

DISTRICT NEWS

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*The Cross Needs Easter,
Easter Needs the Cross*



**Rev. Dr.
Daniel Brege**
President

Jesus died and rose again. Both of these key beliefs are historically verifiable events, each miraculous, each finding its supplementary greatness in the other, each finding its grandeur in the God-man, Jesus of Nazareth. Though the crucifixion and the resurrection may be preached separately, they are two sides of the one coin of salvation. You can't have one without the other.

Christians maintain that the crucifixion of Jesus is of first importance. Of this we both preach and boast. St. Paul summarized:

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.”

— 1 COR. 15:3

By faith the Apostles — and then all who would believe through their word — recognize that at the cross the Son of God was redeeming mankind, that at the cross the Savior was demonstrating the greatness of God's love and that at the cross Jesus humbled himself so He would be recognized as scooping up the lowest of the lowly. Yet how can one believe in what appears to

be an event of utter rejection and failure?

Jesus' crucifixion is meaningless without His resurrection. Thus, Paul was inspired to write:

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” — 1 COR. 15:17

The crucifixion, though at the heart of our preaching and our faith, only finds meaning because of the resurrection. The resurrection both verifies Christ's work of salvation at the cross and it has meaning unto itself. In view of this we can say that Christ's resurrection is the greatest event in history. Christ's crucifixion is only great because of His resurrection.

Even as the crucifixion is verified only with the resurrection, so too the resurrection only has meaning when one rightly realizes the reason for the crucifixion. Paul stated:

“(He) was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

— ROM. 4:25

How could Christ's resurrection bring justification (the declaration that we are righteous)? It could only do so because Christ was really put to death for our trespasses. In Christ, mankind's sins were crucified, dead and buried so when Christ rose from the dead as mankind's representative, He left all our sins behind in the grave.

Now because of the cross, the baptized stand justified by Christ's resurrection, because with our sins dead and buried we must be declared righteous. Additionally, Christ has promised:

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College students gain tools for evangelism



Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry, leads a session at the LCMS U "Witness" conference.

By Jayne Sheaffer

The thought of college students on winter break tends to call up images of ski trips or warm-weather getaways, but 330 students, campus ministry pastors and workers from over 80 campuses spent part of their break at the LCMS U "Witness" conference held Jan. 2–5 in Fort Wayne.

In addition to learning about a framework and tools for sharing the Gospel, they gave \$1,404 in support of The Shepherd's Hand, a community-outreach initiative of Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, east of downtown Fort Wayne. Shepherd of the City is also home to an LCMS U chapter for students attending neighboring Indiana Tech University.

The importance of witnessing to the hope that is in Jesus Christ can give rise to some anxiety. But that is exactly the reason many of these college men and women chose to attend LCMS U "Witness."

Much to learn

"Being a witness for Christ is no small or comfortable task, so learning as much as possible is a must," shared Ben Harsin, a senior at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Ill. "And what better way to do so than from theological experts and among Lutheran friends? I cannot think of one."

The conference, which took place on the campuses of Purdue University Fort Wayne and Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, offered dozens of sectionals, plenty of

opportunities for fellowship, and worship at CTSFW and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

The foundation of the conference was several sessions with keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry. Wood built his presentations around *Every One His Witness*®, a Lutheran evangelism tool developed by the LCMS Office of National Mission and available from Concordia Publishing House.

"The focus of the plenary sessions was to give the attendees greater insight into what went into the development of *Every One His Witness*. I hope this will encourage those who haven't participated in a workshop to do so and that it will give those who have participated in a workshop a greater depth of knowledge," explained Wood.

"Mostly," he added, "I wanted to encourage the students attending the Witness Conference to find joy in their calling to be Christ's witnesses where they are now and throughout their lives."

Nathaniel Prather, a junior at Indiana University, Bloomington, thinks the LASSIE approach (Listen, Ask, Seek,

Share, Invite, Encourage) from *Every One His Witness* will be a great tool for his own witnessing efforts.

