



# DISTRICT NEWS

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## Recognizing Servants of Christ



**Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege**  
Indiana District President

### Our Commissioned Workers

Within our Indiana District, we have an army of servants who perform the Lord’s work in several official, yet often low-profile, capacities. These are our commissioned workers, serving in positions such as Lutheran school teacher, deaconess, director of Christian Education, director of Outreach, director of Family Life, director of Parish Music, lay minister and the like.

Frequently one will find these servants going the extra mile, performing churchly responsibilities above and beyond their called duties.

### Like New Testament Deacons and Deaconesses

Though officially educated and called to serve in congregations and various organizations, these commissioned men and women are not pastors. Nonetheless, their service can be compared to that done in the New Testament era by those labeled “deacon” or “deaconess.”

These early church positions were created by the church to officially serve Christ’s people in any number of roles. Of the men, we find an example in Tychicus (Eph. 6:21):

“So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister (*literally deacon*) in the Lord will tell you everything.”



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Of the women, Rom. 16:1 informs us of Phoebe:

“I commend to you Phoebe our sister, which is a servant (*literally deaconess*) of the church which is at Cenchrea.”

Tychicus and Phoebe were official servants (deacons) of their Lord.

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# District affirms mission initiatives, adopts resolutions



*At the recent LCMS Indiana District Convention, delegates voted overwhelmingly to support the district's mission projects, confirming the convention's theme: "God's Plan – Our Future and Hope."*

During the course of the district convention, held June 14-15 at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, delegates adopted several key resolutions. Of significant note are the resolutions in support of the district's mission work in Indiana and Northern Kentucky, as follows:

- ▶ **To express appreciation for all who donated to Outreach Kentucky.** To date, individuals, congregations and a pastoral conference have donated more than \$61,000 toward the \$150,000 goal to place a missionary in Richmond, Ky., for outreach — including campus ministry — where no established LCMS congregation has existed before.
- ▶ **To thank God and continue support for Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary.** Member congregations should continue to support this Gospel-based outreach and prayerfully consider financially supporting Ascension Lutheran Christian School in the amount of at least \$500 per year throughout the next triennium.
- ▶ **To join together in financially supporting the work of our district.** Recognizing that the mission field is ripe in Indiana and Northern Kentucky, out of the joyous response to the Gospel and as part of the "covenant of love relationship," the Indiana District is asking member congregations to commit themselves to the financial support of our work together as a district, including direct support of our missions in Gary and Northern Kentucky, and to pray for and faithfully take part in "God's plan, our future and hope" in these regions.

## Other resolutions adopted at Convention are to:

- ▶ Thank God for the Office of National Mission's *Mission Field: USA* missionary model.
- ▶ Express our thanks to God for the blessings of the new building for University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette.
- ▶ Encourage the usage of *Every One His Witness*.
- ▶ Commend the usage of "Connect to Disciple."
- ▶ Encourage Indiana District congregations to support the upcoming Evangelism Conference.
- ▶ Reaffirm the Scriptural teaching concerning the age of the Earth.
- ▶ Authorize the Council of Presidents to create a system for the placement of inactive candidate members.
- ▶ Commend the Indiana District Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT).
- ▶ Commend the work of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod schools and all those who serve in them.
- ▶ Affirm and encourage use of the teacher colloquy program.
- ▶ Affirm and encourage use of multiple colloquy programs for parish workers.
- ▶ Commend, affirm, support and encourage family life ministry throughout the Indiana District.
- ▶ Encourage congregations to send members to the 2018 Senior Adult Fest.
- ▶ Amend and restate the Indiana District Articles of Incorporation.

