



DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA

Moving toward **ADVENT**

We enter November with the Feast of All Saints, which is not only a most comprehensive festival, but in many ways the crescendo of the church year. It gathers up Easter, Pentecost, the whole Time of the Church, and the hope of the Resurrection and the Life everlasting all together in one majestic observance, fixing our eyes upon Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of the faith.



Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch
District President

From that high point on Nov. 1, the balance of the month really moves toward the season of Advent and the church's expectation of her coming Lord. The One who came in the flesh in the fullness of time, conceived and born of St. Mary, comes to us here and now by the ministry of His Gospel within His one, holy, catholic and apostolic church on earth, in order to call us to Himself and prepare us for His coming in glory at the last for the final judgment of the living and the dead.



It really is in the light of this three-fold coming of Christ Jesus that we live our entire life in this world, our hope firmly fixed on the promise of His resurrection and the power of His own indestructible life. And that which sustains us in that faith, hope and life, day after day throughout the year — week after week and

month after month — is the apostolic ministry of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.

It is especially appropriate that November concludes — and the beginning of Advent coincides — with the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle (Nov. 30), the first of the twelve to be called to discipleship. He went from St. John's preaching and Baptism of repentance to become a catechumen of Christ Jesus, then also an apostle and finally a martyr of the faith. By his faithful witness and example we are strengthened in our callings and stations, until we also shall be called from this vale of tears to our dear Father in heaven.

“Take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife; though these all be gone, they yet have nothing won; the Kingdom ours remaineth!”

INSTALLATIONS



District officers installed

Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch was installed as the seventh president of the Indiana District on Sept. 6, 2022 at Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Pictured are, from left (front row) Revs. Richard Heinz, David Mueller, Peter Brock, Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Benjamin Ball, Erich Fickel, Nathan Rastl, David Solum; (back row) Josh Osbun, Dr. Lawrence Rast, Dr. Paul Dancy, Dr. James Teasdale, Danny Mackey, Channing Kearney, Douglas Punke, Dr. Geoffrey Boyle and Dr. Clifford Grobien. Revs. Brock, Mueller, Rastl and Fickel were also installed as district first through fourth vice-presidents, respectively.

Welcome!



The Indiana District is pleased to announce that Sara Pierce has been added to the staff as a part-time administrative assistant. We are so blessed to have Sara join our team.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

from the staff of the
Indiana District



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ATTITUDE leads to GRATITUDE



Ken Schilf
Council of
Resources

Growing up on the streets of Chicago, our house had heat — coal heat. That meant shoveling coal into the coal bin and then regularly into the furnace. Admittedly, my attitude wasn't the greatest. But we had heat! Then we got a gas furnace. Oh, how grateful I was because that meant no more coal shoveling.

What comes to my mind is the passage from Col. 3:23-24:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

I certainly didn't do the coal shoveling with my whole heart. Oh, how my attitude changed when we got gas. But whether it was the coal or the gas, both were gifts from God.

How's your attitude these days? When it comes to what we possess, do we recognize that it is all God's? When we do, our attitude leads to gratitude. And because of that change of mind, we are more willing to share our wealth with the Lord. LCMS Stewardship Ministry defines Christian stewardship as "the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes."

Carol Zeile, a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Alma, Mich., says, "It's hard for me to talk about my faith, but I have found that talking about what I do for my church, and how I serve, makes it easier."

As baptized children of God, we are called to live lives by using our wealth of time, talents and treasure to the glory of God. And it's not hard to do, because as Christians it is simply what we do when we are living the Christian life. My friend, that attitude does lead to gratitude!



Photos: Erik M. Lunsford

Holy matrimony

By Rev. Roy Olsen
Pastor, Emmaus,
Fort Wayne

In *Lutheran Service Book* it is called “Holy Matrimony,” but many people understand it as marriage.

Who uses the words “Holy Matrimony” anymore? Hopefully you do! Over the years of my pastoral ministry, I have found that these two words are more important for us, especially in the culture in which we now live.