All are sinners

The sectionals at the conference covered topics concerning witnessing to those with varying worldviews, witnessing and dating, and spiritual warfare. One theme that hit home for many of the participants was witnessing to those in pain.

"Although every sectional I attended impacted me in a wonderfully different way, the sectional that gave me exceptional help was from Rev. Seth Mierow's session titled 'The Problem of Pain: Witnessing to Suffering Agnostics,'" said Emily Kleman, a freshman at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Kleman explained, "A question I have received many times and often wondered about myself is, 'If God cares for us, why does He make us suffer?' We may have recently lost a loved one, have been struggling to keep our head above the papers, homework and demands of school, or even have asked God, 'Why me?'"

"Rev. Mierow explained that as Christians we wrestle with the same temptations and evil in this world as unbelievers. God sent His Son to save all people. As witnesses, we can reach out to agnostics surrounding us and share charitable compassion and empathetic care with them because we are in fact all the same, sinners."

Mierow, pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, serves Butler University along with other university campuses in the city.

With so much teaching, learning and sharing packed into just a little over 60 hours, what's the takeaway from LCMS U "Witness"?

"I do think Christians in college want to

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UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH • PURDUE



Remodeled space expands outreach opportunities



On any given morning, you might find Rev. Justin Herman sipping coffee while reading the Bible or talking with students at the new coffee shop inside University Lutheran’s (ULu) newly remodeled building at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

Since ULu completed the project, the building now also houses a new fellowship hall and office space. The coffee shop is run by a local vendor, Fuel, and has quickly become a popular venue for Purdue students and staff. During lunch, Fuel is packed with students and has been getting heavy foot traffic due to its location across the street from the school’s engineering mall.

“The Purdue community comes to us everyday,” says Rev. Herman, ULu pastor. “Our students bring friends — people who don’t go to church. I get to meet new faces all the time. That’s what I was hoping for and it’s even better than I imagined.”

Since last fall’s update, the fellowship hall, office space and entryways are finally finished, with the new signage being put into place as a final touch. Pastor Herman says they are seeing an increase in students

“The atmosphere of the coffee shop is helping us build a reputation for being welcoming before we have an opportunity to do anything else. We want to be a people of service as we’ve been served.”

Rev. Justin Herman, right, shown chatting with a Purdue student.

attending worship services and the church is actively using the fellowship hall every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. worship services.

It’s a huge change from last August when the coffee shop was still under construction and the church was trying to get the remodeling project finished. This semester has a decidedly different feel now that the project is complete.

“People are coming in to get coffee and it’s a way to serve the community,” Rev. Herman says. “The atmosphere of the coffee shop is helping us build a reputation for being welcoming before we have an opportunity to do anything else. We want to be a people of service as we’ve been served.”

Although the atmosphere of the coffee shop is attracting the Purdue community, it’s not their primary mission.

“The most important thing is what we do on the third floor,” Rev. Herman says. “If we don’t have salvation, then none of the rest matters. We want what we receive from Christ to trickle down to the other floors so we can share the hope we have.”

In order to reach more people, ULu is currently in the process of calling another pastor, who will become the director of community relations and help facilitate ULu’s councils, Bible studies and more, all with the goal of building strong relationships.

“Everything flows from the worship,” Rev. Herman adds. “We want to have a community where people meet their friends and spouse, those lifelong relationships that flow from the joy of being at Purdue and part of ULu.”

“We want to develop a community that serves the Purdue community as Christ serves us.”

Learn more about the ministry at ulupurdue.org.

OUTREACH KENTUCKY



Almost halfway there!

The Indiana District is continuing to pursue its goal of raising \$150,000 for Outreach Kentucky, a new mission initiative serving the Richmond, Ky., area.

So far, \$70,220 has been raised toward the goal. Once it's reached, the district can apply for an additional \$100,000 through the New Ministry Initiative matching grant. The total amount of \$250,000 would enable the board of directors to call and provide living expenses for a missionary for at least three years.

