



DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA

COMPETENT & EQUIPPED

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” **2 Timothy 3:14-17**



Rev. Daniel May
District President

This month we remember the important and critical role of higher education in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Truly, it is a long and vibrant history! Concordia Seminary in St.

Louis was established in 1839, eight years before the Synod was organized in 1847, and Concordia University Chicago (formerly Concordia Teacher’s College) was established in 1864. Since that time, we Lutherans have intently worked to make Lutheran higher education a priority as a means to prepare pastors and teachers to serve our congregations and schools.

Today, by God’s grace, the LCMS now has 10 universities and two seminaries, and these institutions have expanded to enhance the cognitive

and spiritual aspects of the faith life of all God’s people, not just pastors and teachers. We now offer more than 160 undergraduate and 50 graduate programs! Every day our students hear and learn God’s Word as they celebrate God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. No matter the degree, the common goal is for each student to become a Christian leader, either in the church, the community or even the world.

Of course, our nation has thousands of institutions of higher learning, but these colleges and universities often function with a worldview and philosophy that are a contradiction to a biblical view—and even in opposition to our Christian faith. That’s why our Lutheran schools of higher education are so important. Through them, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to share a Christian lifestyle and biblical worldview. Of course, we as Lutherans value higher education in every discipline, but in

the end a mature and well-informed Christian has the lasting and most treasured knowledge, because it is a knowledge that makes us wise unto salvation.

I thank God for the opportunity I have enjoyed matriculating through our LCMS higher education system. It is invaluable to me! Please join with me in praying that God will help us keep our focus and never undervalue the importance of a cognitive and mature understanding of God’s Word for the healthy Christian, as we read in Col. 1:28:

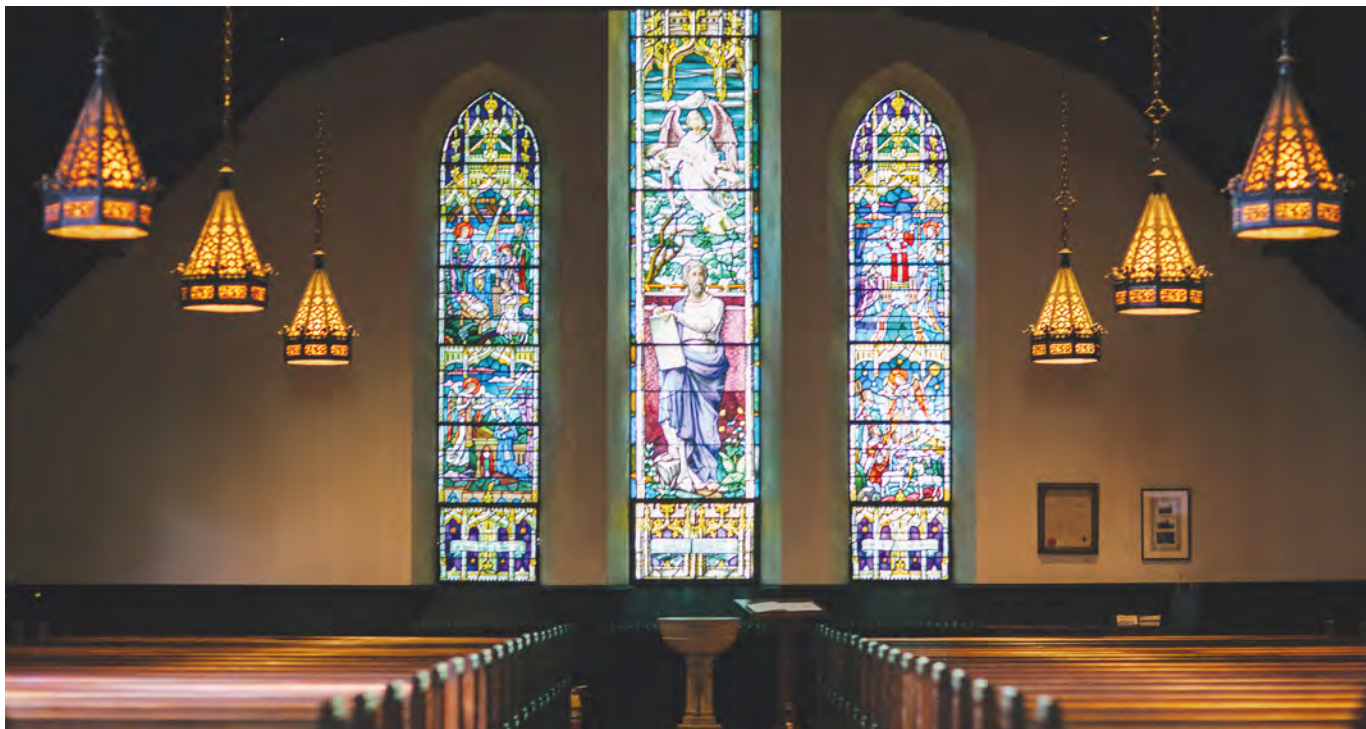
“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