Marriage is truly holy and sacred, instituted by God Himself before the fall into sin, as husband and wife live

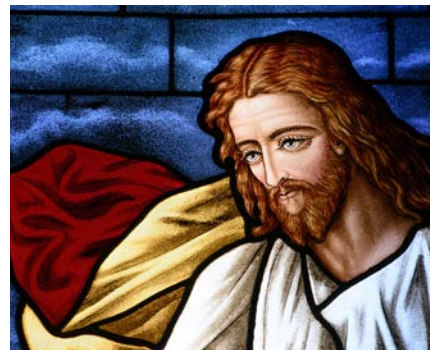


in a blessed union till death parts them. Such an institution is Holy Matrimony that it points us to Christ and His bride the church, as St. Paul reminds us:

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. (EPH. 5:31-32)

If this estate points us to Christ and His love for His bride the church, shouldn't it be held up as holy, not just in a service held on one day, but each day that is lived in that holy estate by husband and wife?

Doctrine and practice intersect in the rite of Holy Matrimony as it declares what we believe, teach and confess. That intersection is also lived out in our daily vocation of husband or wife



as well. Since Holy Matrimony calls to mind Christ, who makes us holy through His giving of Himself for His bride to sanctify her that she would be holy (EPH. 5:25-27), so also in marriage that blessed and necessary gift given by Christ is given to one another, those three words needed in every marriage, “I forgive you.”

May we freely forgive one another as Christ has so richly forgiven us, for it is truly His work that makes matrimony holy.



Photo: Erik Lundsgaard

Evansville community gets history lesson at cemetery

By Jim Lutterman
St. Paul, Evansville

An open house was held at Lutheran Cemetery in Evansville on Sept. 18. Attendees were also offered a walking tour of the cemetery.

The event honored one of the cemetery's most influential residents, Benjamin Bosse, a past mayor of the city of Evansville, on the 100th anniversary of his passing. Bosse, who was very active in his church, was killed in an automobile accident in 1922.

Also, a long-lost plaque dedicated to Bosse's memory is back in a prominent place at the cemetery. When the cemetery property was eventually sold many years ago, the plaque in Bosse's honor went along with the sale. Fifty years later, an Evansville resident found the plaque in Destin, Fla.

Bosse was a member of the LCMS Board of Directors and a leader in the Lutheran Laymen's League. At the 1917 LCMS convention, he made the announcement of the birth of the LLL, the purpose of which was to collect from laymen enough money to pay a deficit of \$100,000 in the treasuries of the Synod.

This small 10-acre cemetery has as residents 19 Lutheran pastors, four city mayors, 1 federal judge, six doctors and three nurses.

Of particular note are names most people even in Evansville would not recognize. Ruth Miriam Siems has been credited with the patent application for Stove Top Stuffing. William P. Woods, the founder of Lions Club International and its first president, is also buried in Lutheran Cemetery.

The cemetery was founded in 1853 by the then German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lamasco and surrounding area. The church itself was founded in 1841 and later became Trinity Lutheran Church. All Lutheran churches in the area were and are daughter congregations of Trinity.

Under Mayor Benjamin Bosse, the city of Evansville grew at its fastest pace (22%), second only to the growth during WWII (33%). Mayor Bosse's death at the age of 49 completely shocked the community. His legacy remains with a high school named in his honor and an athletic stadium that can be seen in the movie *A League of Their Own*.



Pictured is the Benjamin Bosse grave site.

'Take Heart'



Retreat for teachers, workers is Dec. 2-4 in Carlinville, Ill.

All teachers (commissioned and noncommissioned) and commissioned ministers are invited to attend "Take Heart," a retreat presented by DOXOLOGY and the LCMS Office of National Mission (OIM), to be held Dec. 2-4 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, Ill.

The "Take Heart" respite retreats invite teachers and church workers to step away for a few days. The retreat will provide rest and renewal for all teachers and commissioned ministers who have served faithfully throughout and beyond the COVID challenges. The goal is to serve the servants, having them return to their schools and parishes refreshed for the work God has given them to do.