So why choose to support Outreach Kentucky? The need for an LCMS congregation in that area is urgent. Richmond is the third largest city in the bluegrass region of Kentucky, but many of its residents have no religious affiliation. The city is also home to Eastern Kentucky University (which has an undergraduate enrollment of more than 14,000 students), making Richmond a bustling college town with the potential for a campus ministry.

With your help, we can reach the people of Richmond and provide a campus

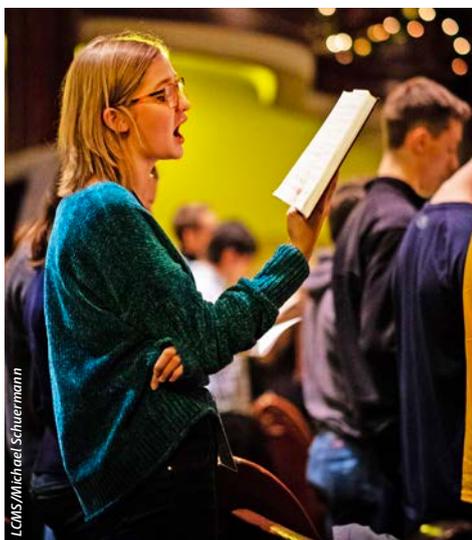
ministry to young adults for three years.

The district hopes to achieve this goal by 2021. If the goal is not met, donors will be approached about applying the funds to another project at that time.

It is our hope that the remaining funds will be raised this year so we can apply for a matching grant and begin to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the residents of Richmond.

Thanks to those who have provided support to get us halfway to our goal.

To find out more about this exciting new ministry, visit in.lcms.org/outreach-kentucky or contact Rev. Geoff Robinson at geoff.robinson@in.lcms.org.



A student sings during Evening Prayer at the LCMS U "Witness" conference in Fort Wayne.

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be a witness for the hope that they possess; they simply may not be equipped with the knowledge, tools or confidence to do so," offered Harsin. "I know this is true of me.

"The lessons I have learned at this conference will embolden me to be a witness for Jesus Christ beyond the scope in which I have proclaimed my faith in the past. Being surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses and mentors at this meeting has shown me the opportunities that are awaiting me by the Lord's design."

The Rev. Marcus Zill, director of LCMS Campus Ministry and LCMS U, said, "The college context can be edgy, difficult and complex. I am proud of the desire of our college students to not only confess their faith in the toughest of circumstances but also to witness to those they encounter on campus."

"Witness" was the fourth biennial conference hosted by LCMS U, with the fifth being planned for January 2021.

To read the entire article and for more pictures go to lcms.org/lcms-u-witness-conference.

Foundation welcomes Behrmann

Andy Behrmann has joined the LCMS Foundation as the gift planning counselor for the Indiana District. He takes over for Rev. Phil Krupski, who is now Foundation senior vice-president for Gift Planning Services.



As a gift planning counselor, Behrmann is tasked with helping his fellow members discern the best ways to make use of the gifts God has given them by helping create gift plans that take care of their families and the ministries God has called them to support. He also helps congregations in being good stewards of the gifts that their members have been called to give them. Finally, he shares with ministries the ways in which they can build God's kingdom by making the most effective use of the resources the Lord has provided.

Behrmann is a lifelong Lutheran, born and raised in Indiana. Prior to joining the Foundation, he worked in fundraising for the Ivy Tech Foundation and served on the faculty of Ivy Tech Community College. He has also worked in retirement planning and arts administration. He has an undergraduate degree from DePauw University, and he completed his graduate work at Penn State. In addition, he has completed coursework at The Fund Raising School at IUPUI.

Andy is married to Anna and they are members at Epiphany, Westfield. In previous congregations, Behrmann has served on the Board of Elders, led

several Bible studies and participated in mission trips. He looks forward to sharing the love of Christ by helping develop gift plans that ensure his fellow members have the security of knowing that their needs and the needs of their families will be taken care of, while at the same time have the peace of knowing they are being wise stewards of their God-given resources.

