branch, North Branch - Rev. Micah Schmidt	24 St. John, North Branch - Rev. Paul Anderson	25 Trinity, Odessa - Vacant	26
27	28 St. Paul, Ogilvie - Vacant	29 Trinity, Ortonville - Rev. Dennis O'Neill	30 Gethsemane, Osage (Snellman) - Vacant			

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