“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:1-2 nIV

Have you ever gone “over the top” in gift giving? Maybe for a spouse, child or parent? When we do that, it might be considered overly generous, but giving such a gift is a pleasure! It doesn’t work for me to buy a present for my wife too early because

I am anxious to give it and often “jump the gun” in giving it early.

God’s generosity to us in giving the first “Christmas gift” at Bethlehem is way over the top. It is more than we could ever have expected or even imagined, but it is exactly what we needed. It was and is generous, has defined our identity and established our eternal destiny. In the cross of Christ, we glory we learn a generosity that leads us to know the excitement of giving.

I don’t know if your Sunday-morning offerings “burn a hole in your pocket” while you wait for the plate, but I do hope that your gifts to God and the Church are a joy and privilege for you that grow out of an understanding of God’s generosity to you.

Rev. Daniel May
District President

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the Church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”

— LCMS definition of stewardship

Rev. Daniel P. May
The Lutheran Foundation (TLF) maintains a rich history of awarding grants to Lutheran ministries and community organizations with the goal of improving and enhancing quality of life for all. In 2013, The Lutheran Foundation board and CEO Marcia Haaff sharpened their community focus by asking a pivotal question: “What are the gaps in services in the community and how can The Lutheran Foundation be an intentional and impactful investor?”

The Lutheran Foundation, as we know it today, was formed in 1995 following the sale of Lutheran Hospital on West Jefferson Boulevard in Fort Wayne. The sale generated $137 million, which formed the corpus of the foundation. TLF serves 10 counties in northeast Indiana and has awarded more than $162 million since its inception. The vision is to promote spiritual, mental, and physical well-being for all people.

“The foundation recognizes the importance of being good stewards with these resources that belong to God,” says Rev. Dr. Dennis Goff, director of Ministry Programs. “The Lutheran Foundation works to conscientiously manage those resources well.”

The Lutheran Foundation has two focus areas: Partnering with the Lutheran Community (PLC) and Building a Healthier Community (BHC). PLC includes 95 Lutheran congregations, 18 Lutheran schools and more than a dozen Lutheran ministries. Two-thirds of the churches served are LCMS congregations.

One way the Foundation encourages good stewardship among the Lutheran schools is through the establishment of the Matching Endowment Program. Since 2009, TLF has strongly encouraged all 18 schools to raise new funds each year that will be matched by The Lutheran Foundation and placed in an endowment. TLF’s goal with this is to help schools with long-term financial sustainability.

The foundation also awards grants to organizations throughout northeast Indiana. For example, the foundation studied community needs and found that less than 1 percent of area resources were funding mental- and behavioral-health and wellness. A 10-county assessment study further revealed a lack of essential resources, limited access to care and significant stigmas related to mental- and behavioral-health needs. In response, the foundation is investing in the development of the online resource lookupindiana.org, which is designed to connect people with mental- and behavioral-health providers, information and resources.

With a focus on critical issues such as mental and behavioral health and the advancement of mission and ministry, The Lutheran Foundation exemplifies that wisely stewarding God’s resources can benefit the community in powerful ways as they seek to heal our community with hope.
For five weeks, they spend time learning from professional photographers, artists, musicians, writers, martial artists and others while also receiving tutoring from educators and training in life skills from mentors. It’s the annual Summer Enrichment for Learning Program, a joint effort of the Gary Historical and Cultural Society (GHCS) and St. John’s.

As part of its continuing work of Witness, Mercy, Life Together, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod — at the urging of the Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, director of LCMS Black Ministry, and the Rev. Delwyn Campbell, Strategic Mission Developer for Gary — provided a $1,500 grant to help enrich the lives of low- to moderate-income children and youth in this city that has suffered from the loss of property-tax revenue for the Gary Community School Corporation.

Contributing to this loss of revenue is increased competition for venerable U.S. Steel Corp., which operates a steel mill in Gary; continuing family migration from the city; leading to a decline in public-school enrollment; and competition from charter schools for the limited funds remaining. These factors have made it extremely difficult for the school district to continue to provide fine arts and other educational programs that were once a standard component for students in grades kindergarten through 12 and a beacon to the nation.

To overcome these losses, Dharathula Millender, GHCS founder, created the summer program. When she passed away on Christmas Day 2015, her daughter, Naomi, picked up the drum-major’s baton and pressed forward with help from members of her congregation and local professionals who wanted to give back to the community.

The summer program offers classes for youth, ages 6 to 14, who are residents of Gary. Other children may participate, but a donation is requested. The youth can choose up to four free classes in arts and crafts, drawing, violin, trumpet, trombone, drums, cello, flute, photography, anger management, oral speaking, creative writing, social-living skills, local history and African-American history. Students are required to take one hour of daily math and reading-skills review. Lunch is provided daily by Gary’s Youth Services Bureau at no cost.