These retreats are fully funded by the OIM — there is no cost for participants to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Respite retreat registration is available only for teachers and commissioned ministers who are actively serving an LCMS church, school or other institution.

The respite retreat features:

- ▶ Worship in which participants can gratefully receive the Word.
- ▶ Mutual conversation and interaction of the participants.
- ▶ Exploration of spiritual care resources.
- ▶ Christian psychological tools/strategies for resilience and application in home, school and parish settings.
- ▶ Table talk among participants for important sharing, debriefing and problem-solving.

This retreat will provide encouragement for and enhance confidence in ministry, and strengthen all teachers and all commissioned ministers.

Registration is open until Nov. 17 at doxology.us. Click the link at the top of the page.

CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries (50 and over)

Nov. 1

Don and Jean Koestring, 69
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer,
Evansville

Lynn and Nancy Sackschewsky, 60
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Nov. 2

David and Janet Pennell, 54
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Harlan and Betty Peters, 54
Redeemer, Seymour

Gene and Deborah Reed, 54
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

Nov. 4

Richard and Linda Shively, 50
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Nov. 5

George and Karen Wilson, 67
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Ronald and Kendra Nieman, 56
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Amos and Karen Werling, 56
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Nov. 6

Steve and Marty Franke, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel

Larry and Karen Wilson, 51
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Kenneth and Linda Redlin, 51
St. Peter, North Judson

Nov. 7

Bob and Chris Turk, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Nov. 11

Eugene and Shirley Mailand, 66
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

Glen and Janet Heideman, 60
Immanuel, Seymour

Donald and Susan Bennett, 56
Immanuel, Seymour

Robert and Eva Peters, 50
St. Peter, North Judson

Nov. 13

Duane and Kathy Alberring, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

Nov. 14

Alan and Cynthia Claus, 57
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Nov. 15

Glenn and Carolyn Benter, 53
Immanuel, Seymour

David and Carol Ranalli, 50
St. James, Lafayette

Nov. 16

Fred and Taylor Montagna, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

Nov. 18

Steve and Carol Smith, 61
St. John's, Lanesville

Roger and Nancy Panning, 55
Zion, Wabash

Nov. 19

Del and Jane Knecht, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Nov. 20

Don and Carolyn Everest, 62
Zion, Wabash

Roger and Jan Tomes, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

Nov. 21

Charles and Kathleen Klasing, 69
Calvary, Indianapolis

James and Katrina Miller, 52
Redeemer, Seymour

Nov. 22

Roy and Peggy Macke, 66
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Eric and Diane Kurtz, 53
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Nov. 23

Erv and Joyce Schoch, 67
Grace, New Albany

Willis and Anna Marie Smith, 66
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

Tim and Carole Halcomb, 59
Cornerstone, Carmel

Daniel and Diane Harkless, 54
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

Don and Janell Hitzeman, 54
Heritage, Valparaiso

Ken and Jan Hoffman, 54
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Henry and Molly Rieckers, 54
Zion, Seymour

Nov. 24

Donnie and Marlis Snyder, 66
Calvary, Plymouth

Eugen and Sylvia Berning, 60
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

Carl and Lee Hounshel, 54
Immanuel, Seymour

Robert and Patricia Oliger, 52
Redeemer, Seymour

Nov. 25

Tom and Anita Oyer, 58
Calvary, Indianapolis

Jerry and Marie Kanning, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Jim and Ethel Wells, 55
St. Peter, Portage

Nov. 26

Paul and Donna Eisert, 62
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

Leslie and Carol Ricks, 62
St. James, Lafayette

Nov. 27

Jim and Lorene Simpson, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel

Steve and Deborah Gallaway, 51
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Tom and Linda Hallow, 51
St. Peter's, Brownstown

Nov. 28

Fred and Phyllis Mesenbrink, 58
Cornerstone, Carmel

Jim and Betty Hanna, 54
Immanuel, Seymour

Nov. 29

Marriane and Robert Vatne, 59
Cornerstone, Carmel

David and Sandy Hackman, 53
St. Paul-Wegan, Brownstown

Belated

Trinity-Darmstadt, Evansville

Wayne and Karon Wathen, 62 (8/28)

