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MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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People are looking for a little hope. We're tired of division, blame, and cancel culture. To be sure, there are any number of core issues among us which are causing these problems. But the way we are handling it just doesn't seem right, don't you agree? There is little forgiveness. There is way too much blame. There is far too little hope.

There has to be a better way. We need a little hope in our lives. Read a couple things God's Word has to say about the power of hope:

*You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.
~ Psalm 119:114*

*The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation
of the wicked will perish. ~ Proverbs 10:28*

*Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we
hope in you. ~ Psalm 33:22*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born
again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead. ~ 1 Peter 1:3*

Our hope is built on Jesus Christ. His death on the cross paid for our sins. His resurrection from the dead stomped down the powers of sin, death and the devil forever. We can lay all our sins and division at the foot of the cross. No matter how uncertain life may become, Jesus brings us hope. He will never leave us. We can hide in the power of His love and strength. We no longer need to live in hopelessness - we have a sure and certain hope in Jesus!

Here's a suggestion - give this hope to everyone you see. Let it flow from your words and actions like candy tossed in a parade. Bring God's mercy to your home, your work, your church, your relationships.

Let's see what hope can do!

In Christ,

Rev Monte Meyer

Parish Life Facilitator for the Minnesota North District

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DISTRICT NEWS



Rev. Nathaniel Brown was Ordained and Installed at Trinity Lutheran Church - Town Walter on July 18, 2021. He also serves Grace Lutheran Church in Correll and Trinity Lutheran Church in Odessa. Pictured are: Rev. Brady Finnern, Rev. Noel Herr, Rev. Don Fondow (District President), Rev. Don Klatt, Rev. Joshua Jones, Rev. Nathaniel Brown, Rev. Reed Stockman, Rev. Dennis O'Niell, Rev. Matthew Canion, Rev. Bob Friedrich, and Rev. Timothy Koch.



Rev. Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf welcomed a baby boy, Apollos James on July 31, 2021. Pastor Burgdorf graduated from CTSFW in May and was Ordained in June. He will be installed at First Lutheran in Ely and Good Shepherd in Babbitt on August 22nd.

Faith Lutheran Church in Silver Bay hosted a Continuing Education Course for Pastors in early August. Participants pictured below include: Rev. Dr. Dennis Brostrom, Rev. Richard Langhorst, Rev. James Cerdenola (Seminary Professor in the Philippines), Rev. Robert Franck, Rev. Dr. Gifford Grobien, Rev. , Rev. Jay Weideman, Rev. Jonathan Watt, Rev. Troy Peperkorn, and Rev. Dennis Schutte.



Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita (pictured above), missionaries in Puerto Rico stopped in while making fundraising visits throughout the MN North District. The District Office staff enjoyed hearing about their ministry.

The MN North New Workers Orientation was held at the District Office on August 11-12, 2021. The pastors and commissioned teachers Called to our churches and schools over the last year had the opportunity to meet for fellowship, Bible Study and information gathering. They also enjoyed a special dinner prepared for them by the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills. One of the new workers commented: "The smoked mac and cheese could be served for every meal."



Stephanie Wilde became a Deaconess of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with her commissioning at her home congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie on July 11th by Pastor Kirk Lee. She has received a call to be Deaconess and Spiritual Life Coordinator at the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Fargo Campus. She was Installed there on July 25th. Stephanie grew up in Parkers Prairie. She is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in their Deaconess program. Her two-year internship was in Puerto Rico.





CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD



A CALL TO COURAGE, CONFESSION AND LOVE
A BIBLE STUDY



Rev. Paul Dare has served as a parish pastor for more than 20 years. With a love of Christian education for all ages and an engaging style of teaching, leading Bible studies are the highlight of his work week. He has been published in *Doxology Magazine*, "Escaping Satan's Funhouse: Believing the Truth in the Care of Disordered Souls" and is currently writing a book on Church Discipline as part of the *Lexham Ministry Guides* series. Rev. Dare has been featured in a series of interviews on the national podcast "Issues, Etc." regarding Christians living in a woke world and has been invited to speak at multiple conferences. He currently serves as Sr. Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Alexandria, MN. Rev. Dare is happily married with three children.