In Christ,

Reverend May

Help us encourage and help the church workers of tomorrow

New church-worker grants make a Concordia education possible



Dr. Jon Mielke
Executive Counselor
for Christian Education

As the mission field continues to grow throughout the LCMS and particularly in the Indiana District, we need young men and women to consider church work as a full-time vocation. Unfortunately, fewer young men and women are choosing a career in church work, perhaps in part because of the cost associated with a Concordia university. That's why the Indiana District is offering a new church worker grant, which will help offset the cost of that education. Here's how it works.

The Indiana District awards new graduates a grant following their first

placement in church work. Recipients are eligible to receive the grant during their first three years of their service to the church. Please note that the grant is not automatic; church workers need to apply for it annually.

To be eligible for the grant, workers must have been members of an Indiana District congregation both three years before and also during college. They are also required to be on the roster of Synod as a commissioned or ordained minister and serving an LCMS congregation or RSO. In March, the Indiana District awarded \$90,000 to 46 commissioned and ordained ministers as follows: three DCEs, two deaconesses, one director of parish music, 23 teachers and 17 pastors. Note that the dollar amount awarded is determined annually by the Board of Directors.

While we are excited about this new opportunity, we need your help to

make sure this grant is successful. First, please help us identify college students who are intending to become full-time church workers, so that we can remind them to apply once they are placed. Visit the Indiana District website to enter names of students currently attending one of our Concordia universities. The Indiana District Church Worker Grant information and application forms are also posted at the same site, in.lcms.org/new-church-worker-grants.

Second, you can contribute financially. Funding for the Indiana District Church Worker Grant program is made possible by congregational support to the Indiana District and therefore is dependent on the continued support that we receive from our congregations and LCMS members. Together, we can encourage and help the church workers of tomorrow.

Placement: a God-blessed wonder

By Professor Jeffrey Pulse, Director of Placement, CTSFW

I grew up with the saying, “There are two things you do not want to see made — sausage and politics.” As the director of placement at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, I might be inclined to add a third thing — placement!

From the outside looking in, it may appear that a congregation simply fills out the required forms for a pastoral candidate as provided by the district office, sends the forms back to the district and, lo and behold, a candidate shows up at the church to be ordained and installed. The reality is that the placement process can be a bit messy!

After the congregation forms arrive at the district office, they are forwarded to Synod, where they are checked over carefully and then made available to both seminaries. The directors of placement at both seminaries have already interviewed the potential candidates, who have filled out their own set of forms, and met with every district president in an attempt to understand the gifts, needs and wants of calling congregations. At this point, the directors, working together, try to fit the gifts, needs and wants of both the congregations and the candidates as best as possible. In some cases, this may involve calling congregations interviewing potential candidates.

In addition, the Council of Presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod appoints a placement committee, which consists of five district presidents, the two directors of placement and the two directors of vicarage. This committee meets to pre-slot the candidates in a calling congregation, and then meets again to make a final slotting. Finally, with the approval of each district president, the entire list from both seminaries is presented to the Council of Presidents. The names are read aloud, a prayer is offered and a vote is made to accept the placements. Then it is off to the call services of each seminary to assign these men to those congregations.

Another saying I grew up with was, “Too many cooks in the kitchen spoils the meal.” With so many hands in the placement process, it is a God-blessed wonder there is any meal at all! Yet, that is the point and the truth — it is a God-blessed wonder! Thanks to a lot of prayer along the way, trusting the guidance of the Holy Spirit, trying to stay out of the way when not needed, and jumping in when God needs an instrument to work through — placement can be a bit messy — but a God-blessed wonder nevertheless.

