



DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA

Fellowship with the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit

As we have now entered upon the “Time of the Church” in the course of the liturgical year, we consider the ways and means by which the Lord has built His church upon the Rock (MATT. 16:18), that is, upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. He is the Wise Man who builds His house on the ministry of the confession of His name.



Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch
District President

That ministry of Christ Jesus includes the preaching of His Gospel, the ongoing catechesis of His Word, and the administration of His Holy Sacraments in His name and stead. Although despised by the world and seemingly of no great power or benefit, these Means of Grace and forgiveness prevail over sin, death, the devil and hell because they are the Word and work of Christ Himself, empowered by His cross and resurrection.

Outwardly speaking, our Synod as an institution and all of the many different congregations that make up our Synod can appear to be rather earthly, even worldly at times, and

far removed from the church that we desire to be. Conventions — such as we look forward to in Milwaukee July 29–Aug. 3 — are an opportunity to clarify our fellowship and our confession of the faith once delivered to the saints; but they can also be occasions for conflict and bring out the worst in all of us as fallen people.

It is good and right and necessary that we should contend for the truth of our doctrine and the faithfulness of our practice. Discussion, debate and even argument, properly speaking, are able to serve that godly purpose to the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we must guard our flesh against the temptation to attack and bite and devour one another in the heat of battle. Let us never lose sight of the fact that “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (EPH. 6:12). And for that fight we are armed and armored with the Word and Spirit of God in Christ Jesus, for the prayer and confession of His name against the wicked foe.

It is likewise by the Word and Spirit of God that we are bound together in fellowship with one another as



members of one body in Christ Jesus. That Word is what brings us together and unites us, and that Word alone strengthens and sustains our fellowship. The primary aim and purpose of the Synod, therefore, is to serve and support the clarity and consistency of our common confession and catechesis of the Word, not only in principle and in theory, but in actual practice, in all our preaching, teaching and worship.

So do our pastors take a solemn oath upon their ordination to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and each time they are installed in a new field of service, to conform all of their labors in the Lord to the Holy Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions. It is in that ministry of the Word that we find our true unity and fellowship, not only with one another in the present time, but with the Holy Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all those who have gone before us in the faith and confession of Jesus, and so also with God the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore (1 JOHN 1:3).

SYNOD IN CONVENTION: What? Why?

By Rev. Danny Mackey
Indiana District Secretary

About 2,500 people will gather in Milwaukee July 29–Aug. 3 for the 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Both pastors and laypeople, who were elected to represent their circuits, will be Synod in its fullest sense as we “walk together” by studying God’s Word, electing Synod officers and conducting the Synod’s business.

The following is a brief explanation of the basis for Synod and the purposes of our upcoming convention.

What is the church?

In order to understand what Synod is, we need to first understand the church.

Every Sunday we confess belief in the “one holy Christian and apostolic church” (Nicene Creed). This church is both universal (MATT. 16:18) and local (1 COR. 1:2, 16:19). The church is divinely instituted by Christ. And each congregation possesses all things in Him, having all authority to exercise Christ’s gifts for the benefit of the believers and in proclamation to the world (such as calling pastors, owning and maintaining property and church discipline). The local congregation is the church in its place. As our Lord Jesus says, “For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them” (MATT. 18:20).

Because we confess the church, we recognize both our own congregation and fellow local congregations as the church. Indeed, the church has spread, resulting in many churches throughout the world (ACTS 1:8). It is the Christian duty of a congregation to seek fellowship with other Christians, with whom we have common confession and cause. This is where the Synod comes in.

What is Synod? What is its purpose?

While we sometimes speak of Synod as “church,” it is really an association of congregations and ministers. They have joined the LCMS voluntarily,



following the example of apostolic church (ACTS 15:1–31). This is because we can accomplish more together than separately. In particular, as the Synod we train pastors, teachers, deaconesses and other church workers. We send out missionaries and seek fellowship with other Christians. We promote unity of doctrine and practice within our congregations and aid reconciliation when there are issues among the Synod’s members. In short, as Synod we seek to carry out our Lord’s will that the various gifts He’s given us be used for the common good (1 COR. 12:4–31).

Having voluntarily joined the Synod, both congregations and ministers surrender some of their rights. For example, because we seek unity in doctrine and practice, a congregation — if it wishes to remain in Synod — can only call pastors and other ministers who have been approved by our Synod and its institutions. Also, when a dispute arises between members, Synod has a process in place to resolve that dispute. As members of the Synod, we make a solemn commitment to the Synod as an association, as well as to every other member of the Synod (e.g. Gal. 3:15).