SYSTEMIC RACISM, PRIVILEGE, POLITICAL CORRECTNESS, WOKE, ANTI-RACIST, SOCIAL JUSTICE ARE COMMON WORDS IN THE WORLD TODAY. WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU HEAR THEM? ARE YOU ABLE TO ACCURATELY DEFINE THEM? DOES THE WORLD FEEL DIVIDED ALONG THE LINES OF RACE, GENDER, RELIGION, AND INCOME? DOES IT SEEM TO YOU THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OFTEN LOSING THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE AND COMING OUT AS POLITICAL ACTIVISTS? DO YOU THINK PEOPLE DESIRE TO BE CONSIDERED A VICTIM OR PART OF A VICTIM GROUP? TO UNDERSTAND OUR WORLD AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, A CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S AMERICA MUST UNDERSTAND NEO-MARXISM, WHICH IS OFTEN CALLED CULTURAL MARXISM.

Minnesota North District Fall Pastors Conference
September 19-21, 2021 | Lutheran Island Camp

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Young adults ages 19-25 are encouraged to serve at the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX! The application to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) is now [open online!](#) The application will remain open until December 31, 2021.

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

The Ripe Mission Field

This issue of *Reaching Rural America for Christ*, the newsletter from LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission, encourages readers to remain steadfast in their teaching and preaching as they enter the mission field.

[READ THE NEWSLETTER>>](#)

Webinars

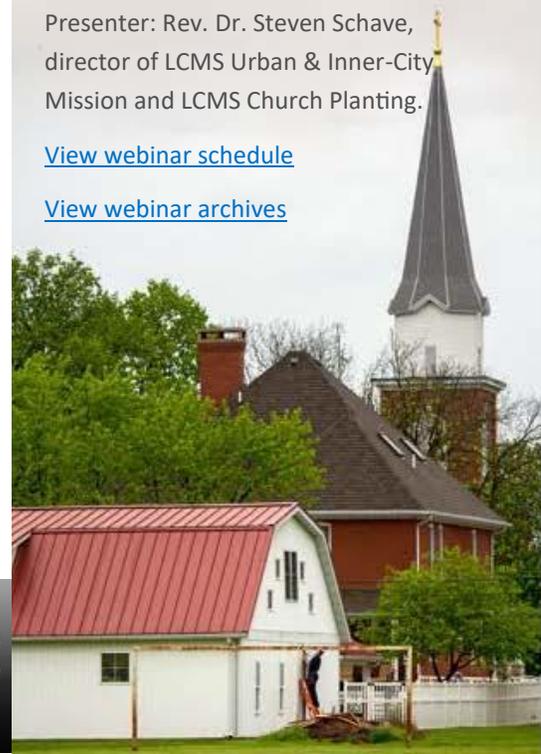
"Ministry After the Pandemic — Making Disciples for Life" — [1 to 2 p.m.](#)

[Central time, Thursday, Sept. 9.](#)

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission and LCMS Church Planting.

[View webinar schedule](#)

[View webinar archives](#)





**78th Annual Conference of MN N District Lutheran Laymen's League/
Lutheran Hour Ministries and Orphan Grain Train**

Saturday, September 25th

at Zion Lutheran Church, 106 6th St. N., Hoffman, MN

**The Conference will feature a presentation by Rev. Fred Hinz on
"A Christian Reflection on Our Current National Turmoil"**

We live in one of the most distorted and confusing moments in human history. Unlike the many past eras of social tension and division in which people of good faith disagreed about how to go about addressing the various ills of society and how to promote the common good of humanity, today's divisions are marked by a sharp disagreement about something far more basic, namely, what it means to be a human being.

