

DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA



Learn! Teach! Learn!



Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege
District President



Rev. Doug Bauman, senior pastor of St. Paul, Columbus, leads confirmation class in 2016.

Our Lord's Great Commission commands that we "make disciples of all nations ... teaching them."

The Greek word here for disciples can be translated as "learning ones," which Jesus then magnifies by stating that the church is to teach these learning ones.

Teach the learners:

- ▶ To observe all that He commanded.
- ▶ To love as Christ loved us.
- ▶ To confess the truths about our loving Triune God and the eternal salvation in Christ Jesus.
- ▶ How to pray, realizing there is one mediator between God and man.
- ▶ About the bountiful blessings given by the Sacraments instituted by the crucified and risen Lord, that through them they trust in God.

Once again we enter that time of the year when teaching is magnified. Congregations, after a summer break,

are again starting their Sunday-school classes. Our many Lutheran schools are reopening their doors for another school year. Likewise numerous pastors are initiating special opportunities for catechesis and Bible study. We are reminded that the church is foundationally about teaching!

Though St. Paul lists several moral and character qualifications for a pastor, **he lists but one ability needed for a pastor: he must be apt to teach** (1 Tim. 3:2). This ability to teach comes not simply from learning one's subject matter, but it comes from learning the art and the methods of teaching as well. We pray that every pastor would grow in his ability to teach.

Luther repeatedly magnified the necessity of teaching. He encouraged pastors to teach from the pulpit. Luther's Small Catechism was primarily intended for teaching in the home. Thus Luther begins each of the six parts of the Catechism with the directive:

"As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household."

We pray that parents be strengthened as they catechize (teach) their children the Word of God.

Teaching in the church is so important that **Lutherans have rightly established the extremely valuable auxiliary office of Lutheran school teacher.** This office can reach out with two servant arms in Christ's church. It can serve as a strong teaching arm of

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‘Who are you?’

It’s a question of identity. When directed to you, how would you respond? As a family member, an employee, a citizen, a fan, an adventurer, a child of God or ...?



Dr. Kevin Brockberg
Executive Counselor for Christian Education

This question was often posed to Jesus, and remains an important question today: “Who is Jesus?” Contemporary answers reference Jesus as a great teacher, a miracle worker, a source, a prophet, a good man, a divine being — all of which miss the true essence of who Jesus really is. The Gospel of John records Jesus’ answers to the question:

- ▶ “I am the Bread of Life.”
- ▶ “I am the Light of the World.”
- ▶ “I am the Door.”
- ▶ “I am the Good Shepherd.”
- ▶ “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”
- ▶ “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”
- ▶ “I am the True Vine.”

This year, teachers in grades 1-8 from across the Indiana District gathered together to review, research and identify principles of faith, syncing our ideals with the social studies curriculum guidelines of the Indiana Department of Education. If curriculum can be likened to a recipe for learning, then just as you know that accomplished chefs fold in-

gredients into the mix for full flavor, in the same way accomplished teachers go far beyond the textbook to fold meaning into the dynamic mix of instruction and learning. In the world of education, we refer to this as integration. For example, teachers incorporate technology into the curriculum, lead students on journeys beyond classroom walls and enrich learning experiences.

These are all integrations, and this team of passionate educators collaborated on various integrations into social studies in our Lutheran schools.

What is unique to this endeavor is the integration of faith into the Indiana social studies curriculum. As students learn about history, geography, civics, anthropology and economics, students are also trained to study the content in the context of their faith through the Indiana District Curriculum Initiative. In what ways does the identity and presence of God fold flavor into the subject of social studies? How is Jesus

the Light of the World we study? How is the Bread of Life providing for human needs? How is Jesus the Way to understand the Truth of differing facets of the social studies? How does the Shepherd search for those lost in our fractured world? How does Jesus the Door lead to an abundant life attuned to cultural sensitivity, life issues and citizenship?

So, finally, what is the identity of Lutheran schools? Lutheran schools provide daily opportunities for our students to truly “grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3.18). To God be the glory!

Sample faith integrations from the Indiana District Curriculum Initiative

Grade 1

The history of my community includes my own church’s history.

Grade 2

As I study maps of my state, I learn skills to understand the region of Palestine during the life of Jesus on earth.