Albert and Gloria Arendt, 64 (9/6)

David and Eileen Kahre, 54 (9/7)

James and Dorothy Kahre, 64 (9/13)

St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

Richard and Matilyn Melcher, 55 (9/2)

Kenneth and Janet Hoffman, 55 (9/10)

Bob and Helene Hegerfeld, 70 (10/4)

Darrell and Mary Lou Buuck, 50
(10/14)

Calvin and Janet Hoffman, 67 (10/23)

Trinity, Dillsboro

Doc and Garnette Cleeter, 65 (9/9)

St. James, Lafayette

Lee and Lana Theesfold, 54 (10/5)

Thomas and Jane Crouse, 59 (10/6)

Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

Loren and Karen Gallmeyer, 53 (10/11)

Ron and Kathy Bultemeier, 57 (10/24)

St. Peter-Fuelling, Decatur

John and Suzy Fuelling, 52 (10/17)

Birthdays (90 and over)

Nov. 1

Luella Holle, 98
St. Peter-Waymansville,
Columbus

Donald Moffatt, 90
Cornerstone, Carmel

Nov. 2

Wilma Fehd, 95
Trinity-Darmstadt,
Evansville

Nov. 3

Esther Pinnow, 91
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Nov. 4

Lois Schmidt, 101
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Janet (Cal) Hoffman, 91
St. John-Flatrock,
Monroeville

Nov. 6

Don Rausch, 92
Lutheran Church of Our
Redeemer

Nov. 7

Norma Russell, 96
Immanuel, Seymour

Nov. 8

Mary Siscoe, 95
Faith, Bloomington

Carol Hoppe, 94
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Letha Scherer, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Carolyn Hey, 90
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Nov. 9

Helen Goecker, 93
Immanuel, Seymour

Richard Rodenbeck, 90
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Nov. 11

Ginny Voelker, 97
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Nov. 12

Grace Wolf, 101
Calvary, Indianapolis

Ruth Herb, 94
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Nov. 13

Lucille Nahrwald, 92
Trinity-Decatur Rd.,
Fort Wayne

Nov. 15

Lucille Brandt, 95
Zion, Fort Wayne

Nov. 16

Alfred Fenneberg, 91
Immanuel, Seymour

Nov. 19

Willie Chin, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Nov. 20

Phyllis Tittman, 90
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Nov. 23

Willis Baumgart, 92
St. John's, Lanesville



Nov. 26

Bill Berning, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Nov. 27

Marcella Nielsen, 91
St. Peter, North Judson

Nov. 29

Alma Miller, 93
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

Belated:

St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

Marilyn Hoffman, 90 (9/18)

Marion Boerger, 100 (9/29)

St. James, Lafayette

Mary Ancil, 91 (10/16)

Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

Ludella Conrad, 96 (10/19)



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Prayer list

WEEK OF NOV. 6

Circuit 11 – Lafayette

- Grace, Lafayette
- Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Monticello
- Redeemer, West Lafayette
- St. James, Lafayette
- St. James, Logansport
- St. James, Reynolds
- St. John, Rensselaer
- St. John, Rochester
- St. Luke, Rensselaer
- St. Matthew's, Delphi
- Trinity, Goodland
- University, West Lafayette

RSO: Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

LCMS DISTRICT: Minnesota South

WEEK OF NOV. 13

Circuit 24 – Louisville East

- Divine Savior, Shepherdsville
- Faith, Louisville
- Good Shepherd, Bardstown
- Holy Cross, Shelbyville
- Holy Trinity, LaGrange
- Our Savior, Louisville
- Peace, Louisville
- Risen Lord, Taylorsville

RSO: Lutheran Community Home, Seymour

LCMS DISTRICT: Missouri

WEEK OF NOV. 20

Circuit 2 – Valparaiso

- Faith Memorial, Valparaiso
- Heritage, Valparaiso
- Immanuel, Michigan City
- Immanuel, Valparaiso
- Prince of Peace, Valparaiso
- St. Paul, Chesterton
- St. Paul, Kouts
- St. Peter, Portage
- Trinity, Hobart

MINISTRY: The Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Montana

WEEK OF NOV. 27

Circuit 9 – Decatur

- Bethlehem, Ossian
- Emmanuel-Soest, Fort Wayne
- Faith, Roanoke
- Immanuel, Decatur
- New Hope, Ossian
- Peace, Berne
- Prince of Peace, Hartford City
- St. John-Bingen, Decatur
- St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville
- St. Paul-Preble, Decatur
- St. Peter, Decatur
- Zion, Decatur
- Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Nebraska

Share your news with us!