Not surprisingly, this fundamental disagreement means that the common ground needed for people to "stand on" when discussing what it means to be a good person and how best to govern our life together in community has become vanishingly small – so small that serious, mutually respectful conversations between neighbors of differing political persuasions rarely seems to happen. All of which has made our lives, our communities and our nation feel pretty unstable of late. Understanding the underlying source of this instability and, therefore, having some idea about how to go about restoring the stability we used to enjoy, is the topic that will be explored by Rev. Fredric Hinz at the Lutheran Laymen's League Conference to be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Hoffman on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 10:00 am. Registration begins at 9:30 AM with coffee served at that time.

Reverend Hinz serves as the Public Policy Advocate for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod here in Minnesota. In addition to discussing the general topic described above, he will also be reporting on some of the specific political and judicial issues that are currently in play and which reflect the current tensions in our culture.

Our schedule is as follows:

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Registration & coffee
- 10:00-10:50 Opening service conducted by Rev. Bill Aufdenkamp and Rev. Jason Wolter
- 10:50-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:15 **"A Christian Reflection on Our Current National Turmoil"**
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 – 3:30 Greetings and business meeting

There will be no registration fee. An offering during the Worship Service will be for the support of Lutheran Hour Ministries. A free will donation will be accepted for the noon meal.

So that we will be prepared to serve you a noon meal please RSVP our District LLL Secretary Deborah Anderson at: debiatdouglas@hotmail.com OR call Delano & Linda Meyer at 1-320-677-2668 or 320-287-0531.

We encourage LCMS members and all concerned Christians to attend this very informative meeting that will address subjects that will impact our church, our nation, and Christianity itself.

In Jesus our Lord and Savior,
Delano Meyer, Minnesota North LLL/LHM District President
meyerdel@yahoo.com



ALOA, Adult Lutherans Organized for Action, is grateful that restrictions have been lifted and we are once again able to gather older adult Lutherans for study, worship, music and fellowship.

Ironwood Springs Lutherhostel

October 4 - 8, 2021

**Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch,
Stewartville, Minnesota**

We are looking forward to having **Ben & Jennifer Freudenburg** of Concordia Center for the Family in Ann Arbor help us build our capacity to impart God's love and grace to future generations. **Pastor Frank & Deaconess Jan Janzow** will lead devotions on *Kingdom Living: A Fresh Look at the Lord's Prayer*. The Janzows served for 37 years in Waukesha, WI.

[Find out more in this short video from our Lutherhostel Directors.](#)

Ironwood Spring Christian Ranch's Lodge and Conference Center has instituted appropriate measures to safely host us, and there will be plenty of opportunity to take advantage of the beautiful surroundings and outdoor activities.

- Newly remodeled, accessible motel-style Lodge sleeping rooms - \$575 to \$635 per person
- Camping accommodations available - \$525 per person
- Commuter attendees - \$350 per person

[Download a brochure and find out how to register on our website.](#)



A MESSAGE FROM THE MN NORTH DISTRICT LIFE COORDINATOR

Rev. Jason Wolter, Benson, MN

When German Lutherans first came to America and began settling along the Mississippi River valley, one of the first buildings they erected in their communities was a Lutheran school. That was because one of the main reasons that Lutherans came to America in the first place... was to rescue their children from the Rationalistic teachings that were spreading throughout Europe. Rationalism declared that the Bible shouldn't be trusted, unless its claims could be proven with empirical evidence. Basically, Rationalism denied that the Bible really was God's Word.

In fact, Lutheran education was so important... that the first constitution of the Synod included a clause: that required every congregation to provide a Christian school for the children of their members. Of course, it also stipulated that German was supposed to be the only language spoken in church services. So... things have changed.

With just under 6000 congregations in our Synod, it's probably not reasonable to expect every one of them to fund and operate their own, Lutheran school. Thankfully, there are over 1800 Lutheran schools (either pre-schools, elementary schools, high schools or colleges) that serve our congregations. Unfortunately, there are still many places in our country that do not have a Lutheran school within reasonable driving distance.