When asked why she does this every summer, Naomi Millender said: “We all want to see children and youth develop into positive citizens. This is the goal of most programs for young people. So how do we prepare them for this? Short-term outcomes are to introduce children and youth to the above enrichment classes in a ‘fun and learning’ summer environment, and to develop their interests in areas that are not often available to low- to moderate-income families. The long-term outcome is to develop within them an interest in a particular area that they would want to continue in and develop advanced skill in. Our GHCS enrichment programs for young people are programmed to prepare them to become positive citizens who are welcomed at any table because they bring something to the table.”

The mission of GHCS, a nonprofit, 501c(3) organization, is to enrich the lives of Gary citizens of all ages by offering a wide assortment of cultural, historical and educational programs that preserve and promote local history and culture, improve access to educational opportunities, teach respect for ethnic diversity, develop future “positive citizens” and promote pride and respect. Since its founding in 1976, GHCS, along with the summer program, has developed and/or currently sponsors the Free Saturday School for The Arts, the Gary Civic Symphony Orchestra, community forums, the annual Sharing Our Ethnic Histories and Cultures, Museum Day Live! (hosted by Smithsonian magazine), annual children’s concerts, the Christmas dinner concert, Gary history celebration and writing workshops.

GHCS has developed a number of key partnerships. Since 1984, GHCS has maintained the “first” building in Gary, The Gary Land Company, as a museum and visitor’s center for the city.
October Prayer List

**Week of October 2**
- Texas District
- Circuit 6
- Trinity, Auburn
- Immanuel, Avilla
- St. John, Columbia City
- Zion, Columbia City
- Zion, Corunna
- Clear Lake, Fremont
- Lake George, Fremont
- Zion, Garrett
- St. John, Kendallville
- Shepherd by the Lakes, Syracuse
- Messiah, Wolcottville
- Living Water, Wolf Lake
- **Mission:** Immigrant Ministry, Concordia, Fort Wayne
- **RSO:** Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

**Week of October 9**
- Wyoming District
- Circuit 11
- Trinity, Culver
- Trinity, Goodland
- Grace, Lafayette
- St. James, Lafayette
- St. James, Logansport
- Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Monticello
- St. John, Rensselaer
- St. Luke, Rensselaer
- St. James, Reynolds
- St. John, Rochester
- Redeemer, West Lafayette
- University, West Lafayette
- **Mission:** Inner City Ministry, Concordia, Fort Wayne
- **RSO:** Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

**Week of October 16**
- Atlantic District
- Circuit 19
- St. John, Aurora
- St. Paul, Columbus
- Bethany, Connorsville
- St. Paul, Cross Plains
- Trinity, Dillsboro
- St. John, Farmers Retreat
- Bethlehem, Greendale
- Holy Trinity, Greensburg
- Faith, Madison
- **Mission:** Gypsy Ministry, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

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**Schools join together to support Lutheran South Unity**

At Lutheran South Unity School, the mascot is the phoenix, a mythical creature that rises from the ashes to soar again. It is a fitting emblem for a school that is reviving private, Christian education on the south side of Fort Wayne.

Eleven Lutheran schools in the area have pledged help to Lutheran South Unity, committing financial resources to a sister school.

“The idea that 11 Lutheran schools decided to donate to our school — that’s phenomenal,” says Maurice King, director of development. “They stepped up to the plate and saw the need.”

In the past, Lutheran schools have joined forces to work on service projects such as Kids Against Hunger and Phil’s Friends. This year, the principal of another Lutheran school suggested supporting Lutheran South Unity as a joint project. Donations from the schools have ranged from a few hundred dollars to $3,000, with many of those donations coming from students’ chapel offerings.

“Lutherans see the need for having a school on the south side,” King adds. “There’s just not enough space at the other Lutheran schools to absorb all our students. Someone would be left on the outside looking in. If we develop a connection in sharing a need, then we can count on each other. That all ties into what we’re trying to teach the kids. No matter how limited your resources, you need to help someone else.”

Jon Dize, director of advancement for The Lutheran Schools Partnership says, “It has been inspiring for me to see our schools’ leadership recognize the need with a fellow school and be willing to fill it. That is true philanthropy.”

Lutheran South Unity School serves an ethnically diverse group of students of all levels of achievement. Though students have in the past sometimes struggled with standardized testing, in 2016, students demonstrated remarkable academic growth and proficiency on the ISTEP test (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress) — enough to earn the school a “B” from the state of Indiana.