The LCMS Foundation is a ministry arm of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is charged with three primary tasks:

- ▶ Gift planning for members
- ▶ Investment services for LCMS congregations and other ministries.
- ▶ Trust administration, management and distribution of the gifts and resources entrusted to it.

The Foundation provides charitable expertise to LCMS members by training its counselors to help with biblical, Christ-centered stewardship.

For more information on gift planning and how the Foundation might help you, please do not hesitate to reach out to Andy at **andy.behrmann@lfn.org** or **317-374-2866**.



What's in a name?

Mary ran to the tomb a few days after Jesus was buried. When she did not find Him, she started to weep, having thought that someone had taken Him away.

Thinking Jesus was the gardener, she asked Him where He was taken. Jesus simply said “Mary.” At once she recognized Him (John 20:11-18).

Note that Jesus didn't chastise her and tell her all the reasons why she didn't believe what He had told her and others about His resurrection. He just said “Mary.” That's it — the shortest sermon in history.

Jesus showed her His love just as He did throughout His ministry. He associated with the tax collectors and the poor. He fed the 5,000. He healed the 10 lepers. Loving people the way Jesus did is great theology. Yes, we need to have a firm grip on doctrine and know what the Bible says to the world.

Memorize grace and share your love with others. Sometimes they don't need a sermon; they just need you to be the sermon. How do you show that sermon of love to people who need it?

You do such by sharing the blessings that the Lord has given you. Is it food or clothing they need? Is it financial help? All that we have is from the Lord. You can't rescue everyone, but with the assistance of others in your church, you have strength in numbers. How's your outreach or mission group doing in your congregation?

You see, mission outreach and stewardship go hand-in-hand. Your church can do this locally, but also district-wide and nationally. The Indiana District can connect you to various human care and disaster relief resources like LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team), IN-CIRT (Critical Incidence Response Team), CISM (Critical Incidence Stress Management) and Grief Support. Go to in.lcms.org/resources/human-care for more information.



Ken Schilf
Council of Resources



Gumz installed at Trinity

On Feb. 3, Rev. Patrick Gumz (front row, fourth from left) was installed as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hammond. Pastor Gumz has spent the last five years serving two congregations in southwest Kansas. A Purdue University graduate, he attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Rev. Gumz and his wife, Kami, have three children. Among clergy present, Rev. James Barton, emeritus, preached and was the installation officiant; Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch, Indiana District first vice-president, was lector; and Rev. Donald Stock, circuit visitor, was liturgist.



Minetola installed at Cornerstone

On Jan. 27, Rev. Victor Minetola, a Specific Ministry Pastor serving Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel, was ordained and installed as associate pastor, and is serving as pastor of the satellite location in Indianapolis (2837 East New York St.). From left, Revs. Luther Brunette, senior pastor, Cornerstone, Carmel; Daniel Schumm, associate pastor, Cornerstone, Carmel; Dr. Daniel Brege, Indiana District president; Minetola; John Sattler, pastor, Holy Cross, Indianapolis; Paul Borg; Scott Giger, associate pastor, Cornerstone, and pastor of the Fishers satellite; and Rollin Kuznik.

Prayer list

Week of April 1

- > Eastern 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: Chinese Ministry, Faith, Bloomington
- > RSO: Lutheran Child and Family Service, Indianapolis

Week of April 8

- > English District
- > Circuit 21 – Lexington
- > Our Savior, Danville
- > Bread of Life, Georgetown
- > Good Shepherd, Lexington
- > Our Redeemer, Lexington
- > St. John, Lexington
- > Mission: African Immigrant Ministry, St. Augustine, Fort Wayne
- > RSO: Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

Week of April 15

- > Florida-Georgia District
- > Circuit 1 – Hammond
- > Grace, Dyer
- > Concordia, Hammond
- > Trinity, Hammond
- > Redeemer, Highland
- > Trinity, Lowell