I happen to live in one of those areas. But I know that I'm not alone in my desire to have a Lutheran school to which I could send my child. Others have expressed that same yearning. The problem is that Lutheran schools take great effort- and money- to open... and then to keep open. Unfortunately, not a lot of people are willing (or able) to pay for it.

That is unfortunate, because- no matter how much sacrifice it might take to put our children into a Lutheran school- I know that it's worth it. There are a couple of reasons why I can say that with such confidence. First of all, the primary task that God has given us (as parents): is to raise our children to know and love Christ... and, more importantly, to know that they are loved by Him. All good parents strive to give the basics (food, clothing, shelter) to our kids. But we also do all kinds of other things for them, like: host their parties; drive them to practices, lessons and games; pay for the activities that they enjoy doing;

and we- often- even alter our lives to accommodate their wishes and wants.

Of course, none of those things- by themselves- are bad. But far above and beyond all those things is God's command that we raise our children to walk always with their Lord. Therefore, we should never forget: that teaching the faith to them (with our words and our deeds) is the highest good that we can do for them. But with all the hustle and bustle of this world, we can sometimes lose sight of that... and not make time for it.

Perhaps we think that taking them to church once in a while... and/or dropping them off for Sunday School... will accomplish the sacred task: of training up our children in the way they should go. But unless we're serious about putting in the time and effort- to intentionally teach the faith to our children- things may not turn out how we had hoped. But by the time we realize that... it's usually too late. That's why we have to redeem this time of their lives while we can.

And we also have to be honest with ourselves about the fact that the public schools are not always helpful in those efforts. There may be plenty of wonderful, godly public-school teachers who are striving to faithfully carry out the vocations into which God has placed before them. But they're also forced by the State to teach things that are clearly contrary to God's Word... and even hostile to it. Over time, the "separation of Church and State" has really become "the State vs. the Church". In many ways, the "separation of Church and State" has evolved into a battle between Church and State. Thankfully, there are still faithful Christians serving in public schools, doing incredible work for Christ and His children.

If only those teachers were the majority! When my son got back from Lutheran Island Camp, I asked him what he learned. The first thing he said was, "That my teachers have been lying to me." Wow. I was shocked... until he explained that he was talking about evolution. (If you don't already know, LIC has some wonderful resources that reinforce the Biblical teaching of Creationism... and show evolution to be the lie of Satan that it is). Well, how many parents have the time to listen to what their kids learned in school... and then talk with them to correct whatever errors they might have heard? Wouldn't it be

so much easier: if parents could know that their kids were always getting true, godly stuff... along with reading, writing and arithmetic?

Now, what does this have to do with "Life"? Part of the reason that our pro-life message is not being heard, is because of the anti-life messages that kids are getting in their schools. I'm not just talking about abortion. I'm talking about end-of-life issues. Gender issues. Racial issues. Issues related to dating, sexual purity and marriage. Issues related to parenting. All of these issues are addressed by Scripture; and, in God's Word, He tells us how we should view these issues. But very little of what the Bible says is reflected in public school lessons. When it comes to most of these issues, there is only one side that is being presented in most public schools. And that "side" is almost always contrary to what God says about them in His Word.

Now, I'm (relatively) new to the MN North District. Therefore, I have to confess that I'm completely ignorant about what kinds of efforts have gone on in the past. But whatever has been done- and is still being done- it's not enough. We have to keep trying to find new ways to give our children the best foundation for their lives that we can give them. If you can't start (or support) a Lutheran school: then strive to strengthen the Sunday school, VBS and Youth programs in your church. Or, if you have school-aged children, consider starting a "homeschool" group. These groups are made up of multiple families, who pool their resources to give their children a good, well-rounded education that remains grounded in God's Word.

Last year I was blessed to be able to homeschool my youngest son. What a blessing it was to be able to start off each day with a chapel service... and then use the Bible and Catechism to teach him history, reading, writing, science and even some math. Not everyone can do that, of course. But, hopefully, we can all do something: to give more children a chance to learn in a Christ-centered environment! This IS a life issue, especially since these formative years are the foundation upon which the future (and eternal) lives of our children are being built! Whatever we're able to do: may God bless it and use it to His glory and for the good of His Church!