By joining forces and pooling resources, 11 peer schools are helping Lutheran South Unity continue to serve families in the community. Like the phoenix, the school is rising above its circumstances, continuing to provide a stimulating learning environment that fosters academic growth in all students.

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This article appears on the Lutheran South Unity School website, lsusfw.org.
Tell the story

By Rev. Timothy Sims

Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive, not for ourselves, but for one another.

This statement connects us to one spirit and purpose in the LCMS Indiana District. Or as Paul puts it so well:

“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”
— Eph. 4:4-6

This month we are grateful to Martin Luther for helping us realize that our lives are all about the grace of God in Christ Jesus that makes us a part of a community of believers that we call the Church. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we rejoice in our work together for the sake of the Gospel.

It is our privilege at the district office to “encourage and assist” the congregations of the Indiana District as they “nurture your people, and reach out to the lost.” As part of our new district initiative, we have begun to share stories that illustrate how we work together by our giving to the Lord for the purpose of sharing the Good News of Christ with the people of Indiana and Kentucky.

Reaching out to the lost in Richmond, Ky., a new school in Gary, and what’s happening at University Lutheran at Purdue, Lutheran South Unity School in Fort Wayne and in downtown Indianapolis are just a few of the stories that will be told to help us realize how united we are in Christ and how many opportunities there are to work together in “joyful response to the Gospel.”

Watch for our monthly publications that will provide you with all kinds of stories about our work together as a district. Look for them by email, in newsletters and church bulletins, websites (including Facebook) and postal mail. It is our prayer that the Spirit will motivate us to gather and share our resources so that we can make known the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation wherever you are and join all of us in the Indiana District in moving forward in the name of Christ.

Rev. Sims is former president of the Indiana District and a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven.

October Prayer Prayer List (cont’d)

Week of October 16 (cont’d)
› RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne/Kendallville

Week of October 23
› California-Nevada-Hawaii District
› Circuit 3
› St. Paul, Chesterton
› St. Paul, Kouts
› Immanuel, Michigan City
› St. Paul, Otis
› St. Peter, Portage
› Faith Memorial, Valparaiso
› Heritage, Valparaiso
› Immanuel, Valparaiso
› Prince of Peace, Valparaiso
› Trinity, Westville

Mission: Japanese Ministry, Trinity, Indianapolis

› RSO: Lutheran Military Vets and Families, Fort Wayne

Week of October 30
› Central Illinois District
› Circuit 7
› Faith, Churubusco
› Suburban Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
› Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
› Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
› Praise, Fort Wayne
› St. Augustine, Fort Wayne
› St. Paul, Fort Wayne
› Trinity, Fort Wayne
› Our Hope, Huntertown

Mission: Hispanic Ministry, Emmaus, Indianapolis

› RSO: Lutheran Ministries Media, Fort Wayne

I URGE, THEN, FIRST OF ALL, THAT PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE...

1 TIM. 2:1 (NIV)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please add these important dates for both informational and exciting events to your personal calendar.

OCTOBER
1  Reformation Celebration, St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
11-13  Best Practices Heartland, Columbus
12-16  Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
21  Reformation Presentation, Zion, Fort Wayne
23-25  Fall Pastors’ Conference, Marriott Indianapolis East
29  Gary Circuit
Reformation Celebration, Trinity–Crown Point

31  500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

NOVEMBER
1-3  Luther Hostel
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
2-5  Christ Academy College and Peobe Academy
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
5-7  Good Shepherd Institute Conference, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
9-11  National Rural and Small Town Mission Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 1
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Ann Wickizer, 96
St. Peter, North Judson
Wendy Matson, 94
Immanuel, Avilla

OCTOBER 2
Eloise Elam, 95
St. Paul's, Evansville
Lorna Kukelhan, 90
Zion, Decatur

OCTOBER 4
Lillian Schlenker, 93
Trinity, Darmstadt

OCTOBER 5
Elaine Goller, 91
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Betty Messer, 90
St. John, Vincennes

OCTOBER 7
Bernie Biberdorf, 91
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 9
Elaine Goller, 91
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Betty Messer, 90
St. John, Vincennes

OCTOBER 10
Bette Spray, 94
Concordia, Evansville

OCTOBER 11
Dorothy Meyer, 94

OCTOBER 12
Mae Schneider, 92
Immanuel, Seymour
Lucile Stoppenhagen, 92
Zion, Friedheim
Mayes Pierce, 90
Concordia, Louisville

OCTOBER 14
Walter Nielsen, 92
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Helen Pickett, 92
Zion, Fort Wayne
Betty Mellencamp, 90
St. Peter’s, Brownstown