Grade 3

All people, as culturally different as we are, are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Grade 4

Native American cultures revere the tree spirit. Whom do I worship?

Grade 5

It is my duty as a Christian to pray for my government representatives.

Grade 6

What changes did the Reformation usher in to the medieval period?

Grade 7

Landforms are the handiwork of our Creator.

Grade 8

Separation of church and state should not become a ruse for the separation of my faith from public life.



LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford

Outreach Kentucky getting closer to fruition

During the installation of an LCMS pastor, these words are often read:

“Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

(Matt. 28:18-20 NKJV)

God’s Word clearly tells us that there is a need for pastors to go forth proclaiming the Gospel message of Christ and baptizing people in the name of the Holy Trinity. God’s Word clearly teaches that instruction in the Word of God is needed for the newly converted to grow in their Christian faith. Implicit

in this Great Commission is that a worshipping community — a congregation — is gathered together so that mutual encouragement and edification may occur among the believers.

The work before the Indiana District is not only to strengthen existing congregations, but also to encourage and assist the start of new congregations. The Outreach Kentucky endeavor has been and continues to be an effort to start a new congregation and campus outreach in Richmond, Ky. There is no Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation or campus ministry in Richmond.

The population of Richmond in 2019 is estimated to be 36,401. It is estimated that 61 percent of the people in Madison County, which includes Richmond, have no religious affiliation. That means that the mission field is ripe for the proclamation of the Gospel

of Christ Jesus in Richmond!

The way that this work will go forward is that through the support of congregations and individuals with prayer and financial offerings, a missionary will be called to Richmond. The Indiana District is very happy to report that thus far congregations and individuals have donated \$98,021 to this potential outreach. The amount increased very quickly because the district recently received a \$25,000 donation from a couple. Praise God for that sacrificial gift!

Please consider giving to this outreach so that the district might soon begin the process of calling a missionary to be placed in Richmond. Another \$52,000 is needed to move forward. God bless you as you pray for this mission and as you offer a portion of your finances to support this outreach.



Bethlehem welcomes Pastor Wirgau

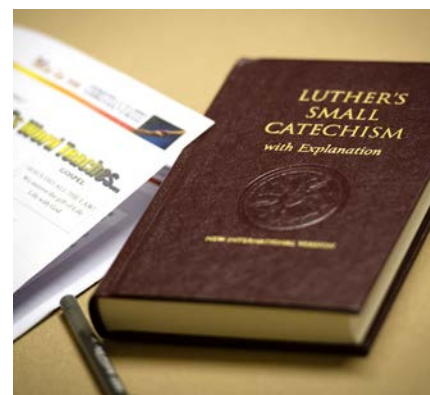
Rev. Samuel Wirgau was installed as pastor of Bethlehem, Ossian, on June 8. Wirgau previously served a dual parish in Harrold and Iowa Park, Texas. He and his wife, DoRena (Stuckwisch) are the parents of four children. Participating were, from left, Seminarian Matthew Goehring, Revs. Matthew Wietfeldt, Martin Moehring, Leonard Tanksley, Shayne Jonker, Donald Sauls, Peter Brock, Wirgau, David Koeneman, Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Dr. Gifford Grobien, Christopher Maronde, Daniel Burfiend and Russell Fuhrmann.

MESSAGE

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the pastor and of Christian families. We pray the Lord would bless our Lutheran school teachers as they teach in the name of Christ.

Depending on our respective vocations, we pray our Lord would bless us to be effective teachers and learners in His blood-bought church.



A Christian steward is?

Some time ago, a student at one of our seminaries shared with me that his computer “burned up.” After my wife and I talked about it and prayed over the situation, we decided to give him enough money to purchase a new computer — no strings attached.



Ken Schilf
Council of Resources

Why did we do such a thing? In Luther’s words: “As (Christ) gives Himself for us with His body and blood ... so we too are to give ourselves with might and main for our neighbor.”

The Rev. Heath Curtis, LCMS Stewardship Ministry coordinator, states: “The Lord has called each of us to different vocations in the home, church and society. Under each of those vocations, we have the joy-filled duty to use all that God has given us for His purposes.”

In fact, James 1:17 tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God, like food, clothes, shelter and our physical well-being. That is why we use His gifts for His purposes.

