



DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA



Fire. Burglary. Theft. Shooting. Threats to life. Arrest of leader or member. Tornado. Flood. Storm. Death or suicide. Accident, especially involving children or multiple members. Social media or internet misuse.

Each of these is considered a “critical incident” because it has a significant impact on congregational and community members. During these times, people often value someone to talk with, someone who will listen to their fears and concerns. “Why did this happen?” “What’s next?” “Why do bad things happen to good people?”

INDIANA DISTRICT’S CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

Your pastor may be overwhelmed with the number of people who are impacted and desire his personal attention. He may already be the point person for authorities, and responsible for news releases and supporting the staff and victims. This is when the district can help. There are 28 trained and certified people in the Indiana District who are serving as volunteers on the Indiana District’s Critical Incident Response

Team (IN-CIRT).

ACTIVATING IN-CIRT DEPLOYMENT

If an incident would happen in your community or congregation, IN-CIRT can provide help for you. When requested by the pastor or congregation representative, a team of two to four volunteers will be deployed, usually within 24 hours. Upon arrival, team members will immediately meet with the congregation leaders to understand the incident and its current status, and the needs of the people affected. Then they will:

- ▶ Provide a trained, caring presence to listen to people in need.
- ▶ Encourage adults and children to verbalize trauma and stress reactions.
- ▶ Promote recovery and the well-being of victims, staff, rescue workers and families.
- ▶ Help the pastor restore trust, hope, community and health.
- ▶ Use both individual and group settings as appropriate.
- ▶ Receive and relay essential information.

- ▶ Identify follow-up needs or make referrals for additional assistance.

The team will not provide personal therapy and extensive personal counseling, stay for an extended period of time, or replace the pastor, local first responders or the district’s disaster response team.

The pastor, principal, preschool director, DCE or an authorized lay leader can start the process with a phone call:

- ▶ **Call the Indiana District** during office hours at 800-837-1145, ext. 2208 or 2204;
- ▶ All other times, **call or text Dave Ebeling**, assistant to the president, at 812-322-6503; or **the Rev. Rick Boshoven** (Trinity Memorial, Merrillville) at 219-669-0877.

All IN-CIRT members will be notified of the request and will be asked to consider rearranging their schedules to respond. The number of responders will be determined by the nature of the incident and the availability of volunteers to respond on short notice.

Teaching the faith: adults

By Rev. Heath Trampe

Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church; York, Neb.

Reawakening

When I accepted the call to serve as senior pastor of Faith, I assumed that adult Bible class would be a walk in the park. I was coming from a 2,000-plus member congregation in a large city. As associate pastor of St. Peter's, Fort Wayne, I helped to oversee and execute a weekly Wednesday evening Bible study that brought in 300 to 400 people a week. This was in addition to teaching the adult-information class for new members and administrating the youth confirmation program.

It did not take long to discover that rural and small-town ministry has its own unique blessings and challenges! Over two years later, we are seeing 40 to 60 adults every Sunday morning for the pastor-led Bible class, in addition to strong attendance at many small groups that meet throughout the week. But it was not always this way. Here are some things I learned in my first two years at Faith.

Get the lay of the land

Every church is different, and it is important to understand where the congregation has been and where it would like to go. The first large-scale study we undertook at Faith brought

new faces into the adult Bible class, but it was also met with resistance. I might have avoided some heartache as the new pastor if I had been more patient.

Balance (διδάσκω) and (οικοδομή)

(διδάσκω) is a biblical Greek word for the kind of formal instruction at which Lutherans have historically been pretty adept. (οικοδομή) is the kind of teaching and learning we experience when we share life together. In 1 Thess. 5:11, Paul talks about “encouraging each other and building one another up.” This is an important function of the local congregation. At Faith, all the teachers are encouraged to know the material and to be able to share it compellingly, but we also understand that much of what brings adults into Bible class happens outside of Bible class!

Be multigenerational

Early into my time at the first ministry I served, I discovered that adults will more likely attend a study if there is an option available for their kids at the same time. Also, just about everyone is more excited to study if there is food present! This has been true at Faith, and we often try to make sure some kind of refreshment is available when we gather to study God's Word together.