- > St. Paul, Munster
- > Peace, Schererville
- > Mission: Campus Ministry, University, Bloomington
- > RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne

Week of April 22

- > Iowa District East
- > Circuit 10 – Decatur
- > Peace, Berne
- > Immanuel, Decatur
- > St. John (Bingen), Decatur
- > St. Paul, Decatur
- > St. Peter, Decatur
- > Zion, Decatur
- > Zion (Friedheim), Decatur
- > Emmanuel (Soest), Fort Wayne
- > Prince of Peace, Hartford City
- > St. John (Flatrock), Monroeville
- > Bethlehem (Tocsin), Ossian
- > New Hope, Ossian
- > Faith, Roanoke
- > Mission: Campus Ministry, University, West Lafayette
- > RSO: Lutheran Ministries Media, Fort Wayne

Week of April 29

- > Iowa District West
- > 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: Campus Ministry, Grace, Muncie (Ball State)
- > RSO: Lutheran School Partnership, Fort Wayne



April Anniversaries

April 1

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benter
63, *St. Paul (Wegan), Brownstown*

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marks
58, *St. James, Lafayette*

April 2

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Habegger
53, *Bethlehem, Fort Wayne*

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meek
53, *Grace, New Albany*

April 3

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allman
54, *Immanuel, Seymour*

Mr. and Mrs. John Mader
54, *St. Paul's, Fort Wayne*

April 4

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nolting
60, *St. Peter's, Brownstown*

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Braun
55, *Emmanuel, Fort Wayne*

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gardin
55, *St. Peter, North Judson*

April 6

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Studebaker
51, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

April 8

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hackman
63, *Immanuel, Seymour*

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gumz
58, *St. Paul's, Chesterton*

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lambert
58, *St. Peter, North Judson*

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cummings
57, *St. John's, White Creek*

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Backofen
52, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brandt
52, *Zion, (Friedheim), Decatur*

April 11

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullard
55, *Immanuel, Seymour*

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood
55, *St. John, Lanesville*

April 12

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moeller
66, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

Mr. and Mrs. Gib Foertsch
61, *Emmanuel, Tell City*

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Saalfrank
55, *Bethlehem, Fort Wayne*

April 15

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pasch
52, *Our Shepherd, Avon*

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Upton
52, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

April 16

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams
64, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

April 17

Mr. and Mrs. Norb Bultemeier
60, *Zion, Decatur*

April 18

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols
55, *Trinity, Darmstadt*

April 19

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Van Bargaen
50, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

April 20

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Coolman
56, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wischmeier
51, *St. Peter's, Brownstown*

April 21

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Culter
62, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Duwe
51, *Immanuel, Seymour*

April 2

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hackman
57, *St. Peter's, Brownstown*

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Buuck
53, *St. James, Lafayette*

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wirth
52, *Redeemer, Louisville*

April 23

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindeman
53, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schellenbach
53, *Cornerstone, Carmel*

April 24

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wernert
54, *Grace, New Albany*

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knipstein
53, *Bethlehem, Fort Wayne*

April 25

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tittman
60, *Emmanuel, Fort Wayne*

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Claycamp |54,
Zion, Seymour

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Runge d
51, *Immanuel, Seymour*

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Matkins
50, *Calvary, Indianapolis*

April 26

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Radeke
61, *Holy Cross, Fort Wayne*

April 27

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sakaguchi
51, *St. Peter, North Judson*

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Zwald
51, *Grace, New Albany*

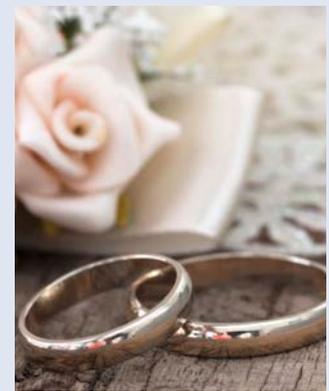
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Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Baumis
68, *St. James, Lafayette*