Lake George Lutheran Chapel celebrates 50 years!

On Aug. 21, Lake George Lutheran Chapel will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its first services. On that date in 1966, 150 people gathered at Hall’s Ski Club in Fremont, and the Rev. Donald Frank of St. John, Monroeville, conducted the first service.

The church facility was built in 1968, with several additions and renovations since that time. In the early years, services were held only in the summer. In 1972, year-round services began and continue today. The Rev. David Easterday currently serves as senior pastor.

The congregation has a number of special events planned for the celebration. The Rev. Daniel May will preach on Aug. 14. On Aug. 20, the church will celebrate in

a worship service featuring The Lutheran Men of Song. A meal will follow.

On Aug. 28, Resonate, a singing group from Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, will provide special music. Thanks be to God for the blessing of the 50 years of ministry at Lake George.



Placements

During the week of April 24-27, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (FW), and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (SL), held Call Day, when students receive their call or vicarage assignments

Those placed in the Indiana District:

Daniel Burfiend (FW) to pastor, New Hope, Ossian

Matthew Douglas (SL) to assistant pastor, Our Shepherd, Avon

Brett Satkowiak (SL) to associate pastor of Youth, Trinity, Crown Point

Daniel Sheafer (FW) to associate pastor, Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

John Stebbins (FW) to pastor, Faith, Louisville

Men from the Indiana District who have received their calls elsewhere:

Paul Albers (SL) to pastor, Concordia, Vermillion, S.D.

Joshua Fitch (SL) to assistant pastor, St. Paul Aberdeen, S.D.

Jesse Gullion (FW) to pastor, Christ the King, Racine and Holy Cross, Racine, Wis.

Justin Kumfer (SL) to assistant pastor, Our Savior Way, Ashburn, Va.

Logan Landes (FW) to assistant pastor, Grace, Destin, Fla.

Adam Matheny (SL) to assistant pastor, Our Savior, Mankato, Minn.

James Rockhill (FW) to Bethlehem, Crawford and Redeemer, Harrison, Neb.

Daniel Steeb (FW) to pastor, Immanuel, Logan, Iowa

Vicarage Assignments in the Indiana District:

Wade Bellesbach (FW) to Redeemer, Highland

Amedeus Gandy (FW) to Shepherd of the City, Fort Wayne

William Grueninger (SL) to St. Peter, Columbus

Joel Newton (SL) to Immanuel, Seymour

James Pierce (FW) to St. John, Columbia City

Scott Salo (FW) to Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne

Bryan Stecker (FW) to Immanuel, Terre Haute

Leonard Tanksley (FW) to Zion, Decatur

Deaconess Interns placed:
Katelyn Lower (FW) to Shepherd of the City and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Sarah Ludwig (SL) to Immanuel, Seymour

Vicarage assignments of men from the Indiana District assigned elsewhere:

Jonathan Jennings (FW) to Luther Memorial Chapel, Shorewood, Wis.

Paul Morrison (FW) to St. Peter’s, Eastpoint, Mich.

Erik Sorenson (FW) to Risen Savior, Basehor, Kan.

Ethan Spira (FW) to St. Paul’s, Janesville, Wis.

Please note: The listing from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from which the editor compiled this information, did not list the home district for vicarage assignments.

'Let the children come to me'

By Cornelia Schulz, Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Halloween and birthday parties; Santa workshops; backpacks and school supplies; winter coats, shoes and mittens; and many, many prayers. These are just some of the ways we have shared the love of Jesus in the past eight years with children who attend Washington Elementary School, a public, Title 1 school across the street from Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. But we have not been able to share our most prized possession, the word of God, with them — until now.

Thanks to a Stand with Your Community Grant from The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, we plan to offer a once-a-week program for these children this fall. They will hear Bible stories, learn how to pray, have a Vespers service and other good Lutheran things that we enjoy. That, of course, includes food and drink and helping with the children's vocation of being diligent students.

Thanks to our own parochial school with more than 300 children, we will have many little helpers who will

join us in this endeavor, hopefully lowering barriers that are often perceived between the two different types of schooling in the process. We will also employ an educational director and a program director to guide us efficiently. Around 45 children from grades 3–5 are our target group. We hope to serve three different groups with six-week sessions each during the school year for the next two years. If we can secure more funds, we will definitely extend the program past 2018.