What is a resolution?

Resolutions are what our representative pastors and laypeople will act on at convention. Most commonly, a resolution is a result of one or more overtures submitted by LCMS congregations, circuits or districts. The LCMS president reviews those overtures and either accepts or rejects them. If the

overture is accepted, it goes to a floor committee, which takes the overture and others like it (because many of our congregations, circuits and districts are concerned about the same things and also recognize the same needs) and turns it into a resolution.

Floor committees will receive input from delegates and interested parties to improve the resolutions. The final resolution is then presented to the convention, where it is read, debated, amended and voted on. The resolutions give direction to Synod officers and agencies and are carried out over the next three years.

What overtures did the Indiana District submit?

While others within our district also submitted overtures, the Indiana District itself sent three for the Synod’s action:

- ▶ **To Reject the Practice of “Online or Virtual Communion”** in response to some pastors and congregations within Synod starting this novel practice.
- ▶ **To Love Our Neighbor by Rebuking False Doctrine**, which attempts to address the ideology of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, especially within our synod’s agencies and institutions.
- ▶ **To Amend LCMS Bylaw 2.11.2.2**, which seeks to better care for “candidate” members of Synod (pastors and teachers currently without a call).

What do we ask of you?

Pray for your Synod and her officers, especially as they prepare for the convention. Pray for the Indiana District, as well as the other 34 districts, that we stay faithful to Christ and His Word. Pray for the voting delegates, pastors and laypeople, that the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom and discernment as they consider the business of Synod. Pray for our advisory delegates, that God’s Word govern their hearts and mouths. And pray for all those working to make this convention a success— Synod and district staff, those at the Wisconsin Center and the city of Milwaukee.

Rev. Mackey also serves as pastor of Grace, Muncie.

The Classical Education Task Force and its work

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Senior Pastor,

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ossian

St. Paul admonishes the church:

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. EPH. 6:4

The church has always been about the business of bringing up children. This education begins in the home through the continual catechesis of the baptized in the Word of the Lord toward repentance of sin and faith in the forgiveness of sins. The baptized are also catechized in living faithfully in their callings in life in loving service to their neighbor.

Lutheran schools are instrumental in this God-given task, equipping and assisting parents in their work of raising children as faithful hearers and doers of the Word. This not only applies narrowly to the study of Scripture and Lutheran catechesis, but also in all areas of knowledge wherein children learn more about the world God has made and in which He has placed them.

The church must be on guard always against the dangerous influences of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, especially when it comes to our children's education. Some educational trends and methods of the 20th and 21st century have increasingly become antagonistic to Lutheran doctrine, especially the clear confession of God's Word regarding who God is (the doctrine of God) and who we are (the doctrine of man). These influences can greatly hinder the historical practice — and our unique Lutheran history — of Christian education and pedagogy. In the face of the challenges of negative modern educational influences, the Lord is faithful to His church even as we are called to faithfulness to His Word.

Both outside the church and across denominational lines within it, there is an ever increasing return to a liberal arts education centered on the trivium (grammar, logic, rhetoric) and quadrivium (arithmetic, music, geometry, astronomy), often referred to as classical education. Over the years a number of our LCMS schools have implemented and maintained a Lutheran and classical pedagogy. This is consistent with both our faith and our history. Not only was the establishment and maintenance of Lutheran schools a priority both at the time of the Reformation in Germany and with the Lutheran congregations founded in America, but the pedagogy of these schools was consistent with a classical pedagogy.

A classical Lutheran education has emphasis on external and objective truth from God, which is both knowable and teachable, with the Christian faith and confession given primacy in all subjects. There is an intimate connection between the spiritual life of the church and the educational environment of the school (seen in practices like daily chapel), and between the parents and the teachers, with an emphasis on the authority and responsibility of the parents. This educational work is done with desire not simply to train children for a job but, through the liberal arts and sciences, to equip the child to live as a baptized child in service to God and neighbor.

With the admonishment of Scripture, the history of our LCMS congregations and schools, and the dangerous influences found in some modern educational methods, the Indiana District in convention last summer passed a resolution to promote classical Lutheran pedagogy. This resolution enabled the district Board of Directors to establish a task force to study classical Lutheran pedagogy and its relationship to

current practices, and curricula being used in the district schools to equip and encourage our schools that wish to implement or sustain a classical Lutheran pedagogy.