Be intentional

Regardless of the generation you are attempting to reach, a congregation's leadership must be intentional. I frequently mention the current Bible class topic in my preaching, and new faces are regularly encouraged to consider joining the discussion on Sunday mornings. We even managed, by God's grace, to turn a potential Bible class destroyer into one of the most powerful evangelism tools at our disposal!

As with all things in ministry, this is an ongoing process. If you want more information, feel free to email me at pastortrampe@gmail.com or give me a call at 402-362-3000.

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission (RSTM) supports and encourages rural and small-town congregations in engaging their communities and growing together in Christ through Word and Sacrament. If you have a good idea for outreach or a story you'd like to share so that it can be shared with others, please email Amy Gerds at amy.gerds@lcms.org.

Learn more about RSTM at lcms.org/rstm, by calling 888-463-5127, by email at rstm@lcms.org, or “like” RSTM on its Facebook page at facebook.com/lcmsrstm.



Affirming life

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE will hold a 2017 regional Hope For Life conference on Sept. 16 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

This conference will be spiritually uplifting and encouraging. The speakers will focus directly on God's Word and how it applies to the life issues as demonstrated in the conference theme, "Hope For Life."

Speakers include:

The Rev. Michael Salemink
"Standing Out in the Field — How to Be a Life-Minded Congregation and Community"

The Rev. Scott Licht
"Hope Amidst the Lies — A Christian Perspective on Physician-Assisted Suicide"

Dr. Christina Francis
"Yes, Abortion Pill Reversal Will Work"

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger
"We've Been This Way Before" —



Christians often feel thrust into a hopeless battle previous generations didn't have to fight, especially in the culture wars raging over sexual ethics and life issues.

The Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer
"The Loss of Life and Liberty in the Pursuit of Happiness"

For more information on registration, speakers, schedules, hotels and more, go to lutheransforlife.org/conference.

Lutherans For Life — equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT. 11–12
Circuit Visitors Fall Conference
Cornerstone—Fishers

SEPT. 16–19
Council of Presidents meeting

SEPT. 19–21
Specialized Pastoral Ministry Retreat
Belleville, Ill.

SEPT. 21
Indiana District Board of Directors meeting

SEPT. 26–28
International LCMS
Disaster Response Conference
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

SEPT. 28–29
Teachers Conference, *Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne*

OCT. 11–13
Best Practices Heartland, *Columbus*

OCT. 12–14
Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

OCT. 23–25
Fall Pastors Conference
Marriott Indianapolis East

NOV. 1–3
Luther Hostel, *Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne*

NOV. 2–5
Christ Academy College and Phoebe Academy College
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

NOV. 9–11
National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference, *Kansas City, Mo.*

Barnyard adventures

It all started with a Christmas party.

Last Christmas, members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver, invited the clients and staff from Pathfinder Services, Inc., a group home for adults in Culver, to join them for the party. Everyone had an exceptional time. From that event, a relationship was born.

Building on that budding relationship, Pathfinder Services of Culver and Plymouth teamed with Trinity for a vacation Bible school June 19–23. The fun centered on the theme "Barnyard Roundup" from Concordia Publishing House. Farm attire and themed Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and lunches set the stage for a week-long,



fun-filled adventure. Every person involved made memories that will last a lifetime and relationships that will endure.

A picnic and joint activities are planned for the future. Pathfinder Services will make jewelry, candles and other articles that clients will sell at Trinity during the fall garage sale.

Trinity members sang with action to songs in American Sign Language, a very useful strategy as several clients were deaf and autistic. Everyone enjoyed learning a new language.



To lead by example, in word and deed

By Rev. Dr.
**Richard
Stuckwisch**
Pastor, Emmaus,
South Bend

THE LEADERS
OF THE
EARLY CHURCH
IN THE NEW
TESTAMENT,
her elders and
deacons, were



the called and ordained ministers of Christ, the pastors and teachers who labored in the Word of God and cared for the people by preaching and praying and administering the Sacraments (Heb. 13:7, 17; Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5–9; 1 Peter 5:1–4; 1 Tim. 3:1–13).