We have an excellent relationship with the staff at Washington Elementary, and the principal has been part of the planning committee. (No, she is not Lutheran.) Our hope is that the children will become comfortable in a church setting and will not hesitate in the future to join in Sunday school, vacation Bible school and other



activities, with all children enjoying our playground together and the parents working in the community garden.

Since we received this grant, another public elementary school, Nebraska Elementary, closed in May, and these children will come to our neighborhood school as well. The Lord has a way to provide us with people whom we have the pleasure of serving!

Redeemer Lutheran Church dedicates Fellowship Center/Parish Hall



On May 22, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Seymour, dedicated their new Fellowship Center, the culmination of an 18-month project.

The new Fellowship Center accomplishes two major parts of the congregation's mission: teaching the faith in Sunday school classrooms to all ages (preschool through adult) and gathering for fellowship and meals.

The Sunday school assembly area of the new building features a smaller version of the altar in the church chancel. At the last youth group devotion, everyone gathered around that altar to remember what that replica altar stands for ... that everything done in this new building is to be an extension of God's service, love and mercy as the

congregation serves, loves and shows mercy to others.

Redeemer is served by the Revs. Andrew Currao and Joseph Barlau. Former pastors the Revs. Paul Schlueter, Daniel Lepley and Otis Sauls, along with Indiana District President Rev. Daniel May, participated in the dedication.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

5
Early Childhood Conference
Concordia University Chicago

12
Association of Lutheran Development
Directors, Great Lakes Central Chapter,
Fall Conference, *District Office*

27
Columbus Circuit meeting with Rev.
Bart Day, *Faith, Columbus*

SEPT

9-10
Evangelism Conference,
Our Shepherd, Avon

15-16
Indiana Non-Public
Educators Conference

16-17
Higher Things, *St. John, Columbia City*
Junior High Youth Gathering — South

17-18
Junior High Youth Rally — North

25
Vantage Point Retreat,
Camp Lutherhaven

28
Vantage Point Retreat,
Camp Lutherhaven

OCTOBER

2
Vantage Point Retreat,
Camp Lutherhaven

4
Vantage Point Retreat,
Camp Lutherhaven

5-7
re:inspire – Best Practices for Ministry
Heartland, *Carmel*

13-15
LEA Convocation

16
Vantage Point Retreat,
Camp Lutherhaven

20
Vantage Point Retreat,
Camp Lutherhaven

24-26
Fall Pastors' Conference,
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport

25-26
Fall DCE Conference

NOVEMBER

3-5
National Rural and Small Town
Mission Conference

August Prayer List

Week of August 1

- > Mid-South District
- > Circuit 7
- > Trinity, Fort Wayne
- > Our Hope, Hometown
- > Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
- > Praise, Fort Wayne
- > St. Augustine, Fort Wayne
- > **Mission:** Campus Ministry, University, W. Lafayette
- > **RSO:** Cross Connections, Fort Wayne & Indianapolis

Week of August 8

- > Minnesota North District
- > Circuit 12
- > St. James, Marion
- > Grace, Muncie
- > St. John, Peru
- > Emanuel, Tipton
- > Zion, Wabash
- > **Mission:** Campus Ministry, Grace, Muncie
- > **RSO:** Hands of Mercy, Fort Wayne

Week of August 15

- > Minnesota South District
- > Circuit 17
- > Emanuel, Dudleytown
- > Immanuel, Seymour
- > Redeemer, Seymour
- > Zion, Seymour
- > Peace, Seymour
- > Lord of Life, North Vernon
- > **Mission:** Campus Ministry, University of Louisville, Concordia
- > **RSO:** Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

Week of August 22

- > Missouri District
- > Circuit 4
- > St. Mark, Medaryville
- > St. Peter, North Judson

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SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Do you have exciting news you'd like to see published in the Indiana District *Lutheran Witness*? We love to hear news and updates and see photos from around our district. Be sure to send in your news, especially if you enjoy writing or taking photos at church events.

The deadline for the October issue of The Lutheran Witness is Aug. 10.

Your stories and photos are welcomed and most appreciated. Please send all submissions

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



The Rev. Dennis Ouellette was recently installed as the missionary pastor/pilot for Lutheran Association for Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO) based in the Michigan District. Ouellette lives in Indiana and was pastor of Christ, Brownsburg, before accepting this call. For more information on LAMP, go to lampministry.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/lampministry.org.