This task force, made up of parents, pastors, educators and executives, has been working since January to help fulfill the work of this resolution. They have been visiting Lutheran schools (including classical schools) to get a “snapshot” of their work. They have been studying classical Lutheran education with a number of resources including, *Imagine the Possibilities: Conversations on the Future of Christian Education* by Bernard Bull and Jim Pingel; *Classical Education: The Movement Sweeping America* by Gene Edward Veith and Andrew Kern; and *Lutheran Education: Wittenberg to the Future* by Thomas Korcok. They have been in conversation with leaders of several classical Lutheran schools across the country, namely, Redeemer Classical Lutheran School, Fort Wayne; Memorial Lutheran School, Houston; and Immanuel Lutheran School, Alexandria, Va.

They have also explored school accreditation and special needs education. The Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education (CCLE) offers classical Lutheran school accreditation, which works with National Lutheran Schools Association (NLSA). Cheryl Swope's book *Simply Classical* is a useful tool in navigating special needs education with a classical education focus.

More work continues for the task force and a full report will be forthcoming. Above all this continual work is focusing on better encouraging and assisting the schools in the Indiana District. The Lord is faithful. As He has called parents to bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and as our parents, congregations and schools continue in this God-given duty, we do so in repentance of our sins and faith in His merciful goodness. And we rejoice amid the challenges of this world in the eternal treasure of His Word for His baptized children.

Anniversaries (50 and over)

June 1

Delbert and Alberta Tormoehlen, 65
Immanuel, Seymour
Larry and Linda Thieman, 55
St. Paul's, Cross Plains
Randall and Marilyn Wolpert, 50
Grace, New Albany

June 2

Tom and Shirley Noll, 67
Zion, Decatur
Thomas and Marilyn Bylsma, 61
St. James, Lafayette
Thomas and Joan West, 61
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Jim and Marilyn Hurt, 60
Immanuel, Seymour
Bob and Phyllis Erber, 50
Grace, New Albany
Ralph and Janice Schmidt, 50
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

June 3

Kenneth and Dorothy Welther, 62
St. James, Lafayette
Mick and Diana Johnston, 56
Trinity, Dillsboro
Bob and Pat Saalfrank, 56
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Larry and Rae Lynne Fuhrmann, 52
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
John and Debbie Higgins, 51
St. Paul's, Indianapolis
Mike and Marie Harmon, 50
Immanuel, Seymour
Dennis and Linda Thompson, 50
Trinity, Crown Point

June 4

Rev. Gene and Donna Brunow, 63
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Rev. Bob and JoAnne Reinhardt, 63
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer,
Evansville
Pete and Andrea Barber, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel
Rev. George and Lois Lange, 53,
Zion, Fort Wayne

June 5

Franklin and Delores Furr, 63
St. Paul, Denham
David and Janet Davis, 58
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Richard and Carol Gluskamp, 58
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Rev. Dan and Judy May, 58
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Virgil and Janell Bowers, 52
Zion, Decatur
Kenneth and Marianne Manning, 52
Trinity, Crown Point
Duane and Dona Williams, 52
Immanuel, Seymour

June 6

Charles and Kathryn Clark, 62
Redeemer, Seymour
Hugo and Linda Bietz, 59
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Marlin and Shirley Culy, 59
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Ron and Joan Preloger, 53
Immanuel, Seymour
David and Nancy Sattler, 53
St. James, Lafayette
Kraig and Linda Ahlfeld, 52
Zion, Wabash

June 7

Stephen and Linda Decker, 59
St. James, Lafayette

June 8

Jerry and Karen Schoenefeld, 55
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 9

Loren and Brenda Heckman, 51
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Tom and Vivian Stuckwisch, 50
Grace, New Albany

June 10

Jim and Karyn Beissler, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel
Jon Cullen and Laura Jo Stahl, 56
Immanuel, Seymour
Michael and Lea Ann Fifer, 52
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Dave and Debby Hilgendorf, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 11

Tom and Linda Lockmund, 56
Grace, New Albany
John and Carol Valentine, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel
Don and Janet Benter, 52
Immanuel, Seymour

June 12

Bill and Sandy Culbertson, 58
Cornerstone, Carmel
Paul and Linda Noel, 58
Grace, New Albany
George and Marilyn Fischer, 52
St. John, Vincennes
Frank and Gloria Helfrich, 52
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 13