From the beginning, however, there were also those faithful disciples, both men and women, who served and supported the Ministry of the Lord and led by their own example (Luke 8:1–3; Acts 2:42–47; 4:32–37; 6:1–4; 1 Cor. 8:1–8; Phil. 1:3–5; 4:10–20). The need for such leadership persists in the life of the Church to this day.

In the installation of congregational officers, the Church confesses that “holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation” (*Lutheran Service Book Agenda*, page 247). For those who serve as office-bearers in the Lord’s Church, and for all who would be leaders of a congregation, it is especially important to be faithful in this life to which all Christians are called.

In addition to whatever particular duties of office they may be given, they lead by the example of their faith and life, not in words only, but in deed and truth. They not only see to it that services are held at the proper times, that the Word of Christ is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, and that the Sacraments are administered according to His Word, but they themselves are faithful in attending services, gladly hearing and learning the preaching of God’s Word, and regularly receiving the Sacrament.

They go to church. They attend Bible class. They listen to their pastor and

rely on his care. In short, they live by faith as Christians. So, too, they not only encourage the other members of the congregation to support the called workers, to care for the poor and needy, and to serve the general welfare of the church, but they themselves contribute a significant portion of their income in support of the Church and ministry; they give generously to care for their neighbors, and they use their energy and skills to serve the needs of the congregation.

They volunteer to help where they are able. They invest their time in the life of the Church. They acknowledge the contributions and efforts of their brothers and sisters.

And such works of faith and love are a response to the Gospel as they lead by example to the glory of their Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Stuckwisch serves as third-vice president of the Indiana District, Northwest Region.

Taking care of business

As I was mowing my lawn, I tried to refrain from grumbling about doing it. I decided to take a fresh approach. I'm the caretaker of my yard. I should keep what I have been blessed with under control. I should keep it healthy by fertilizing, watering and mowing it at the proper height so the roots can grow deeper and the lawn thicker. That all takes discipline!



Ken Schilf
Council of Resources

That's part of being a steward. We have been created to care for the entire creation that God had spoken into existence, in just six days. He's the owner; we're the caretakers and stewards.

This is true on a congregational level. If congregational leaders are not acting as faithful stewards of the resources that the Lord provides through their membership, they will become an obstacle for the spiritual growth of the congregation. One way this shows up is in careless spending. And another way is being too tightfisted with the investment that members have shared. Something like taking care of your yard

— overwatering or letting the weeds run wild.

It is crucial that the stewardship leaders have a plan in place. That should include teaching and modeling of stewardship in the congregation. If we expect our members to be faithful stewards of their resources, so should the leaders of the congregation. That should not just include internal preservation, but also focusing on outreach — which can be done through our district. To align mission and stewardship is to see what the Church is commanded to do in the Great Commission:

“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 that I have commanded you.” **Matt. 28:19-20a**

So as leaders in your congregation, how are you doing as a steward in God's kingdom here on earth? Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's Word is the only tool we need to discipline the godly steward. After all, all the resources we have at our disposal are blessings from God to be used to further His kingdom here on earth.

Need help? Go to the district website — in.lcms.org/resources/stewardship-giving — to download free stewardship materials.

September Prayer List

Week of September 4

- > Labor Day — Have a blessed Labor Day Weekend!