April 29

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Turmail,
64, *St. Peter's, Brownstown*

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Blank,
61, *St. John, Lanesville*



April Birthdays

April 2

Leona Beckman, 91
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

April 3

Jack Janz, 94
St. Matthew's, Delphi

Mamie Smith, 92
Zion, Fort Wayne

April 4

Esther Blank, 95
St. John, Lanesville

April 5

Flo Koenig, 93
Heritage, Valparaiso

April 6

Dorothy Gutzler, 101
Trinity, Hobart

Mary Schneider, 91
Immanuel, Seymour

April 7

Dwight Bieberich, 90
Zion, Fort Wayne

April 8

Geneva Lofton, 90
St. John, Lanesville

April 9

Dorothy Hehman 97
St. Peter's, Brownstown

Marcille Burtch, 92
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

April 11

Ralph Sauer, 90
Zion, Decatur

April 13

Phyllis Brown, 90
Our Redeemer, Evansville

Eugene Hill, 90
Zion, Decatur

April 14

Neil Arbeiter, 94
Our Redeemer, Evansville

April 15

Orpha Emkes, 95
Zion, Seymour

Gloria Bauman, 93
Epiphany, Westfield

April 16

Jack Hayes, 90
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

April 17

Dorothy Wiegman, 98
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

April 19

Mary Macke, 92
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

April 20

Elsie Kovener, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

April 21

Doris Householder, 93
Immanuel, Avilla

April 22

Eugene Gordon, 97
St. James, Lafayette

April 23

Clifford Sierp, 99
Immanuel, Seymour

April 25

Helen Busche, 93
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Ruth Merriman, 93
St. James, Lafayette

April 26

Joyce Kleppinger, 95
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

Martha Howard, 94
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

Ruth Fuhrmann, 92
Calvary, Indianapolis

April 28

Eleda Barille, 95
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Werner Hospers, 94
Heritage, Valparaiso

Ivan Wortmann, 92
Trinity, Darmstadt

April 29

Charlotte Brown, 95
St. Peter, North Judson

Carol Rose, 90
Emmaus, Fort Wayne

April 30

Dottie Bruick, 93,
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Belated

Feb. 6
Betty Shadday, 90
Trinity, Dillsboro

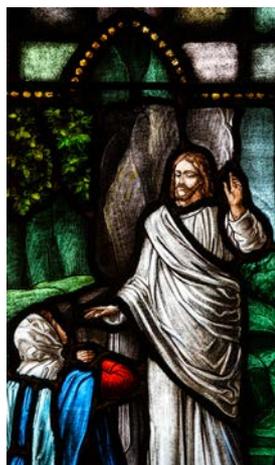


Pastors wives gather for retreat

The Katie Retreat for the wives of district pastors was held at The Inn at DePauw, Greencastle, Feb. 8-10. About 55 ladies gathered to hear a presentation from Renee Gibbs, wife of Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs, professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Saturday's schedule included a Bible study, fellowship, dinner and entertainment.

A worship service was held on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege, Indiana District president, preached, and Rev. Gregory Fiechtner of South Bend assisted.

Plans are already underway for the 2020 event, scheduled for Feb. 7-9 at the same location. Christian speaker and author Deb Burma of Columbus, Neb., is the scheduled keynote speaker.



MESSAGE

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“Because I live, you also will live”

— JOHN 14:19B

We might conclude such a promise is based only on His resurrection — and indubitably it is based on His resurrection — but it can't be true without Christ's crucifixion. For how can Christ promise to unredeemed sinners the resurrection to life eternal, for the wages of sin is still death? Truly our resurrection to eternal life depends on the crucifixion, for only with sin gone can we be given a resurrection to immortality.

Praise God that Christ, the God-man who was crucified for mankind's sin, has been raised from the dead for our justification, and our faith then possesses the perfectly minted and complete coin of salvation.



Share Your News!

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

Your stories and photos are welcomed and most appreciated. Please send all submissions to Jan Koenig at:

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