James and Willie Biddle, 66
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Ivan and Ardina Lepper, 65
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Chester and Shirley Gut, 59
Calvary, Plymouth
Lee and Marsha Davis, 58
Zion, Wabash
James and April Nicely, 52
Zion, Wabash

June 14

Gene and Carol Bruns, 65
Cornerstone, Carmel
Fritz and LouAnn Bultemeyer, 54
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Ron and Cheryl Geik, 54
Calvary, Plymouth
Ron and Cheryl Janke, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

Fred and Robyn Scheel, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 15

Alfred and Mildred Fenneberg, 65
Immanuel, Seymour
Bob and Vicki Layman, 60
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Robert and Manna Bruckner, 65
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
John and Betty Irwin, 55
Immanuel, Seymour

June 16

Charles and Sharon Fleming, 52
St. James, Lafayette
Rev. Daniel and Lynn Brege, 50
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur
Wayne and Dorothy Kirchner, 50
Zion, Decatur
Rev. Bruce and Becky Kischnick, 50
Grace, New Albany
Thomas and Sandra Rosenwinkel, 50
Trinity, Crown Point
Perry and Joanne Wagner, 50
Zion, Wabash

June 17

Jim and Dixie Croxton, 67
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Ronald and Julia Adams, 56
St. James, Lafayette
Jim and Linda Bernhart, 56
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Neal and Linda Schwier, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel
Don and Beth Wade, 52
St. John, Vincennes

June 18

Bates and Judy McIndoe, 63
Cornerstone, Carmel
Rev. David and Dorothy Scaer, 63
Zion, Fort Wayne
Arnold and Faith Witte, 59
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Richard and Arlene Wolfgang, 56
Zion, Wabash
James and Joanne Wetzel, 52
Zion, Decatur
Dale and Carolyn Cooper, 50
Trinity, Crown Point

June 19

Richard and Eunice Mauer, 57
St. James, Lafayette
Thomas and Sonia Croucher, 65
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Clifton and Nancy Tatum, 53
Immanuel, Seymour
Harry and Margaret Jones, 52
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Larry and Charlene Jung, 52
Promise, Fort Wayne
Gene and Sandy Long, 52
St. John's-Farmers, Dillsboro
Bruce and Linda Novak, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Ted and Cherie Walda, 52
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 20

Paul and Carol Hoppe, 75
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Paul and Karen Filter, 59
Trinity, Dillsboro
David and Nancy Moore, 59
Cornerstone, Carmel
Butch and Betty Werner, 59
Heritage, Valparaiso
Jerry and Ronnie Widenhofer, 59
Concordia, Fort Wayne
Dick and Lois Reddemann, 58
Concordia, Fort Wayne
Rich and Nancy Burke, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel
John and Jane Dickmeyer, 53
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Russell and Jane Grose, 53
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
John and Carol Marks, 53
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Thomas and Gail McPherson, 53
Trinity, Crown Point

June 21

Al and Carol Wick, 71
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Michael and Rita Luedeman, 53
Immanuel, Seymour

June 22

Dave and Carol Ebeling, 60
Faith, Bloomington
Herb and Barb Hoeltke, 60
Concordia, Greenwood
Steve and Nancy Frey, 59
LC of Our Redeemer, Evansville
Steven and LaDonna McBride, 56
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Lynn and Sandie Clausen, 55
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 23

Mike and Heidi Ford, 57
Concordia, Greenwood
Douglas and Kathy Metcalf, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel
Donald and Peggy Fogle, 50
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 24

Ronald and Carol Korte, 62
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Larry and Marilyn Cooper, 56
Immanuel, Seymour
Dennis and Jane Jordan, 56
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
Bob and Sue Danley, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel
Joe and Pat Franklin, 51
Grace, New Albany
Allen and Corliss Krueger, 51
Emmanuel, Tell City

June 25

Rands and Shirley Carroll, 68
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Edwin and Edna Braun, 63
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Raymond and Diana Dyba, 57
Trinity, Crown Point

Phillip and Karen Kaemerer, 56
Trinity, Crown Point

June 26
William and Sandra Brandt, 59
Immanuel, Seymour

Larry and Cynthia Ashbaugh, 52
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Richard and Naomi Hoepfner, 52
Christ, Woodburn

Robert and Sheryl Judge, 52
Immanuel, Seymour

June 27
Donald and Anna Weidler, 59
Zion, Decatur
Leonard and Miriam Neumann, 58
Concordia, Greenwood