Whatever is Lovely

THE ROLE OF BEAUTY IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

31ST ANNUAL THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM: WHATEVER IS LOVELY SEPTEMBER 21-22

Early registration is now open for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis' 31st annual theological symposium: "Whatever is Lovely: The Role of Beauty in Theology and Ministry." The much-anticipated symposium was put on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic. The 2021 event will offer both in-person and online options.

Thought-provoking plenaries and sectionals will help participants explore the possibilities of beauty for the life of the church and its witness in a world that still longs for redemption. Participants will discover how the arts can enrich ministry, inspire hope, and surprise with joy.

[MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION](#)

BEST PRACTICES HEARTLAND | SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2021

Be sure to register soon for Best Practices Heartland, taking place September 19-21, at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI! With the goal of helping other congregations most effectively use their God-given gifts, the conference is free of charge to all who attend. Participants are greeted with warm hospitality, great speakers, and practical workshops. [Register now!](#)

RURAL FIELD SEMINAR | SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Join us in person at St. John's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD or online at the Rural Field Seminar [Facebook page](#) for a one-day event for Pastors and Lay members of congregations in rural communities to intentionally develop and cultivate corporate habits that reflect Christ's care and concern in the congregation and community.

Register by emailing Cindy at cindyj@stpaulsaberdeen.org
OR Call Cindy at 605.225.1847. Cost FREE (Suggested donation of \$20)



Rural Field
Seminar 2021

BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY CONFERENCE | FEB 17-19, 2022

It has been some time since the last [Best Practices for Ministry Conference](#) was held! Ministry remains, but many congregations have discovered that best practices in their settings have changed following a global pandemic and time of lockdown.

The BPM organizers are currently accepting proposals for session speakers until September 7. Exhibitor space is free (four feet) but must be applied for by October 15. Participant registration will open in September. All info about BPM 2022 can be found at cclphoenix.org/bpm-resources.

Using Wealth Wisely: INSIGHT FROM PROVERBS

August 17, 2021 | 2pm-5pm | \$25 | online or in-person
Dr. Reed Lessing | Concordia University, St. Paul
Register at csp.edu/center-for-biblical-studies



[The Center for Biblical Studies](#) at Concordia University invites you to participate in *Using Wealth Wisely: Insight from Proverbs* on August 17 from 2-5pm.

This half-day seminar is designed to resource pastors and lay-leaders for conducting a successful three-week stewardship program. *Participants will receive three sermons and orders of worship—along with interrelated Bible Studies.* The \$25 fee also includes PowerPoint slides and a recording of the session.

Plan now to learn what Proverbs says about saving money, the dangers of consumer debt, financial generosity, and the like.

[Click here to register](#) (in-person or online via Zoom).

Here's a list of future offerings as well. The center's [website](#) also features articles and publications as a resource for preaching, teaching, and living.

The Word Became Flesh: An Advent Series on John 1:1-18

October 22, 2021 | 1-5pm | \$25

Following Christ to the Cross: A Lenten Series on the People in John's Gospel

January 14, 2022 | 9am-2pm | \$30

The Book of Jonah: On a Tough Mission for a Tender God

March 19, 2022 | 9am-3pm | \$20



The Rock in Shifting Sands

**SAVE
THE DATE**
OCT. 11-13, 2021

Making
Disciples
for Life

What does it take to be a faithful church amid a turbulent culture? This is the central question that will be discussed at the *Making Disciples for Life (MDFL)* fall conference, set for Oct. 11–13, 2021. The conference, which will be held in St. Louis and online, will have the theme of “The Rock in Shifting Sands.”