INSTALLATIONS & CELEBRATIONS



Participating in the installation of the Rev. James Teasdale as pastor of Martini Lutheran Church, New Haven, on June 5 were, from left, the Revs. Mark Steiner, Jeffrey Olsen, Teasdale and Timothy Sims, officiant and former district president.



Participating in the installation of the Rev. Daniel Eggold as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Lafayette, were, from left, (front row) the Revs. Thomas A. Eggold, James Barton, Alfred Hellert, Daniel May (Indiana District president), Eggold, David French, Charles Blakey, David R. Mueller (circuit visitor); (back row) Steven Ensley, David Nabinger, Curtis May, Thomas E. Eggold, Joseph Townsend, Steven Ensley and Steven Ahlersmeyer. The installation was held on June 5 and was followed by a reception.

August Prayer List

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- > St. John, Wanatah
- > St. Luke, Winamac
- > Emmanuel, Wheatfield
- > St. Paul, Denham
- > **Mission:** Campus Ministry, Indiana State, Immanuel, Terre Haute
- > **RSO:** Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

Week of August 29

- > Montana District
- > Circuit 8
- > Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
- > Emmaus, Fort Wayne
- > Mt. Calvary, Fort Wayne
- > Peace, Fort Wayne
- > Shepherd of the City, Fort Wayne
- > **Mission:** Campus Ministry, IPFW/IN Tech/IVY Tech, Fort Wayne
- > **RSO:** Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne-Kendallville

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1
Ruth Sunderman, 91
Immanuel, Seymour

AUGUST 2
Victoria Dannenfelser, 99
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

AUGUST 3
Dorothy Lunte, 93, Immanuel, Seymour
Allen Anderson, 91, Heritage, Valparaiso

AUGUST 5
Ruth Pottschmidt, 92
St. Peter's, Brownstown

AUGUST 8
Doris Johnson, 90, Zion, Seymour

AUGUST 9
Ruth Koehnemann, 99
St. John, Vincennes

AUGUST 10
Ruth Littrell, 91, Concordia, Greenwood

AUGUST 11
Emma Matzat, 101
St. Peter, North Judson

Kathryn Sierp, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

AUGUST 12
Rose Merkel, 97, Calvary, Plymouth
Lila Nelmelman, 90
Heritage, Valparaiso

AUGUST 13
Elizabeth Neiman, 101
Calvary, Indianapolis
Luella Koop, 92, Zion, Seymour
Bill Moore, 92, St. James, Logansport

AUGUST 14
Rabel Newkirk, 93, Immanuel, Seymour
Ilene Wienhorst, 92
Emanuel, Dudleytown

AUGUST 15
Elmer Rosebrough, 98
Our Shepherd, Avon

AUGUST 16
Lillian Bowles, 94, Calvary, Plymouth
Irene Bieberich, 91

St. Paul (Preble), Decatur
Catherine Scholle, 90, Trinity, Silksobor

AUGUST 19
Benita Bowman, 92, Carmel

AUGUST 21
Warren Kline, 93, St. Paul's, Bremen

AUGUST 22
Victor Schuler, 94, St. Paul's, Evansville
Wallace Prentice, 92, Immanuel, Avilla
Doris Gellerman, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

AUGUST 23
Doris Zwick, 93, St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mildred Isaacs, 92, Trinity-Darmstadt

AUGUST 25
Jeanette Stofft, 91, Emmanuel, Tell City

AUGUST 27
Louisa Hartman, 93
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

AUGUST 28
Alice Galbraith, 91, Zion, Seymour

AUGUST 31
Hulda Goecker, 94, Immanuel, Seymour

Belated Birthdays

JUNE 12
Leona Worth, 90, Zion, Friedheim

JUNE 22
Herman Strakis, 94, Our Shepherd, Avon

JUNE 26
Eva Mae Powell, 96, Emmanuel, Tell City
Annabelle Ohlmansiek, 90
Trinity, Dillsboro