Ron and Debbie Reinking, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

Dick and Betty Economou, 53
Concordia, Greenwood

June 28
Darrell and Plo Sergeant, 65
Trinity, Crown Point
Stephen and Denise Coats, 54
Grace, New Albany

June 29
Ed and Charlotte Kasting, 65
Redeemer, Seymour
David and Judy Zolman, 58
Zion, Wabash

Thomas and Kathy Eggold, 55
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 30
Joe and Donna Hackman, 50
Immanuel, Seymour

John and Rebecca Hill, 50
Immanuel, Seymour

July 2
William and Linda Marsh, 57
Immanuel, Seymour

July 3
Ken and Sophie Busick, 64
St. Peter-Fuelling, Decatur
Robert and Linda Emily, 57
Immanuel, Seymour

Barry and Judith Pruss, 52
St. John's-Farmers, Dillsboro

July 4
John and Elizabeth Moeller, 58
Zion, Wabash

July 5
Richard and Gail Schulenburg, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 6
Leroy and Judy Schoenfeld, 55
Grace, New Albany

July 7
Clark and Edith Grady, 61
St. James, Lafayette
Ralph and Ellen Kerwin, 61
Cornerstone, Carmel

Don and Debbie Buchtel, 50
Calvary, Plymouth

July 8
Ed and Vee Gutt, 71
Heritage, Valparaiso

July 9
Fred and Elaine Behnke, 57
Trinity, Crown Point

David and Judy Harkless, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 10
Richard and Glenna Weiland, 58
Zion, Decatur

Fred and Marlene Elrod, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Ken and Susan Schroeder, 52
Heritage, Valparaiso

July 11
Bill and Dottie Carlson, 59
Heritage, Valparaiso

Jerry and Kathy Harper, 53
Redeemer, Seymour

Ken and Kristi Parrent, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 12
Brent and Bonnie Higgins, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

Dennis and Linda Perryman, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 14
Kenny and Joan Roop, 72
Zion, Decatur

Paul and Eileen Domrow, 66
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Ray and Ruth Everson, 61
Concordia, Greenwood

Wally and Gayle Stremming, 61
Trinity-Darmstadt, Evansville

Joseph and Donna Withan, 50
Trinity, Crown Point

July 15
Dan and Lora Cole, 56
Zion, Wabash

Mervin and Suzette Koehlinger, 56
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Andy and Sarah Lawrence, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel

Stephen and Debra Klinger, 51
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Mike and Sue Lothamer, 51
Christ, Woodburn

Joseph and Judy Peiper, 51
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 16
Don and Marcille Karbach, 74
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Bill and Judy Shaffer, 63
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 17
Frank and Betty Becker, 64
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

Paul and Vicki Groth, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 18
C.D. and Sharon Carnahan, 70
Our Hope, Hometown

Bob and Ramona Scheimann, 69
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Denny and Sandy Richmond, 59
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 20
Richard and Betty Stanfield, 55
Immanuel, Seymour

Gary and Maxine Collins, 50
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Clint and Linda Lewis, 50
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 21
Barry and Donna Bobb, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

Greg and Joyce Donaldson, 50
LC of Our Redeemer, Evansville

Rich and Sheryl Howard, 50
St. Peter-Fuelling, Decatur

July 22
Floyd and Carol Sims, 62
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Jim and Mary Lenz, 61
Cornerstone, Carmel

DeWayne and Carole Knipstein, 51
Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort Wayne

July 23
David and Diane Isaacs, 57
Redeemer, Seymour

Rev. Rollin and Betty Kuznik, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel

Ed and Mary McFarland, 57
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Nippy and Carol Schneider, 57
Redeemer, Seymour

Jerry and June Walden, 56
Grace, New Albany

July 24
Paul and Dorothy Doenges, 69
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Rabel and Ruth Newkirk, 68
Immanuel, Seymour

Norris and Sandra Kovener, 58
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Rev. Lothar and Traude Thoeke, 58
Trinity, Crown Point

July 25
Henry and Serene Lopnow, 64
Grace, New Albany

Richard and Judy Burnside, 53
Zion, Fort Wayne

Bill and JoAnn Karbach, 53
Zion, Decatur

John and Pam Kenney, 53
Zion, Decatur

July 26
Everett and Marilyn
Gudenschwager, 71
Trinity, Crown Point

Jim and Sandy Colter, 54
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

July 27
David and Kathryn Trinklin, 50
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Fred and Sue Snyder, 54
Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort Wayne