Week of September 11

- > Southeastern District
- > Circuit 15
- > Concordia, *Greenwood*
- > Calvary, *Indianapolis*
- > Emmaus, *Indianapolis*
- > Our Savior, *Indianapolis*
- > Peace Deaf, *Indianapolis*
- > St. Paul, *Indianapolis*
- > St. Peter, *Indianapolis*
- > First Timothy, *Indianapolis*
- > Mt. Olive, *Greenwood*
- > Christ the King, *Moosville*
- > **Mission:** TIM Mission Support — *Messiah, Indianapolis*
- > **RSO:** Cranach Institute, *Fort Wayne*

Week of September 18

- > Southern District
- > Circuit 18
- > Calvary, *Bedford*
- > St. Paul, *Brownstown*
- > St. Peter, *Brownstown*
- > Emmanuel, *Leesville*
- > Good Shepherd, *Medora*
- > Faith, *Salem*
- > St. John, *Seymour*
- > Trinity, *Vallonia*
- > **Mission:** African American Support — 1st Timothy, *Messiah, Indianapolis*
- > **RSO:** Cross Connections *Fort Wayne/Indianapolis*

Week of September 25

- > Southern Illinois District
- > Circuit 2
- > Trinity, *Crown Point*
- > Faith, *DeMotte*
- > Faith, *Gary*
- > Good Shepherd, *Gary*
- > Our Saviour, *Gary*
- > St. John, *Gary*
- > St. Philip, *Gary*
- > St. Michael, *Hebron*
- > Trinity, *Hobart*
- > Trinity Memorial, *Merrillville*
- > **Mission:** Foreign Missions, *Concordia, Fort Wayne*
- > **RSO:** Hands of Mercy, *Fort Wayne*



Congratulations Rev. Reifsteck!

The Rev. Joshua Reifsteck was ordained and installed as associate pastor of Calvary, Indianapolis, on June 11. The Rev. Kurt Ebert is senior pastor.

Reifsteck was born and raised in Illinois and graduated from Valparaiso University in 2011. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2015 and did graduate work in historical theology before his call to Calvary. He is married to Laura, who grew up in Huntington and teaches elementary music.

From left, (first row) the Revs. Udhay Raji, Kurt Ebert, Reifsteck, Daniel May, Sam Ruiz, Art Wehrmeister, Bob Armao; (second row) Harvey Lange, David Shadday, Matthew Schneider; back row: Troy Countryman, Ray Main, James Myers and Alan Barber.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1
Kay Granzow, 92
Trinity, Hobart
Pauline Hackman, 92
Immanuel, Seymour
Kay Johnston, 90
Cornerstone, Carmel

SEPTEMBER 1
Mel Schwartz, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 2
Rosalie Skiles, 91
St. James, Lafayette

SEPTEMBER 3
Melvin Wischmeier, 95
Immanuel, Seymour
Betty Peters, 94
St. John, Monroeville
Rosemary Wesselman, 90
St. John, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 5
Charlotte Waikel, 92
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mildred Bobb, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 6
Mable Hankey, 93,
Cornerstone, Carmel

SEPTEMBER 7
Mabel Ann Schwark, 96
Calvary, Indianapolis
May Klinstiver, 94
Grace, New Albany
James Preston, 92
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 8
Mary Jane Peck, 94
Calvary, Indianapolis
Phyllis Brown, 90
St. Paul's, Bremen

SEPTEMBER 9
Vera Hammond, 96
Zion, Decatur
Frieda Ruhlow, 95
Grace, New Albany

SEPTEMBER 9
Herman Guenin, 93
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
Marcy Kelbie, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Laverne Linnemeier, 90
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Peter Reigert, 90 Cornerstone,
Carmel

SEPTEMBER 10
Mildred Rahn, 92
Immanuel, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 11
Edward Ollman, 98
St. Matthew's, Delphi

SEPTEMBER 12
Berneice Newsom, 95
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Esther Gottfried, 93
Immanuel, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 14
Ken Wisner, 93
Grace, New Albany

SEPTEMBER 16
Dorothea Crawford, 100
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Jack Holm, 93
Calvary, Plymouth
Dewey Kirkpatrick, 92
Redeemer, Seymour
Mildred Kontak, 90
St. John, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 17
Marvin Stoppenhagen, 102,
Zion, Friedheim
Kathleen Boyer, 94
Immanuel, Avilla
Russ Denzine, 92
Heritage, Valparaiso
Meredith Gleitz, 91
Grace, New Albany

SEPTEMBER 18
Malinda Bieberich, 98
St. Paul, Preble, Decatur
Norma Blank, 95
St. John, Lanesville
Marlin Keidel, 93
Zion, Friedheim