The official definition of stewardship adopted by Synod in 1998 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.” In fact, God’s people were created to be stewards.

Thanks to the help of the faithful stewards in our Indiana District, Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary offers students in kindergarten through fourth grade high-quality academics and Gospel-based instruction.



But stewardship is so counter-cultural.

Recently, a member of my church asked if I could explain how stewardship fits in with the rest of the ministry of our congregation and society? In response, I used an old stewardship phrase: “Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible.” In other words, stewardship and mission are inseparable.

How is your congregation doing in mission work? Hopefully you can answer that. And how is the Indiana District doing in its mission work? That I can answer. Because of the gifts the district receives:

- ▶ The University Lutheran Chapel at Purdue University has been moved to a more central location.
- ▶ Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary was started.
- ▶ Outreach Kentucky, a new mission start in the Richmond, Ky. area, is on the threshold of beginning.
- ▶ Human care and disaster relief are continuous efforts.

More mission work in the district can be found at in.lcms.org/resources/human-care.

A congregation that embraces sound stewardship teaching will seek to show its members how the Lord is using the faithfulness of individual stewards to do His work. To be sure, the Lord’s work happens at the altar and font of the local congregation. But it is intended to go much farther than that.

Blessings Cody!

On June 3, the Indiana District staff welcomed Cody Dodson as executive for Finance.



Cody Dodson

Cody served as the Practice Administrator for an independent, physician-owned medical facility in New Mexico for the past 12 years and is excited for a shift from healthcare to serve the district and its congregations.

He has a bachelor’s degree in business and an MBA in strategic management.

He says: “God has graciously granted me a variety of vocations, none more important than those of husband and father. My wife, Erin, is in every way my better half. Wives and mothers are the most underappreciated vocations in society today, and I try every day to show her appreciation. She is a wonderful mother as well as a tremendous nurse.

“God has blessed me as a father to six sons, Ethan (13), Owen (11), Henry (8), Philip (6), Archer (3) and Leo (2 months). While they test us daily, my wife and I are thankful to be so blessed.

“In addition to our vocations of husband and wife, our vocations of father and mother are of the utmost importance. We try to instill in our children the importance of the Church in our lives and in our vocations.

“My family and I look forward to this new chapter and adventure in Fort Wayne!”

CALL DAY 2019

Call Day was held at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), on April 30. The night before, deaconess students and second-year seminarians found out where they will serve as an intern or vicar. Call Day at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL), was held on May 1. The following will serve in the Indiana District.



▲ With Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege, those called or assigned from **CTSFW** were, from left, Adam Sternquist, vicar, Zion, Decatur; Brian Homann, vicar, Grace, Muncie; Paul Gaschler, pastor, Concordia, Greenwood; Theodore Hoham, pastor/teacher, Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne; Ryan Pumphrey, vicar, Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne; Daniel Harrington, vicar, Promise, Fort Wayne; Justin Mason, pastor, Our Savior, Danville, Ky.; Philip Jaseph, vicar, Shepherd of the City, Fort Wayne; Daniel Fickenscher, vicar, St. Paul, Columbus; Michael Terkula, pastor, Our Hope, Huntertown; Jacob Stoltzman, vicar, Redeemer, Highland; Adam McDowell, associate pastor, St. Peter's, Fort Wayne; Andrew Keller, vicar, Immanuel, Terre Haute; (seated) Beatrice Sternquist, Emily Homann, Kati Gaschler, Elizabeth Hoham, Jennifer Pumphrey, Melissa Harrington, Rachel Jaseph, Carole Terkula, Lyndi McDowell and Maggie Keller Not pictured are Stephanie Mason and Taylor Fickenscher.



► Assigned or called from **CSL** were Amanda Hellwege, deaconess intern, St. Peter's, Columbus; Matthew Berry, vicar, St. Peter's, Columbus; Kyle Ronchetto, vicar, Immanuel, Seymour; and Luke Watt, assistant pastor, St. John, Indianapolis.