- ▶ Amend the Indiana District bylaws to satisfy synod requirements.
- ▶ Amend the Indiana District bylaws for district president transition and officer induction.
- ▶ Return Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver, to the South Bend Circuit.
- ▶ Realign Indianapolis circuits, forming four circuits from three.
- ▶ Amend Bylaw 2.71c and 2.105 to allow the Board of Directors to elect its own chairman and vice chairman.
- ▶ Study the governance and structure of the Indiana District.
- ▶ Appoint a task force on apportionment of mission offerings to Synod.
- ▶ Partner with our seminaries to support Indiana District seminarians.
- ▶ Encourage the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) to study the concept of the Call as it pertains to the Intentional Interim Ministry program.\*
- ▶ Promote worker wellness within the circuits and district.\*
- ▶ Reaffirm *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* as the mission and ministry emphasis for the 2019-2021 Triennium.\*

*\*Denotes resolutions which passed with an amendment.*

You can find a complete list of all resolutions discussed at convention at [in.lcms.org/about/lcms-conventions](http://in.lcms.org/about/lcms-conventions)



# CALLING ALL PASTORS WIVES!

Register now for the 2019 Katie Retreat

Make plans now to attend the 2019 Katie Retreat, to be held Feb. 8-10, 2019, at The Inn at DePauw in Greencastle. The theme for this unique weekend of rest and renewal is "Sharing God's Voice in Our Times," and will feature keynote speaker Rebekah Curtis and Bible study leader Renee Gibbs.

Curtis is a freelance writer and editor, including several publications for Concordia Publishing House.

Named for Katie Luther, wife of Martin Luther, the Indiana District's Katie Retreat is designed to address the specific pressures the wives of

pastors face. Every LCMS pastor's wife in the district is encouraged to attend this weekend designed just for her, where she can find strength for her unique role.



Rebekah Curtis

At the retreat, women will focus on ways to implement 1 Peter 3:15:

"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

Pastors wives: You should have received a registration form in the mail ... please attend!

## SERVANTS

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### Who Is the Greatest?

Whether pastor, commissioned worker or laity, each Christian appears as the face of Christ, serving and loving their neighbor in His name.

So who is the greatest? Jesus elevated the lowly position of deacon by declaring:

"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant (*literally deacon*), ...even as the Son of Man came not to be served (*literally be deaconed unto*) but to serve (*literally be deaconing*), and to give his life as a ransom for many."

— Matt. 20:26-28

Of course our Savior is the Ultimate



Deacon, serving unto death for our salvation. Now in and through Jesus, we are blessed in our district to have commissioned servants whom we here label deacons. Thank you commissioned men and women for your faithful service; you are great in Christ.

## Calendar of Events



**Oct. 10-12**  
Best Practices  
Heartland,  
St. Peter's,  
Columbus

**Oct. 10-12**  
DCE Fall Conference,  
St. Peter's, Columbus

**Oct. 17-20**  
Prayerfully Consider Campus  
Visit, Concordia Theological  
Seminary, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 25-28**  
Christ Academy College/  
Phoebe Academy College,  
Concordia Theological Seminary,  
Fort Wayne

**Oct. 29-30**  
Indiana Non-Public Education  
Conference, Indianapolis

**Oct. 31-Nov. 2**  
Luther Hostel, Concordia  
Theological Seminary,  
Fort Wayne

**Nov. 4-6**  
Good Shepherd Institute,  
Concordia Theological Seminary,  
Fort Wayne

**Nov. 5-6**  
Indiana District Fall Pastors  
Conference,  
Embassy Suites, Noblesville

**Nov. 6**  
Advent Preaching Workshop,  
Concordia Theological Seminary,  
Fort Wayne

**Nov. 9-10**  
Making the Case Conference  
2018, Faith, Plano, Texas

**Nov. 9-11**  
Indiana District Youth Gathering,  
Our Shepherd, Avon

# Help for your school ministry



A congregation with a school is truly a blessed place. With generations of students formed for faith and life in the world as servants of God, these congregations are inextricably linked to their school ministry.

As those generations have passed, however, there are increasing pressures placed upon congregations with schools. It costs more today to teach each student than ever before. Staffing costs including salary and benefits, curriculum costs and the inclusion of and maintenance for ever-changing technology have raised the cost to alarming levels. It is critical that congregational leaders take a serious look at their education ministry.