SEPTEMBER 19
Leah Maier, 91
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Norma Eshcoff, 90
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 21
Doris Graessle, 97
Redeemer, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 22
Frances Anderson, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 24
Erwin Brand, 92
Zion, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 25
Marty Koerner, 94
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
H. Lorraine Yates, 93
Calvary, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 26
Evelyn Rippe, 98
Trinity, Hobart
Elbert Fuhrmann, 95
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 27
Marion Boerger, 95
St. John, Monroeville
SEPTEMBER 29
Bettye Southwood, 93
St. Pauls, Evansville
Mary Thieme, 90
Zion, Decatur

Belated Birthdays
AUGUST 24
Mel Schwartz, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 1

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Schueler, 60
St. Paul, Preble, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Keuneke
55, St. Paul, Preble, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Linnemeier
55, Zion, Friedheim
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Springer, 55
Cornerstone, Carmel
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Bradshaw, 54
St. Matthew's, Delphi

SEPTEMBER 2

Mr. & Mrs. Clark Matson, 62
Immanuel, Avilla
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Hardy, 57
St. Paul's, Bremen
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bieberich, 56
Zion, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Eckelman, 56
St. James, Lafayette
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Darlage, 56
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Melcher, 50
St. John, Monroeville
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wolfgram, 50
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 3

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Baily, 56
Shepherd of the Hills,
Georgetown
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bieberich, 51
St. Paul, Preble, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lewis, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Mesh, 51
Epiphany, Westfield
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Minix, 51
Our Redeemer, Knox
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Strickler, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel

SEPTEMBER 4

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Egolff, 65
Immanuel, Avilla

SEPTEMBER 5

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Seegers, 58
St. Paul's, Bremen
Mr. & Mrs. James Scheele 53
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Schroeder,
53, Epiphany Westfield
Mr. & Mrs. Butch Ruddick, 52
Redeemer, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 6

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman Curts,
70, Grace, New Albany**

SEPTEMBER 7

Mr. & Mrs. Maynard
Lambertus, 65, St. John,
Lanesville
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Woebbeking,
60, Zion, Woodburn
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Selking, 59
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Volkman,
50, Calvary, Indianapolis

SEPTEMBER 8

Mr. & Mrs. Montie Prince, 54
Redeemer, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 9

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Heckman, 72
Zion, Friedheim
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin "Doc" Cleeter,
60, Trinity, Dillsboro
Mr. & Mrs. Bill James, 50
Grace, Muncie

SEPTEMBER 10

Mr. & Mrs. Arden Christen, 62
Cornerstone, Carmel
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Blum, 56
St. Paul, Preble, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hoffman,
50, St. John, Monroeville

SEPTEMBER 11

Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Griffin, 63
Zion, Garrett

SEPTEMBER 12

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schultz,
64, Trinity Memorial,
Merrillville
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Langsdale, 52
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 13

Mr. & Mrs. William Toborg, 64
Redeemer, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 14

Mr. & Mrs. Duane Lupke, 60
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Teising 54
St. John, Vincennes

SEPTEMBER 15

Mr. & Mrs. John Downing, 66
Heritage, Valparaiso
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Meyer, 61
St. James, Lafayette
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Kiel, 60
Immanuel, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 16

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Buuck, 50
Zion, Friedheim
Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Sommerville, 50
Grace, New Albany

SEPTEMBER 17

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Beltz, 57
Immanuel, Seymour
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Geller, 57
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rosser, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gonzalez, 52
Zion, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Albersmeyer, 51
Zion, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Wagner, 51
Zion, Decatur

SEPTEMBER 18

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zoller, 63
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. William Bender, 62
Trinity, Hobart
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Crosby, 62
Zion, Friedheim
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Martin, 52
Zion, Woodburn

SEPTEMBER 19

Mr. & Mrs. Hank Kolb, 64
Living Water, Wolf Lake



Mr. & Mrs. Stefan Anderson, 58
Grace, Muncie

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Knutson,
58, Trinity Memorial,
Merrillville
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Meyer, 53
St. John's, White Creek