The conference will feature three tracks focusing on:

- Church and state, Christian citizenship, religious liberty
- Critical theory, its manifestations and how the church should respond
- Discipleship, Christian education, lifelong catechesis

[Click here for more information](#)

Lutheran Mission Association (LMA) originated in International Falls, MN in 2002 for the purpose of helping the fledgling churches in northern Haiti. They work exclusively with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti, which is in altar and pulpit fellowship with LCMS. Since the first church was planted there in 2001, eight congregations with Lutheran schools have been established in the area. There is need for a church/school building in DonDon, a city of 25,000. The cost of the building is \$140,000. You can learn about LMA and the proposal and details on the website, LMAMNN.org. The proposal for the DonDon church/school is linked on the first page of the website. LMA's financial secretary is Mrs. Karen Lueth, 33879 Co 4, Park Rapids, MN 56470 and donations can be sent to her.

LCEF CHURCH WORKER STEWARD ACCOUNT

Have you opened a Church Worker Steward account through LCEF yet? This program is for all church workers, not just rostered workers. You can open the Steward account with as little as \$100 and you can earn 1.5% interest up to \$10,000. Use the debit card for purchases or write checks from that account. This is a special offering open only to church workers. Learn more by viewing the [introduction video](#). Ask me how to open your account by sending me an e-mail at jeff.lee@lcef.org or give me a call at 218-829-1781.

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MISSIONARY MINUTES



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND SCHOOL, COTTON TREE LIBERIA

The MN North District continues to partner with Good Shepherd in sharing the Gospel with the people of Liberia. Good Shepherd suffered the loss of its Associate Pastor to the COVID-19 virus in June. Please keep the entire church and school family in your prayers. 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 (a 2021 graduate of Concordia Academy, Roseville, MN) are also studying in the US with plans to return to Liberia to use their education. Donations (specifically designate on the memo line) can be sent to: MN North District, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401.

DR. JIM AND SUSAN KAISER are excited to extend the partnership between Lutheran Bible Translators and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). Jim 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](#).



PROJECT 24 & CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN - KENYA

Project 24 Kenya started between the LCMS Office of International Mission and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. It provides boarding facilities so vulnerable children have the opportunity to successfully complete primary or secondary school. Holidays are over, and we are glad to welcome the children back to the sites. Wishing them the best as they start a new academic year. Total Number of Students at the P24 sites: 190 children; Number of Students Sponsored as to date: 136. Find Project 24 on Facebook [HERE](#). 1000 letters have been written between sponsors and children since 2017. Sponsor a child [HERE](#).



PUERTO RICO FORO The team in Puerto Rico continues to share the Gospel with the people of Mayaguez and Ponce. One way we shared about Jesus this month was through our Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Explorer's Club. The team in Puerto Rico hosted a campamento or VBS that started on July 9th. It was held for three consecutive Fridays in Ponce and Saturdays in Mayaguez as well as online. We had over 30 kids join us between both locations and online! Reach out to Ruth and Gusatvo Maita at ruth.maita@lcms.org. Adam Lehman, his wife, Christine, and their children,

Hannah, Noah, Abigail, and Jonah have officially joined the Puerto Rico Mission Team. Check out their missionary page [HERE](#)! Contribute to the **FORO**. Read James & Christel Neuendorf's latest newsletter [HERE](#). Follow the teams on Facebook [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) or visit their websites: [Prince of Peace](#) and [Fountain of Life](#).



REV. DR. DAN & DR. JOAN JASTRAM Pastor Jastram is the Asia Lutheran Resource Coordinator: Making Lutheran resources of theology and worship available in all of Asia. The Jastrams will be in Minnesota and South Dakota in late July and early August. Please contact us at daniel.jastram@lcms.org if an in-person visit seems feasible for your congregation during that time. Learn more about their work [HERE](#). Become a partner [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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 30-31, 2021	Circuit Visitors Conference, District Office
Sept 19-21, 2021	Fall Pastors Conference, Lutheran Island Camp
Sept 23-25, 2021	Church Worker Wives Retreat, Lutheran Island Camp
September 25, 2021	Lutheran Layman's League Annual Conference, Zion Lutheran Church, Hoffman, MN Rev. Fred Hinz, District Public Policy Advocate
Sept 26-27, 2021	MN North District BOD Meeting, District Office
October 12, 2021	LWML District BOD Meeting, District Office
December 5-6, 2021	MN North District BOD Meeting, District Office
January 11, 2021	LWML District BOD Meeting, District Office
Jan 31—Feb 1, 2022	Circuit Visitors Conference, Lutheran Island Camp
Feb 13-14, 2022	MN North District BOD Meeting, District Office
April 2, 2022	Floor Committee Meetings, District Office
May 9-11, 2022 MN	North District Convention, Brainerd