OCTOBER 15
Edna Hallow, 96
Immanuel, Seymour

OCTOBER 16
Irene Watkins, 95
Concordia, Evansville
Leola Reiohlel, 91
Zion, Garrett

OCTOBER 17
Norbert Molthan, 90
St. John, Monroeville

OCTOBER 18
Bernita Amm, 96
St. Peter, North Judson
Dorothy Carotta, 94
Epiphany, Westfield

OCTOBER 19
Robert Woempner, 95
Calvary, Indianapolis
Ludella Conrad, 91
Zion, Friedheim

OCTOBER 21
Calvin Schultz, 97
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Dorothy Carotta, 94
Epiphany, Westfield

OCTOBER 22
Lois Freda, 91
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Louise Nahrwold, 90
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 26
Nelleta Reidenbach, 93
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 27
Marie Keith, 99
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 28
Helen Schleibaum, 94
Immanuel, Seymour
Kenneth Lang, 92
Trinity Memorial, Merrillville
Dorothy “Dot” Mills, 91
Our Redeemer, Evansville

OCTOBER 29
Lillie Girton, 94
St. John, Indianapolis

OCTOBER 30
Blanche Madsen, 95
St. Peter, North Judson

SEPTEMBER
2  Madeline Rother, 90
Emmanuel, Dudleytown

SEPTEMBER 30
Nellie Franck, 94
St. Peter’s, Brownstown

SEPTEMBER 30
Virginia Brewer, 94
St. Peter’s, Brownstown

BELATED BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 25
Jeanette Stofft, 92
Emmanuel, Tell City

SEPTEMBER 2
Lindell Rother, 90
Emmanuel, Dudleytown
Congratulations St. Paul’s, Indianapolis!

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, will celebrate its 175th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 12. The 9:30 a.m. service will be held at Lutheran High School, 5555 Arlington Ave.

The congregation is honored and privileged that the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard, son of the congregation and president of Concordia University Chicago, will be guest preacher. A German dinner will follow the service.

For more information, contact St. Paul’s at 317-787-4464 or stpaulsindy@gmail.com.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 1
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meyer, 80
St. John’s, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 7
Mr. & Mrs. James Hilt, 51
St. John, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Niedenthal, 51
St. John, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 8
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schultz, 54
Grace, New Albany

SEPTEMBER 9
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kamman, 56
SEPTEMBER 3
SEPTEMBER 15
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hackman, 59
St. John’s, White Creek

SEPTEMBER 16
Mr. & Mrs. John Kuhlmeyer, 59
St. John, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 17
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Riemer, 52
St. John, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 19
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Elmer, 60
St. Peter’s, Brownstown
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Murphy, 54
St. Paul’s, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 20
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Korte, 56
Zion, Woodburn
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rowe, 56
Concordia, Louisville
Mr. & Mrs. Farrell Sullivan, 56
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. James Kenworthy, 50
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 21
Mr. & Mrs. Genie Thiele, 57
Zion, Woodburn
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rowe, 56
Concordia, Louisville
Mr. & Mrs. Farrell Sullivan, 56
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. James Kenworthy, 50
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 22
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Morgan, 68
St. Paul’s, Evansville
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Stilger, 68
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Walton, 67
St. Matthew’s, Delphi
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Polley, 62
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. George Marlow, 51
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Stafford, 51
Immanuel, Avilla

SEPTEMBER 23
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Hoffman, 62
Redeemer, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. David White, 50
Trinity-Darmstadt
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Polley, 62
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. George Marlow, 51
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Stafford, 51
Immanuel, Avilla

SEPTEMBER 24
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Bosse, 63
Our Redeemer, Evansville
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Springer, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 1
Mr. & Mrs. James Hilt, 51
St. John, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Niedenthal, 51
St. John, Indianapolis

OCTOBER 2
Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Keaahagen, 62
St. John’s, White Creek
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wente, 52
OCTOBER 3
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Arney, 62
St. Matthew’s, Delphi
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hollis, 53
Trinity (Decatur Rd.), Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Streib, 53
Calvary, Indianapolis

OCTOBER 4
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hegerfeld
65, St. John, Monroeville
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hill, 53
Good Shepherd, Franklin

OCTOBER 5
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Shireman, 61
Grace, New Albany

OCTOBER 6
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Caruso, 56
St. John, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Gallmeyer, 55
St. Paul’s, Preble, Decatur

OCTOBER 7
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Franke, 63
Zion, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. Les Lalmoff, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

OCTOBER 8
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Riemer, 52
St. John, Indianapolis

OCTOBER 9
Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Blank, 52
St. John, Indianapolis