SEPTEMBER 20
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Selking, 59
St. Paul, Preble, Decatur

SEPTEMBER 22
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hirsch,
61, Zion, Woodburn
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Buckles,
55, Immanuel, Avilla
Mr. & Mrs. John Schultz, 55,
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 23
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Miller,
50, Trinity Memorial,
Merrillville

SEPTEMBER 24
Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Mueller, 68
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Brandt Jr., 57
Calvary, Indianapolis
Mr. & Mrs. Cal Kassuelke, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Ewell, 56
St. Paul, Preble, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Bellman, 51
St. Paul's, Bremen
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Meyer, 51
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Utter, 51
St. John's, Farmers Retreat
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wolff, 51
St. Peter, North Judson

SEPTEMBER 25
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Counterman,
69, St. John (Bingen),
Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. John Salhoff, 52
St. Paul's, Bremen
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sterrett, 52
St. James, Lafayette

SEPTEMBER 26
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Bradtmueller,
53, St. John, Monroeville
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Busse, 53,
Zion, Decatur
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Linnemeier,
53, Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. William Steele, 53
St. James, Lafayette

SEPTEMBER 27
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moffatt,
65, Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. & Mrs. Glen VonDielingen,
53, Immanuel, Seymour

SEPTEMBER 28
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Podell, 60
St. Peter, North Judson
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Bieberich,
54, Zion, Fort Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kalthoff, 54
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

SEPTEMBER 29
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hoffman, 55
St. John's, White Creek
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koontz, 54
St. Paul's, Bremen

SEPTEMBER 30
Mr. and Mrs. James McKown,
50, Grace, New Albany

Belated Anniversaries
AUGUST 1
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Herbst, 58
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

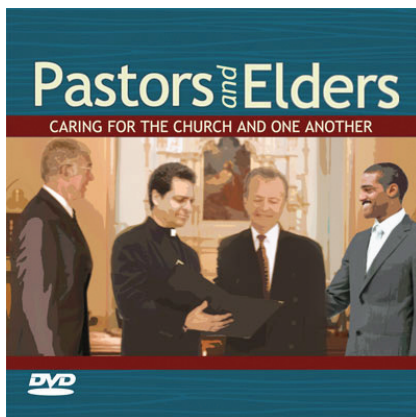
AUGUST 13
Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Klausmeier,
51, Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

AUGUST 24
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Weber, 54
Our Redeemer, Knox

Helping foster peace in the Church

- ▶ Who is in charge?
- ▶ For what are elders responsible?
- ▶ How can trust be built between the pastor and elders?
- ▶ How can we hold one another accountable?

If these questions sound familiar, it's because every church struggles at times with knowing how to foster a healthy relationship between pastors and elders. The relationship between leaders in the congregation is an important factor in the well-being of a church. CPH offers an excellent set of resources for pastors and elders to grow together: *Pastors and Elders, Caring for the Church and One Another*.



THE BOOK

Author Rev. Timothy Mech, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, Wis., defines the roles and responsibilities of each position, outlines where authority should lie, and provides recommendations of how to build trust and accountability within the congregation. This training

manual includes discussion questions at the end of each chapter, along with helpful resources, such as sample meeting agendas, reports, templates for congregational letters and much more.

THE DVD

Included on the DVD are eight four-to eight-minute training segments (total time: 52 minutes). Also available are a leader's guide with discussion questions for each chapter, a PowerPoint presentation that supports the leader's guide and resources containing useful documents from the book in PDF and text files.

Pastors and Elders provides the congregation with strategies for leaders to work effectively as a team for the sake of the Lord and His Church. For more information, visit cph.org/p-20023-pastors-and-elders-kit.aspx.



SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Do you have exciting news you'd like to see published in the Indiana District *Lutheran Witness*? We'd love to share your news and see photos of what's happening in our district! Be sure to send in your submissions, especially if you enjoy writing or taking photos at church events.

The deadline for the November issue of *The Lutheran Witness* is Sept. 12.

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

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