Ascension welcomes new senior pastor

On May 11, **Rev. James Gier** was installed as senior pastor of Ascension, Fort Wayne. He recently served Mount Calvary, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Pastor Gier and his wife, Anne, are the parents of Noah, Isabella and Jonah. Participating were, from left (front) Revs. Gier; (first row) Thomas Zimmerman, Dr. John Stube, Dr. Gary Zieroth, Dr. Walter Maier III, Dr. Daniel Brege, Timothy Sims, Dr. Paul Dancy; (second row) Michael Blodgett, David Dubbelde, Benjamin Pollock, Andrew Wollman, Dr. Charles Gieschen, David Stecker, George Lange; (back row) Marcus MacKay, Ted Mayes, Dr. Carl Fickenscher, Dr. Roland Ziegler, Mark Steiner, Douglas Punke, Roy Olsen and Dr. Benjamin Mayes.



August Anniversaries

Aug. 1

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Younger, 65
St. Peter's, Brownstown

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Herbst, 60
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blazek, 55
Calvary, Indianapolis

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Sr., 55
St. Matthew's, Delphi

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Stoner, 55
Our Shepherd, Avon

Aug. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, 55
Immanuel, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Roger McFadden, 50
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson, 50
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rohrbach, 50
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Carolyn Shaffer, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Werling, 50
St. Paul, New Haven

Aug. 3

Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Urberg, 61
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. David Bausman, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dietel, 51
St. James, Lafayette

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Weber, 51
St. John, Monroeville

Aug. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pinnow, 63
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. David Lapierre, 57
St. James, Logansport

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Otte, 56
Immanuel, Seymour

Aug. 5

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schacht, 58
St. Peter, North Judson

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schilf, 52
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Aug. 6

Mr. and Mrs. John Brandt, 59
Cornerstone, Carmel

Aug. 7

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson, 53
Immanuel, Seymour

Aug. 8

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kettler, 60
Calvary, Indianapolis

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osborne, 60
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dehn, 55
St. John, Lanesville

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Borcharding, 54
Immanuel, Seymour

Aug. 9

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Gerken, 52
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Rev. and Mrs. Warren Messmann, 50
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Aug. 10

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grim, 62
Zion, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holderman, 62
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Love, 62
St. John, Monroeville

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lerch, 61
St. James, Lafayette

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thomas, 61
Our Shepherd, Avon

Mr. and Mrs. David Bieberich, 51,
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Aug. 11

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grotrian, 57
St. John, Monroeville

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kreigh, 52
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur

Aug. 12

Mr. and Mrs. James Maxson, 52
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. James Rebber, 52
Zion, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Reichert, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Schmidt, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Aug. 13

Mr. and Mrs. John Remetta Jr. 64
Calvary, Indianapolis

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols, 59
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Klausmeier, 53
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Bo Kneuppel, 52
Trinity (Decatur Road), Fort Wayne

Aug. 14

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Moehl, 65
Trinity, Hobart

Mr. and Mrs. John Wittenbraker, 65
Our Redeemer, Evansville

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, 63
St. John's, Farmers Retreat

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crouse, 59
St. James, Lafayette

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiist, 53
Our Redeemer, Evansville

Aug. 15

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Preuss, 6
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dennis, 55
Trinity, Darmstadt

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Fabricius, 55
Calvary, Indianapolis

Mr. and Mrs. John Tomke, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Aug. 16

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Busse, 62
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knizner, 61
Calvary, Plymouth

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bishop, 50
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sutton, 50
St. Peter, North Judson

Aug. 17

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodward, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bardonner, 51
Calvary, Indianapolis

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baumann, 51
Zion, Friedheim

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Onken, 51
Calvary, Indianapolis

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wiehe, 51
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Aug. 18

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harroff, 63
Concordia, Louisville

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Stamberger, 62
Calvary, Plymouth

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weinrich, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. James Klaiber, 56
St. James, Logansport

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hitzeman, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Smith, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Springer, 51
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Aug. 19

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Raabe, 63
Immanuel, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thompson, 63
Cornerstone, Carmel

Aug. 20

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Koshewa, 59
Redeemer, Louisville

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bahan, 59
Immanuel, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luke, 54
St. John's, Farmers Retreat

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Bristol, 53
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Chambers, 53
Our Redeemer, Evansville

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson, 53
Trinity, Hobart

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wehrkamp, 53
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Nixon, 52
St. James, Lafayette

Aug. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blombach, 55
Concordia, Louisville

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clark, 54
St. James, Lafayette