ANNIVERSARIES AND CELEBRATIONS

Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN will celebrate their 125th Anniversary with special events on September 11-12, 2021.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Baxter, MN will celebrate their 40th Anniversary on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

CLASSIFIEDS

St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Corcoran, MN (Northwest Twin Cities) is hiring a full-time Business Manager. This position will serve St. John's by providing leadership on business issues including financial, accounting, office, human resources, property and grounds, and strategy. See stjlutheranchurch.org/jobs for further information or to apply.

Little Lambs Preschool is seeking an energetic Teacher. Little Lambs, a ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hinckley, provides a Christian-based preschool education opportunity operating 2 days per week with sessions in the AM. Potential candidates must meet MN DHS Rule 3 guidelines for experience and/or education, and pass required background check. Orientation with director will be provided. This is a part-time position. Resume and cover letter highlighting interest, experience, and credentials should be emailed to Rebecca at littlelambsstpaul2@gmail.com

St. John's Lutheran Church in Grey Eagle has 46 (good condition), 97 (repaired) and 12 newer edition Lutheran Worship Hymnals (blue) as well as 2 Organist books, 1 large print Hymnal, and 1 large print Liturgy book available. Take as many as you need or wish. Contact Pastor Bitz: 320-429-1684.



MN NORTH RESOURCES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MN North District Convention has been rescheduled to May 9-11, 2022 at Madden's in Brainerd. Information regarding the continued nomination and registration process will be available this fall.



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Main Street Living continues to reach out with televised worship services in the Twin Cities, Fargo and Sioux Falls markets. Visit mainstreetliving.com



MSL Northland is reaching out to a large audience in the Duluth Market every week. Visit mslnorthland.com



Owing to yet another special session of the Minnesota State Legislature, the end of June marked the culmination of both the State of Minnesota 2021 Legislative Session and the 2020-21 U.S. Supreme Court Term. What follows is a concise report on those issues in which the LCMS has taken an interest. Find more on the blog [HERE](#).



CALL UPDATE

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT—Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

CALLS ACCEPTED

ELY/BABBITT, First/Good Shepherd - Candidate Zachariah Burgdorf accepted the Call. Installation 8/22/21.

EDEN VALLEY, St Paul - Rev. Ben Hollingsead accepted the Call. Installation 9/12/21.

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

AKELEY, St. John

ALBANY, Immanuel (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. David Steege)

ALEXANDRIA, Good Shepherd (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. James Walburg)

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

ESKO, St. Matthews (Associate) - Called Rev. Michael Giddings, Fargo, ND.

FERGUS FALLS, Trinity - Called Rev. Christopher Lieske, Monticello, MN.

GARRISON, Shepherd of the Lake (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Tom Petersen)

HENNING, St. Paul (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Ron Jobe)

HERMANTOWN, Peace in Christ (Associate)

LITTLE FALLS, Zion

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

RED LAKE FALLS/PLUMMER, St. John/Redeemer (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Dan Domke)

SUPERIOR, Christ (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Gerald Bernecker) - Called Rev. Christopher Lieske, Monticello, MN.

WHEATON/MONSON, St. John/Immanuel (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. George Sagissor, III)

OTHER CALLS AND CHANGES

Rev. Tim Renstrom (Braham) received a Call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Leadville, CO.

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CHANGES

HERMANTOWN, Peace in Christ - Called DCE Taylor Wheeler, Pueblo CO. She accepted the Call.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Rev. Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf celebrating the birth of a son, Apollos James, on July 31, 2021.