JULY 8
Leah Timler, 93, St. James, Logansport

JULY 9
Helen Burrow, 97, Our Shepherd, Avon

JULY 15
Ruth Hancock, 90, Emmanuel, Tell City

JULY 20
Paul Maves, 93, Our Shepherd, Avon

JULY 26
Luella Reidenbach, 91
Heritage, Valparaiso

JULY 31
Lavera Barlow, 92, Trinity, Dillsboro

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 1

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Younger, 62
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Dr. and Mrs. Allen Herbst, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blazek, 52
Calvary, Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Doctor, 52
Grace, Muncie
Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter, 52, Zion,
Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Stoner, 52
Our Shepherd, Avon
Mr. and Mrs. George Wehrmeister, 52
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

AUGUST 2

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Clayton, 68
St. Paul's, Evansville
Mr. and Mrs. W. Joseph Baker, 52
Immanuel, Seymour

AUGUST 3

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kennada, 59
St. Paul's, Evansville
Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Urberg, 58
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. James Kaiser, 53
St. Paul's, Bremen

AUGUST 4

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berning, 60
St. Peter, Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fackler, 60
Trinity, Hobart
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pinnow, 60
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. David Lapierre, 54
St. James, Logansport
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Otte, 53
Immanuel, Seymour

AUGUST 5

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pardieck, 60
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conrad, 55
Zion, Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Daniel, 55, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schacht, 55
St. Peter, North Judson
Mr. and Mrs. John Sowers, 55
Zion, Woodburn

AUGUST 6

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hoevener, 61
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Mr. and Mrs. John Brandt, 56, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hitzfield Dr.
50, St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

AUGUST 7

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eshcoff, 67
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schaper, 62
Zion, Woodburn
Mr. and Mrs. John Ehle, 51
Zion, New Palestine
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Heinkel, 51
Grace, Muncie
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson, 50
Immanuel, Seymour

AUGUST 8

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ollman, 77
St. Matthew's, Delphi
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whirrett, 64, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kettler, 57
Calvary, Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dehn, 52
St. John, Lanesville
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Borchering
51, Immanuel, Seymour

AUGUST 9

Mr. and Mrs. Dairl Rountree, 52
Concordia, Louisville

AUGUST 10

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holderman, 59
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Love, 59
St. John, Monroeville
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thomas, 58
Our Shepherd, Avon
Mr. and Mrs. Max Woebeking, 53
Zion, Woodburn

AUGUST 11

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Baumann, 54
Zion, New Palestine
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grotrian, 54
St. John, Monroeville

AUGUST 13

Mr. and Mrs. John Remetta, 61
Calvary, Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. James Salyer, 61
St. Paul's, Bremen

AUGUST 14

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Moehl, 62
Trinity, Hobart
Mr. and Mrs. William Bonitz, 61
St. John, Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter, 61
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Renner, 61, Carmel

AUGUST 15

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Preuss, 63, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dennis, 52
Trinity-Darmstadt
Rev. and Mrs. Howard Fabricius, 52
Calvary, Indianapolis

AUGUST 16

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Blackwell, 66
Zion, New Palestine
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bowen, 59
Zion, New Palestine
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Busse, 59, Carmel
AUGUST 17
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Biberdorf, 64,
Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gruenhagen, 59
Our Shepherd, Avon

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodward, 54, Carmel

AUGUST 18

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kohorst, 70
St. John, Vincennes
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harroff, 60
Concordia, Louisville
Mr. and Mrs. Burt Smith, 59, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stamberger, 59
Calvary, Plymouth
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weinrich, 54, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Klaiber, 53
St. James, Logansport

AUGUST 19

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Raabe, 60
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thompson, 60, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Winterboer, 55
St. Paul's, Bremen

AUGUST 20

Mr. and Mrs. William Glesing, 67
St. John, Indianapolis
Rev. and Mrs. Michael Bristol, 50
University, West Lafayette
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wehrkamp, 50
Emanuel, Dudleytown

AUGUST 21

Mr. and Mrs. George Eickhoff, 61
St. Peter, Huntington

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blombach, 52

Concordia, Louisville
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bohnke, 51
St. John, Monroeville
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Connors, 51
Heritage Valparaiso

AUGUST 22

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Otten, 62
St. John, Vincennes
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Falkenstern, 57 St.
Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pasche, 57
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Schlegel, 57
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Junk, 52
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lukenheimer, 52,
St. Paul's, Evansville
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, 52
St. John, Indianapolis

AUGUST 23

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scare, 64
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pardieck
63, Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Werling, 58
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Hersey Mangels, 57
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Faske, 53
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

AUGUST 24

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kiesling, 60
St. James, Logansport
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughey, 59, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Huntzman, 53
Zion, Seymour