As the challenges arise, there is temptation to cut corners. There are those who hire teachers not trained in the Synod. Others simply balance the ever-challenging budget on the backs of the faithful workers by freezing salary, increasing benefit contributions and the like. When this happens, there is a rise in “institutional survival” mode. This is a mentality that says that the institution must be preserved at all cost. This makes most congregations

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adverse to even considering other options for educational ministry.

For educational ministry to survive and thrive, corners must not be cut. Aggressive, out-of-the-box ideas must be pursued if the local Lutheran school is going to be the ministry that the Lord has given it to be. We explored some of those options in a webinar titled “Pastors Leading Churches with Schools,” which has been archived at the LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission website. To watch, go to [lcms.org/rstm](http://lcms.org/rstm), and click the “View webinar schedule, archives” link in the “Educational Webinars” box. Scroll down to find the webinar.

This article was written for LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission by Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, senior pastor at St. John Lutheran Church and School, Plymouth, Wis. He also serves as assistant coordinator for LCMS Stewardship Ministry.

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission supports and encourages rural and small-town congregations in engaging their communities and growing together in Christ through Word and Sacrament. Learn more about RSTM at [lcms.org/rstm](http://lcms.org/rstm) or by calling 888-463-5127. “Like” RSTM on its Facebook page at [facebook.com/lcmsrstm](http://facebook.com/lcmsrstm).

## HAPPY 25!

Faith Lutheran Church, Madison, recognized the 25th anniversary of the ordination of its pastor, the Rev. Jeffery Pflug, on July 15. The celebration was almost a secret until the family arrived — daughters Melanie from Arizona and Melissa from Madrid, Spain, sons Phillip and Tim from Indiana and Jeffrey’s brother, Dennis, from Illinois. The service was followed by a luncheon and a slideshow of memories from the last 25 years.

Pastor Pflug graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1993 and was called by Faith. He was ordained and installed July 11, 1993.



From left, (front row) Melissa, Dennis, Melanie, Tim; (back row) Phillip, Pastor Pflug and his wife, Monica.

# Future church workers?

**F**or young men in grades 9-12, Christ Academy June 17-30 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), was an opportunity to explore the vocation of pastor, learn what it is like to live and learn on campus, and to meet other theologically-minded men their age. Women in grades 9-12 received a similar opportunity to explore the vocation of deaconess. The following from Indiana attended: from left, Silas Temme (Trinity-Darmstadt, Evansville), Jonathan Temme (Trinity-Darmstadt, Evansville), Elizabeth Paul (St. Paul, Evansville), Ethan Stoppenhagen, proctor (Bethlehem, Ossian), Chloe Sikma (Trinity, Lowell), Joel Beck (Trinity, Vallonia), Faith Sikma (Trinity, Lowell) and Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, CTSFW director of Admission.



## October Prayer List

### Week of October 1

- › Missouri District
- › Circuit 13-Indianapolis East
- › Ascension, Beech Grove
- › Faith, Greenfield
- › Christ, Indianapolis
- › Peace Deaf, Indianapolis
- › St. John, Indianapolis
- › Trinity, Indianapolis
- › Zion, New Palestine
- › St. Mark, Shelbyville
- › Mission: Asian Ministry, St. Paul, Fort Wayne
- › RSO: Camp Lutherhaven, Albion

### Week of October 8

- › Montana District
- › Circuit 24-Louisville West
- › Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown
- › St. John, Lanesville
- › Concordia, Louisville
- › Redeemer, Louisville
- › Grace, New Albany
- › Epiphany, New Salisbury
- › Risen Lord, Taylorsville
- › Mission: Project Timothy, St. Paul, Fort Wayne

- › RSO: Cedar Lake Lodge, LaGrange, Ky.