Rev. Carl Berner (Bethlehem, Herman), diagnosed with cancer.

Rev. David Franzmeier (em. Cambridge), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Larry Harvala (em. Osage), undergoing diagnosis and treatment for a health concern.

Mrs. Sharon Hendrickson, wife of Rev. Ray Hendrickson (em. Nashwuak) recovering after a broken leg.

Rev. Dr. Bernie & Dr. Ellie Lutz (em. Woodbury), dealing with COVID.

Rev. Roger Krebs (em. Parkers Prairie), recovering at home.

Rev. Bruce Blocker (Immanuel, McIntosh), recovering after back surgery.

Rev. Martin Langemo (em. Princeton), recovering after a fall.

Rev. Marvin Blaske (em. Milaca), dealing with shingles.

George Miller, dealing with severe back pain.

Jamesetta Kollie, daughter of Rev. James Kollie (Good Shepherd, Cotton Tree, Liberia), dealing with serious health issues.

Rev. Bob Brueske (em. Alexandria), recovering after surgery.

Katie Hannasch, daughter of Rev. Steve Meltzer (St. John, Wadena), undergoing cancer treatment.

Rev. Robin Collins (Trinity, Staples), recovering after a stroke.

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

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), dealing with diabetes related 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.

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

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

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

Jenny Schoessow, wife of Rev. David Schoessow (em. 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.

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., Hamburg NY), both dealing with health issues.

MN North District Seminary Students:

Paul Anderson, Cambridge, studying at CSL

Jordan DeBoer, Crookston, studying at CTSFW

Erik Saunders, Grand Marais, studying at CTSFW

Carl Seim, Elk River, SMP student at CSL

Bruce Maul, Vergas, SMP student at CSL

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

Pre-seminary student Jacob Franck, son of Rev. Rob & Gayle Franck, completed basic training for the Army Reserves.

LT Geoffrey Gronewold, Active Duty Chaplain, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Captain Vincent Bain, Active Duty Chaplain, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Lt. Aaron Bell, son-in-law of Pastor Tom and Mary Brinkley, Active Duty Chaplain, US Navy Camp Pendleton

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, US Army

1st Lt Michaela Biegner-Wentz, granddaughter of Rev. Paul and Joan Biegner, Virginia Beach, VA

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, US 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, National Guard

Private Chris Peske, son of Rev. Mark and Sharon Peske, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

Private Matt Peske, son of Rev. Mark and Sharon Peske, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

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 Rev. Kevin Zellers, Jr.—St. Peter's, Swanville	2 Rev. Jack Baumgarn— Emeritus, New London	3 Rev. Leland Bendix—Emeritus, Elk River	4
5	6 Rev. Gerald Bernecker— Emeritus, Duluth	7 Rev. Paul Biegner— Emeritus, Brainerd	8 Rev. Marvin Blaske—Emeritus, Milaca	9 Rev. Gordon Bock—Emeritus, Wheaton	10 Rev. Dr. David Bode—Emeritus, Perham	11
12	13 Rev. Richard Boehnke—Emeritus, Perham	14 Rev. Steven Breitbarth— Emeritus, Hibbing	15 Rev. Dr. Dennis Brostrom—Emeritus, Silver Bay	16 Rev. Robert Brueske—Emeritus, Alexandria	17 Rev. Joel Brutlag— Emeritus, Duluth	18
19	20 Rev. Dr. Mark Buchhop— Emeritus, Detroit Lakes	21 Rev. Larry Cain— Emeritus, Cromwell	22 Rev. Ron Carnicom— Emeritus, Hackensack	23 Rev. David Cloeter—Emeritus, Ottetail	24 Rev. Paul Cloeter— Emeritus, Sauk Rapids	25
26	27 Rev. Dane Compton— Emeritus, Garfield	28 Rev. Gerald Creighton— Emeritus, Pierz	29 Rev. Daniel Domke—Emeritus, Bemidji	30 Rev. Victor Dorn— Emeritus, St. Cloud		

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