AUGUST 25

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeby, 65, Calvary,
Indianapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Walther, 65
St. John, Lanesville
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Kilgas, 59
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Norden, 55
Immanuel, Avilla.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, 54
Grace, Muncie
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brettin, 54
St. Peter, North Judson

AUGUST 26

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kiewit, 60
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Mr. and Mrs. Harold David, 55
Trinity-Darmstadt
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith, 55
St. Paul (Preble), Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whybrew, 55
Our Shepherd, Avon

AUGUST 27

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Maier Jr., 65
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Don Coleman, 61
Heritage, Valparaiso
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jernas, 56
St. Peter, North Judson
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Swanson, 56 Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bobb, 55
Emanuel, Dudleytown

AUGUST 28

Mr. and Mrs. Al Durkee, 63
Our Shepherd, Avon
Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Kieser, 56
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wathen, 56,
Trinity-Darmstadt

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hildreth, 51

Zion, Seymour
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rapp, 51, Carmel
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Satorius, 51
Calvary, Plymouth

AUGUST 29

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler, 69
St. John, Monroeville
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sauer, 58
Zion, Decatur
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Price, 56
Faith, DeMotte

AUGUST 30

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goecker, 57
Zion, Seymour

AUGUST 31

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busche, 69
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fort, 59
Calvary, Indianapolis

Belated Anniversaries

JUNE 12

Dr. and Mrs. Ted Blumenberg, 50
Zion, Friedheim

JUNE 18

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schultz, 56
Heritage, Valparaiso

JUNE 19

Mrs. and Mrs. Chris Seitz, 56
Emmanuel, Tell City

JUNE 20

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buuck, 63
Zion, Friedheim.
Mr. and Mrs. Butch Werner, 52
Heritage, Valparaiso

JUNE 30

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lewis, 60, Faith, Louisville

JULY 1

Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller, 65
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JULY 4

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Levenhagen, 51
Our Shepherd, Avon

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gutt, 64
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Mr. and Mrs. William Carlson, 52
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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schafer, 61
Our Shepherd, Avon

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Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Bultemeier, 52
Zion, Friedheim

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Rev. and Mrs. David Graef, 65
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Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hormann, 60
Zion, Friedheim

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Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Keppel
55, Heritage, Valparaiso

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Mr. and Mrs. Raphael LaGrange, 62
Emmanuel, Tell City



Rev. Geoff Robinson
Outreach Executive

When you go to the doctor, you probably hope and trust that your doctor is up to date on the latest medicines and procedures so that he might give you the best care. How

does this happen? Doctors must take a rigorous course of studies to meet the needs of their patients. But learning in medical school is not enough because the challenges of medicine constantly change. So your doctor must continue to study in order to be current and up to date.

As important as physical health is, there is something even more important, namely, spiritual health! Pastors, who are the spiritual shepherds of their flocks, must also study hard and take a rigorous course of instruction to be able to take care of the spiritual needs of the people

they are serving. In The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the normal course of study for pastors is four years of post-graduate study, with a Master's of Divinity degree awarded upon completion. But this really is just the beginning of study for the pastor.

Lifelong study must occur for your pastor to be up to date on the various issues in the world and in your community. Of course, studying God's Holy Word is key. But your pastor also needs to continue to strive to preach and teach better throughout his time in Holy Ministry. It is important that your pastor has the opportunity to continue studying so that he will remain fresh in his preaching, and interesting and informative in his teaching.

Thank God that we have seminaries of higher learning, which take their role of pastoral formation very seriously. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, both require Greek and Hebrew so your pastor can work from the original languages in which God gave us the Holy Scriptures. To

this coursework they add systematic theology, pastoral ministry and missions (called practical theology at the St. Louis seminary), exegetical theology and historical theology.

Prospective pastors are required to pass one year of residential training (vicarage) in order to graduate. And then these prospective pastors must be certified by the church before they can be a candidate to be called into the pastoral ministry.

Our seminaries of higher learning are valuable not only in training future pastors, but also in helping pastors in the field to be refreshed and encouraged. They do this by offering many opportunities for pastors to continue their studies with courses offered in various locations throughout the country.

Thank God that in the LCMS, we encourage and help current and future pastors continue their studies, and that we have institutions of higher learning that offer those study opportunities.