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Connors, 54
Heritage, Valparaiso

Aug. 22

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Falkenstern, 60
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Luttenbacher, 60
Trinity (Decatur Road), Fort Wayne

Dr. and Mrs. James Herrick, 55
Trinity, Hobart

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Junk, 55
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Mell Welborn, 55
Our Redeemer, Evansville

Aug. 23

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scare, 67
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Werling, 61
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Faske, 56
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Defenderfer, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

Rev. and Mrs. James Cotter, 50
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dowty, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Flinn, 50
Zion, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. John Frisch, 50
Immanuel, Avilla

Mr. and Mrs. Augie Hinz, 50
Grace, New Albany

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Mihalik, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Aug. 24

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pyle, 56
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. James Kloote, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Max Roeder, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

Aug. 25

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Walther, 68
St. John, Lanesville

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Doner, 62
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Kilgas, 62
Immanuel, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Norden, 58
Immanuel, Avilla

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brettin, 57
St. Peter, North Judson

Aug. 26

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Beickman, 59
Grace, New Albany

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith, 58
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whybrew, 58
Our Shepherd, Avon

Mr. and Mrs. Hoby Lowry, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rodenbeck, 52
St. John, Monroeville

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Voelker, 52
St. John's, White Creek

Aug. 27

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier Jr. 68
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Don Coleman, 64,
Heritage, Valparaiso

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boone, 59
Grace, New Albany

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Swanson, 59
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wittman, 59
Our Saviour, Evansville

Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Richard) Bobb, 58
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eickhoff, 53
Prince of Peace, Martinsville

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Panning, 53
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jernas, 50
St. Peter, North Judson

Aug. 28

Mr. and Mrs. Donavon Kieser, 59
Immanuel, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wathen, 59
Trinity, Darmstadt

Mr. and Mrs. David Fronek, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rapp, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

Aug. 29

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, 55
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Aug. 30

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goecker, 60
Zion, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martinson, 60
Our Redeemer, Evansville

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Hoyer, 51
Emanuel, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Koenig, 51
Peace, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. David Hawk, 50
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Aug. 31

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busche, 72
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fuhrman, 51
Zion, Friedheim

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Melloncamp, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

Belated

June 6

Mr. and Mrs. David McPike, 66
Emmanuel, Tell City

June 8

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kern, 51
St. John's, Seymour

June 27

Mr. and Mrs. Zeke LaGrange, 65
Emmanuel, Tell City

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith, 50
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

June 29

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tharp, 51
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

July 2

Mr. and Mrs. David Schult, 59
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

July 3

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tinsley, 65
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

July 6

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Levenhagen, 51
Epiphany, Westfield

July 8

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schroeder, 74
St. John (Bingen), Decatur

July 15

Rev. and Mrs. Weldon Leimer, 58
Epiphany, Westfield

July 16

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Trewartha, 64
Epiphany, Westfield

July 18

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carnahan, 66
Our Hope, Huntertown

July 19

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thies, 50
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

July 30

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bercot, 52
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

Catherine Scholle, 93
Trinity, Dillsboro

Rick Sonda, 91
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Aug. 18

Doris Yerger, 97
Zion, Fort Wayne

Aug. 19

Elizabeth Claffey, 91
St. James, Lafayette

Aug. 21

Winifred Schelper, 92
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Raymond Drake, 91
Faith, Louisville

Aug. 22

Wallace Prentice, 95
Immanuel, Avilla

Doris Gellerman, 94
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Aug. 23

Mildred Isaacs, 95
Trinity, Darmstadt

Aug. 24

Evelin Cubine, 91
Concordia, Louisville

Aug. 26

Eunice Helene
Strietelmeier, 92
Calvary, Indianapolis

Aug. 27

Frank Zoll, 91
Heritage, Valparaiso

Aug. 28

Lois Perko, 91
Our Shepherd, Avon

Aug. 31

Hulda Goecker, 97
Immanuel, Seymour

Belated

June 16

Florene Denninger, 99
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

June 22

Gertrude Savage, 92
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

June 23

Marjorie Boester, 99
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

June 26

Eva Mae Powell, 99
Emanuel, Tell City

June 30

Carl Deimling, 93
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

Prayer list



Week of Aug. 5

- > Northern Illinois District
- > Circuit 17 – Columbus
- > Faith, Bloomington
- > University, Bloomington
- > Faith, Columbus
- > Grace, Columbus
- > St. John's (White Creek), Columbus
- > St. Peter's, Columbus
- > Trinity, Ellettsville
- > Good Shepherd, Franklin
- > St. Paul, Jonesville
- > Shepherd of the Hills, Morgantown
- > St. Peter, Waymansville
- > Mission: Burmese Buddhists, New Life, Fort Wayne
- > RSO: Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