### Week of October 15

- › Nebraska District
- › Circuit 5-South Bend
- › St. Paul's, Bremen
- › Trinity, Culver
- › Trinity, Elkhart
- › Prince of Peace, Goshen
- › St. Peter, Mishawaka
- › Calvary, Plymouth
- › Emmaus, South Bend
- › Our Redeemer, South Bend
- › St. Paul, South Bend
- › Redeemer, Warsaw
- › St. Peter's, Warsaw
- › St. Paul, Woodland
- › Mission: East Central Neighborhood, St. Paul, Fort Wayne
- › RSO: Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

### Week of October 22

- › New England District
- › Circuit 9-Fort Wayne East



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- › Ascension, Fort Wayne
- › Concordia, Fort Wayne
- › Gloria Dei, Fort Wayne
- › Promise, Fort Wayne
- › St. Peter, Fort Wayne
- › Prince of Peace, Grabill
- › Emanuel, New Haven
- › Martini, New Haven
- › St. Paul, New Haven
- › Christ, Woodburn
- › Zion, Woodburn
- › Mission: Hispanic Ministry, Immanuel, Valparaiso
- › RSO: Cranach Institute, Fort Wayne

### Week of October 29

- › New Jersey District
- › Circuit 14-Indianapolis West
- › Our Shepherd, Avon
- › Christ, Brownsburg
- › Holy Cross, Crawfordsville
- › Peace, Greencastle
- › Prince of Peace, Martinsville
- › Christ the King, Mooresville
- › Living Christ, Plainfield
- › Immanuel, Terre Haute
- › Mission: African Immigrants, Concordia, Louisville
- › RSO: Cross Connections, Fort Wayne/Indianapolis

# Change the “I” to “WE”



**Ken Schilf**  
Council of  
Resources

According to the Pew Research Center, 77 percent of Americans now own smartphones ([pewinternet.org/fact-sheet/mobile](http://pewinternet.org/fact-sheet/mobile)).

I belong to a number of Bible study, church and neighborhood groups. When I need to contact the members to give them a message or schedule a meeting, I don't have to type each name individually. I have put them into a group contact list and send out one email “blast” that covers them all. I've been able to change the individuals (“I’s”) to a group (“We”).

Stewardship is closely connected to missions. We all belong to several families — our biological family, our church family and our community family.

One of the greatest lines in the Gospels from my perspective is found in Luke 12:34. Jesus says:

“For where your treasure is, there



“I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands I still possess.”

**Martin Luther**

your heart will be also.”

So where is your treasure? Your next paycheck, the next sale, vacation or party? If so, that's where your heart will be focused.

But if your treasure is Christ, He will be the focus of your heart. And if your focus is in Christ, then our stewardship is beyond ourselves and toward missions.

The question of stewardship is not “how much shall I give?” but “how shall I use the blessings God has given me?” By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a “want to” rather than a “have to.” We should view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel.

With our community of believers, let's turn the I's to We's and echo 1 John 4:19:

“We love (others) because He first loved us.”

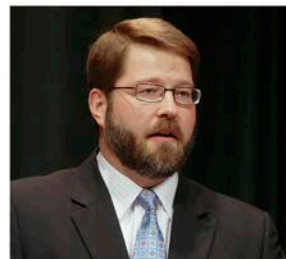
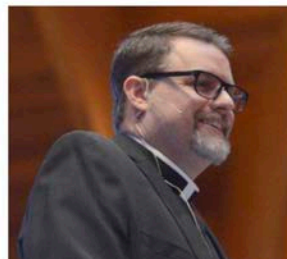
## Registration still open for conference

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in St. Louis, is bringing its Fall 2018 Making the Case Conference to Faith Lutheran Church, Plano, Texas. The dates are Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10.

Speakers include Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Dr. Anthony Esolen, Dr. Mark Kalthoff, Dr. Ryan Anderson and Rev. Chris Rosebrough.

Registration is \$120 and includes meals Friday night and Saturday afternoon and evening. Child care is free for children ages 1-12.

For more information, visit [issuesetc.org/2018conference](http://issuesetc.org/2018conference) or call 618-223-8385.