We are always in need of more submissions for the Indiana District *Lutheran Witness* insert. They help remind us of what God is doing around the Indiana District. It is also a way to share ideas for nurturing those God has already gathered into His church and for reaching those still outside of the flock with the Good News about Jesus. It finally reminds each of us that Christ's church is much larger than just our particular congregation.

We welcome pictures and stories of congregational events, youth events, outreach events, installations, events from your men's or women's group, servant events, conferences, anniversaries, church renovations or additions, and much more. If you would like an upcoming event publicized, please make sure we have the information at least two months in advance.

Submissions for the January 2023 issue are needed by Nov. 15.

Send submissions to LWeditor@in.lcms.org or
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Erik M. Lunsford

Additions made to rare book collection

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), dedicated The Rev. Dr. D. Georg Williams Collection of Rare Books on Sept. 16. Dr. Williams, a CTSFW alumnus (M.Div., 1977; S.T.M., 1985), was a “consummate pastor-scholar who placed his considerable intelligence in the service of the crucified Savior,” said Rev. William Weinrich, CTSFW professor.

It was Williams’s passion for the acquisition of knowledge and artifacts in service of the church that yielded the 378-volume Williams Collection, taking CTSFW’s rare book collection to just over 6000 volumes. Definitive pieces in this collection include a 1523 Wittenberg printing of a Martin Luther sermon for Pentecost, the 1560 Philip Melancthon’s 1560 *Corpus Doctrinae Christianae* (Summary of Christian Doctrine), six 1580 first editions of the *Book of Concord*, numerous Chemnitz volumes, especially editions of the Examen (The Examination of the Council of Trent), the *Harmoniae Evangelicae* (The Harmony of the Gospels), and the *Loci Theologici* (Topics of Theology).

Williams also collected publications from the many branches of Lutheranism in America, including hymnals, as well as various editions of Luther’s Small Catechism. CTSFW President Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast Jr. thanked



CTSFW

Rev. Robert Roethemeyer, director of Library and Information Services at CTSFW, and Georgia Williams admire The Rev. Doctor D. Georg Williams Collection of Rare Books, now on display at CTSFW.

the Williams family at the dedication, noting the importance of collections like these in the formation of future leaders of the church. “With the Georg Williams Rare Book Collection, you see how all the people of God, working together, provide these resources for the continued proclamation of Christ and His Gospel throughout the ages.”

To learn more, visit ctsfw.edu/news.

Confirmation retreat is Feb. 17-19

CTSFW will host its spring retreat for confirmation students Feb. 17-19, 2023. Each confirmation retreat focuses on a different topic. Over the last three years, we’ve looked at one of the six chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism.

Check-in starts on Friday evening at the Welcome Center between 6 and 7 p.m., when groups pick up their dorm room keys. That same night, pizza will be served in the Student Commons at 7:30 p.m., followed by the first session at 8 p.m. The next day consists of catechetical sessions, a guest speaker and a fun evening event for the students. The retreat concludes on Sunday after church at historic St. Paul’s, Fort Wayne.

This invitation extends to any of the youth in your congregation who are preparing for first communion or confirmation. An appropriate number of chaperones are needed to attend to oversee the students. The cost for the entire weekend is \$110 per individual (whether catechumen or chaperone), which includes food, housing, classes and fun.

Register by visiting ctsfw.org/ctsfw-events and scroll down. Download, fill out the form and then email it to ChristAcademy@ctsfw.edu. Reach out if you have questions.