OCTOBER 10
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Wohlschlegel, 65
Faith, Louisville
Mr. & Mrs. Fred McGuire, 61
Our Redeemer, Knox
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Handschy, 59
Calvary, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Braukhoff, 53
St. Paul’s, Evansville

OCTOBER 11
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Diederich, 65
Zion, Garrett
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Weidie, 53

Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. Denver Bohl, 50
Zion, Seymour

OCTOBER 12
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Bruck, 61
St. Paul’s, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Myers, 60
St. John, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schultz, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

OCTOBER 13
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Conrad, 61
Trinity (Decatur Rd.), Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 14
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Maschino, 57
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Miesen, 51
Redeemer, Louisville
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Swanson, 50
St. Paul’s, Bremen

OCTOBER 15
Mr. & Mrs. Horner Holland, 69
Redeemer, Louisville
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wallace, 62
St. Peter, North Judson
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Hatfield, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Korff, 57
Trinity-Darmstadt

OCTOBER 16
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Bosse, 63
Our Redeemer, Evansville
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Springer, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 17
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Niederbaumer, 53
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Peters, 53
St. John’s, White Creek
Mr. & Mrs. Ed White, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

OCTOBER 18
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Teukler, 64
St. Peter’s, Brownstown
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin, Christopher, 58
Emmanuel, Dudleytown

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Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Peters, 53
St. John’s, White Creek
Mr. & Mrs. Ed White, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

OCTOBER 24
Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Conrad, 58
St John, Lanesville

OCTOBER 25
Mr. & Mrs. David Baxter, 53
Redeemer, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. William Ferguson, 53
Redeemer, Seymour

OCTOBER 26
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kehlbeck, 65
Calvary, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Meyer, 59
St. John’s, White Creek

OCTOBER 27
Mr. & Mrs. Tom James, 61
Our Redeemer, Evansville
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Springer, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

OCTOBER 28
Mr. & Mrs. Tom James, 61
Cornerstone, Carmel
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Heid, 56
Calvary, Indianapolis

OCTOBER 29
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cleveland, 62
Our Redeemer, Knox
Mr. & Mrs. James Paul, 62
Zion, Kokomo
Mr. & Mrs. Ernst Roehm, 61
Cornerstone, Carmel

OCTOBER 30
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Ford, 63
Zion, Seymour

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AUGUST 20
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Kosheva, 57
Redeemer, Louisville

SEPTEMBER 3
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kamman, 56
Zion, Seymour

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St. Peter’s, Brownstown

SEPTEMBER 15
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Poor, 66
Trinity (Decatur Rd.), Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 24
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bredick, 51
Zion, Kokomo

SEPTEMBER 30
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Sterling, 54
St. Peter’s, Brownstown
SPECIAL EVENTS

OFFICIAL NOTICE:
2018 Indiana District Convention

The 22nd Convention of The Indiana District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held June 14–15, 2018, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne.

One pastoral delegate and one lay delegate from each of the voting congregations of the district will have opportunity to hear reports from various entities of the Synod and district, as well as vote on matters coming before the convention. The delegates will also have the opportunity to elect district officers for the coming triennium (2018-21).

All district congregations have received a mailing with pertinent information and forms. This information is also available at in.lcms.org. Visit the site for news and updated information.

Please keep the convention in your prayers.

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Do you have exciting news you’d like to see published in the Indiana District Lutheran Witness? We’d love to share your news and see photos of what’s happening in our district! Be sure to send in your submissions.

The deadline for the December issue of The Lutheran Witness is Oct. 12.

Your stories and photos are welcomed and most appreciated. Please send all submissions to Jan Koenig at jan.koenig@in.lcms.org or by postal mail to:

Lutheran Witness Editor
Indiana District LCMS
1145 South Barr St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Please remember that photos sent electronically should be in high resolution, with a minimum of 300 dpi.

Two special events, one purpose

Please keep both of these conferences in your prayers as we learn and have fellowship in “One in Spirit and Purpose.”

Best Practices Heartland
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Columbus, will host the Best Practices for Ministry Heartland Oct. 11–13. Keynote speakers are Jock and Gail Ficken of Pastoral Leadership Institute and the Rev. Eric Trickey, senior pastor of St. Paul, Decatur, Ill. Many sectional are being offered. For a list and description of them and registration forms please go to bestpracticesheartland.com.

2017 Indiana District Pastors’ Conference
The Indiana District Fall Pastors Conference will be held Oct. 23–25 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. The theme of the conference is “Celebrating our Heritage of Faith” and will feature keynote speakers each of the three days, sectional and fellowship for pastors and their spouses.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, ROOTED & BUILT UP in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

COL. 2:6-7