**From left:**

Top row: Dr. Anthony Esolen, Dr. Ryan Anderson, Dr. John Warwick Montgomery

Bottom row: (from left to right): Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Pr. Chris Rosebrough, Dr. Mark Kalthoff

## October Anniversaries

**Oct. 1**

Mr. and Mrs. James Hilt  
51, *St. John, Indianapolis*  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niedenthal  
51, *St. John, Indianapolis*

**Oct. 2**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rosebrough  
60, *Our Shepherd, Avon*  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Giles  
53, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wentz  
52, *Immanuel, Seymour*

**Oct. 3**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Arney  
63, *St. Matthew's, Delphi*  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Frederick Streib  
54, *Calvary, Indianapolis*

**Oct. 4**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hegerfeld  
66, *St. John, Monroeville*

**Oct. 5**

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Distler  
64, *Concordia, Greenwood*  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schroeder  
54, *Epiphany, Westfield*

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Umbaugh  
53, *Calvary, Plymouth*

**Oct. 6**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shireman  
62, *Grace, New Albany*

**Oct. 7**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caruso  
57, *St. John, Indianapolis*  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallmeyer  
56, *St. Paul (Preble), Decatur*  
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Dobelstein  
50, *Concordia, Louisville*

**Oct. 9**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Franke  
64, *Zion, Seymour*

**Oct. 10**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Handschy  
60, *Calvary, Indianapolis*  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Braukhoff  
54, *St. Paul, Evansville*

**Oct. 11**

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weihe  
53, *Immanuel, Seymour*  
Mr. and Mrs. Denver Stahl  
51, *Zion, Seymour*

**Oct. 12**

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bruick  
62, *St. Paul's, Fort Wayne*  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyers  
60, *St. John, Indianapolis*

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schultz  
55, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

**Oct. 14**

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Maschino  
57, *Immanuel, Seymour*  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miesner  
52, *Redeemer, Louisville*  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Klemm  
50, *Calvary, Indianapolis*

**Oct. 15**

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holland  
70, *Redeemer, Louisville*  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wallace  
63, *St. Peter, North Judson*

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Korff  
58, *Trinity, Darmstadt*

**Oct. 17**

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Peters  
54, *St. John's, White Creek*

Mr. and Mrs. Donald  
Niederbaumer  
53, *Immanuel, Seymour*

**Oct. 18**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Christopher  
59, *Emanuel, Dudleytown*

**Oct. 19**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Murphy  
55, *St. Paul's, Fort Wayne*

**Oct. 20**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Korte  
57, *Zion, Woodburn*  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goebel  
56, *Grace, New Albany*

**Oct. 21**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thiele  
58, *Zion, Woodburn*  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rowe  
57, *Concordia, Louisville*

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Sullivan  
56, *Immanuel, Seymour*

Mr. and Mrs. James Kenworthy  
51, *Bethlehem, Fort Wayne*

**Oct. 22**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan  
69, *St. Paul, Evansville*  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stilger  
69, *Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown*

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walton  
68, *St. Matthew's, Delphi*

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stafford  
52, *Immanuel, Avilla*

**Oct. 23**

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin, Hoffman  
63, *St. John, Monroeville*

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Blank  
53, *St. John, Lanesville*

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cunningham  
53, *Emanuel, Dudleytown*  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Graves  
53, *Immanuel, Avilla*

Mr. and Mrs. George Stout  
53, *St. Paul's, Fort Wayne*

**Oct. 24**

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Conrad  
59, *St. John, Lanesville*

**Oct. 25**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bieberich  
67, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

**Oct. 26**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kehlbeck  
66, *Calvary, Indianapolis*  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Meyer  
60, *St. John's, White Creek*

**Oct. 28**

Mr. and Mrs. Tom James  
62, *Cornerstone, Carmel*  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heid  
57, *Calvary, Indianapolis*  
Mr. and Mrs. David Wade  
57, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

**Oct. 29**

Mr. and Mrs. James Paul  
63, *Zion, Wabash*  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Roehm  
63, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

**Oct. 30**

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ford  
64, *Zion, Seymour*

**Belated**

**Sept. 24**  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brekke  
52, *Zion, Wabash*

## October Birthdays

**Oct. 1**

Ann Wickizer, 97  
St. Peter, North Judson  
Annabelle Matson, 95  
Immanuel, Avilla  
Lavana Seitz, 90  
Zion, Decatur