Week of Aug. 12

- > Northwest 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: Burmese Muslims, New Life, Fort Wayne
- > RSO: Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

Week of Aug. 19

- > Ohio District
- > Circuit 9 – Fort Wayne East
- > Ascension, Fort Wayne
- > Concordia, Fort Wayne
- > Gloria Dei, Fort Wayne
- > Promise, Fort Wayne
- > St. Peter's, Fort Wayne
- > Prince of Peace, Grabill
- > Emanuel, New Haven
- > Martini, New Haven
- > St. Paul, New Haven
- > Christ, Woodburn
- > Zion, Woodburn
- > Mission: Burmese, Karen, Southwest, Fort Wayne
- > RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne/Kendallville

Week of Aug. 26

- > Pacific Southwest District
- > Circuit 12 – Kokomo
- > Christ, Anderson
- > Emanuel, Arcadia
- > St. Peter, Huntington
- > Good Shepherd, Kokomo
- > Our Redeemer, Kokomo
- > Zion, Kokomo
- > St. James, Marion
- > Grace, Muncie
- > St. John, Peru
- > Emanuel, Tipton
- > Zion, Wabash
- > Mission: Burmese – Bible Study/ESL, Southwest, Fort Wayne
- > RSO: Lutheran Ministries Media, Fort Wayne

August Birthdays

Aug. 6

Anna Mills, 91
Immanuel, Seymour
Bob Walton, 90
St. Matthew's, Delphi

Aug. 7

Mary Wiser, 92
Grace, New Albany

Aug. 8

Doris Johnson, 93
Zion, Seymour

Barbara Wyckoff, 91
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Aug. 10

Jane Hoffman, 90
St. John's, White Creek

Aug. 11

Kathryn Sierp, 93
Immanuel, Seymour

Aug. 13

Luella Koop, 95
Zion, Seymour

Bernice Berning, 91
Zion, Friedheim

Aug. 14

Rabel Newkirk, 96
Immanuel, Seymour
Ilene Wienhorst, 95
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Aug. 15

Mary Hesterman, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Aug. 16

Irene Bieberich, 94
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur



Providing 'hope' in Indianapolis

Rebecca's Garden Of Hope (RGOH) tutoring and mentoring program of Our Savior, Indianapolis, is provided at no cost to the RGOH families. The program targets "at-risk" youth in kindergarten through fifth grade. Our Savior recently completed its third year of the program and has established a successful partnership with both the school of Education of Ivy Tech Community College (downtown Indianapolis campus) and Tindley Genesis Academy (TGA), a K-5 school across the street from Our Savior.

Surveys completed each semester by all parents/guardians and tutors/volunteers have

been very positive. Twenty-five of the 34 students (74 percent) enrolled in 2019 successfully completed the program on May 11.

Tutors must be at least 16 years of age and can volunteer at thelc.ms/rgoh-tutoring-program.

Tutoring is held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Included in the schedule are a meal and Bible activities.

For more information, visit rebeccasgardenofhope.org; send an email to rgohindy2@gmail.com; or call 317-925-3737

Co-directors are Jim Boyd and Pamela Elliott.



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The deadline for the October issue is Aug. 15.

New pastor installed at ULu

Rev. Jared DeBlieck was installed as associate pastor of University Lutheran Church (ULu), West Lafayette, on June 2. Pastor DeBlieck had recently served Trinity, Edwardsville, Ill., prior to accepting the call to ULu, which serves as an outreach to students at Purdue University. Participating were, from left (front row) Revs. David Shadday, DeBlieck, Peter Ahlersmeyer, David Dunlop; (back row) Justin Herman, Marcus Zill, Dr. John Pless, Geoffrey Robinson and Seth Mierow.