**Oct. 2**

Eloise Elam, 96  
St. Paul, Evansville  
Lorna Kukulhan, 91  
Zion, Decatur

**Oct. 3**

Rosemary Benz, 90  
Cornerstone, Carmel

**Oct. 4**

Mardella Gerbers, 93  
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 5**

Elaine Goller, 92  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne  
Betty Lou Messer, 91  
St. John, Vincennes

**Oct. 7**

Robert Thomas, 91  
Immanuel, Seymour

**Oct. 8**

Mary Bear, 95  
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 9**

Margaret Harmeyer, 98  
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 10**

Pete Brackmann, 90  
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 11**

Ervin Stuckwisch, 92  
Immanuel, Seymour

**Oct. 12**

Mae Schneider, 93  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Lucile Stoppenhagen, 93  
Zion (Friedheim), Decatur

**Oct. 14**

Walter Nielsen, 93  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 16**

Marilyn Renner, 90  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 17**

Norbert Molthan, 91  
St. John, Monroeville

**Oct. 18**

Bernita Amm, 97  
St. Peter, North Judson

**Oct. 7**

Joan Domrow, 93  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne  
Fred Graft, 92  
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 19**

Robert Woempner, 96  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Ludella Conrad, 92  
Zion (Friedheim), Decatur

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## Helping students in their **'WITNESS'**

Registration is open for "Witness," the 2019 National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference, set for Jan. 2-5 at Purdue University Fort Wayne and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Attendees will gain a familiarity with the *Every One His Witness*® (E1HW) evangelism program, with sectionals exploring some of the contexts college students may encounter, including witnessing to adherents of various world religions, atheists, agnostics, the dechurched, those with depression, social justice advocates and promoters of scientism.

Registration is \$250 per person and covers all aspects of the conference and non-free-time activities, including breakfast, lunch and supper on Jan. 3 and 4 and three nights at the conference hotel Jan. 2-4 (based on quad occupancy). **Registration closes on Oct. 15.**

As with previous LCMS U conferences, tiered rates are provided at an additional cost for those who would prefer other occupancy arrangements. Minimal scholarships are also provided to those traveling the greatest distances.

Conference attendees sing during Matins at "Liberty," the 2017 National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.



For more information or to register, go to [lcms.org/events/witness](http://lcms.org/events/witness).



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING  
Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019



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The LCMS Youth Gathering will be held July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis under the theme "Real. Present. God."

The Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. The five days will include spending time together in God's Word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the Synod.

**Congregations may begin registration on Oct. 17.** The registration fee is \$365 per participant. After March 1, the registration fee is \$400. For more information, go to [lmsgathering.com](http://lmsgathering.com).

## October Birthdays

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Dorothy Dobler, 90  
Our Shepherd, Avon

**Oct. 22**  
Ruth Malich, 96  
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Wilfred Blank, 90  
St. John, Lanesville

**Oct. 24**  
Norma Kent, 91  
Heritage, Valparaiso

Louise Nahrwold, 91  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 25**  
Charles Crosby, 90  
St. Peter (Fuelling), Decatur

**Oct. 26**  
Nellea Reidenbach, 94  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

**Oct. 28**  
Helen Schleibaum, 95  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Wanda Hamrick, 90  
Zion, Decatur

**Oct. 29**  
Lillie Gritton, 93  
St. John, Indianapolis

Ruth Lemester, 90  
Heritage, Valparaiso

**Oct. 30**  
Blanche Madsen, 96  
St. Peter, North Judson

**Belated Aug. 27**  
Betty Morrett, 90  
Zion, Wabash

## Share your news with us!

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. 10.**

Your stories and photos are welcomed and most appreciated. Please send all submissions to Jan Koenig at [jan.koenig@in.lcms.org](mailto:jan.koenig@in.lcms.org) or **Lutheran Witness Editor Indiana District LCMS 1145 South Barr St.; Fort Wayne, IN 46802**