July 28
Jerry and Marilyn Christopher, 60
Immanuel, Seymour

Ron and Shelby Metz, 55
Redeemer, Seymour

Dennis and Peggy Kern, 51
Immanuel, Seymour
Andy and Carol Denny, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

John and Connie Hammond, 50
Zion, Decatur

John and Janis Reche, 50
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 29
Verne and Ellen Hanson, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel

David and Jean Benning, 51
Trinity, Dillsboro

Gregory and Sandra Peyovich, 50
Trinity, Crown Point

July 30
Tom and Mary Ann Cowans, 61
Zion, Decatur

John and JoAnn Shively, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 31
Donald and Alice Mathaias, 63
St. John's-Farmers, Dillsboro

Hank and Judy Kiess, 58
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Jerry and Fran Nolker, 58
St. Paul's, Cross Plains

Terry and Sandra Butler, 56
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Paul and Barbara Gerken, 52
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mike and Jule Shively, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Belated

Patrick and Jody Lilley, 50
Trinity, Crown Point (May 12)

Jack and Janet Myer, 62
St. James, Lafayette (May 14)

Fred and Becky Fuelling, 64
St. Peter-Fuelling, Decatur (May 27)

Dale and Leanne Busick, 60
St. Peter-Fuelling, Decatur (May 28)

Ron and Marge Franz, 58
St. Peter-Fuelling, Decatur (May 29)

Robert and Peggy Mellencamp, 53
Redeemer, Seymour (April 4)

Carl and Sandra Sapper, 56
Trinity, Crown Point (April 15)

Chuck and Judy Alliss, 52
Trinity, Crown Point (April 17)

William and Nancy Nichols, 55
Redeemer, Seymour (April 20)

Woodrow and Phyllis Turner, 61
Redeemer, Seymour (April 28)

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CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Kurt Cockran was installed as pastor of Immanuel, Terre Haute, on April 16. God's blessings to Pastor Cockran and the members of Immanuel.

Pictured are, from left (front row) Revs. Nathan Janssen, Bill Winter, Philip Meyer, Dennis Ouellette; (back row) Walter Ullman, Dennis McFadden, Andrew Herzberg, Kurt Cockran, Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Chris Truelsen, Simeon Cornwell, Andy Berg and Alan Barber.



Birthdays (90 and over)

June 1

Bill Kamman, 95
Immanuel, Seymour
Jean Popoff, 94
Zion, Fort Wayne

June 4

Ted Reinhart, 94
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

June 5

Donald Borchering, 92
Immanuel, Seymour

June 7

Edna Messing, 95
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

June 8

Maxine Knipstein, 92
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 9

June Walden, 90
Grace, New Albany

June 10

Bob Scheimann, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Arlene Killmer, 90
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 11

Gretchen Fuhrmann, 101
Suburban Bethlehem,
Fort Wayne

Sue Fremder, 95
St. John, Vincennes

June 12

Carol Wick, 93
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

June 14

Evelyn Bascom, 92
St. John's-Farmers, Dillsboro
Barbara Atkinson, 90
Trinity, Crown Point

June 15

Norma Kriete, 91
Immanuel, Seymour
Mildred Otte, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

June 16

Konny Hannemann, 92
Concordia, Greenwood
Eugene Mailand, 90
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

June 17

Maxine Christiansen, 94
Calvary, Plymouth

C.D. Carnahan, 92
Our Hope, Hometown

Della Kilgore, 92
Concordia, Greenwood

June 18

Robert Carter, 90
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 19

Marjorie Rodemeyer, 92
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Arthur Krauss, 91
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

June 20

Bob Biebrich, 93
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

June 21

Luella Holle, 97
Emanuel, Dudleytown

Al Jennings, 92
Cornerstone, Carmel

Russell Poor, 92
Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort
Wayne

June 22

Norvin McClure, 99
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 24

Hildegard Blondell, 96
Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort
Wayne

Doris Scheumann, 94
Christ, Woodburn

June 25

Esther Goeglein, 90
Christ, Woodburn

Patricia Hoblet, 90
Zion, Decatur

June 28

Bryce Shull, 102
Zion, Fort Wayne

June 29

Betty Gray Vance, 98
Faith, Bloomington

June 30

Bob Rietdorf, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 1

Fritz Ober, 97
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Rodney Berger, 96
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Lucy Kniggendorf, 95
Calvary, Plymouth

July 2

Vee Gutt, 90
Heritage, Valparaiso

July 3

Doris Busse, 90
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 4

Bob Nicholson, 92
Trinity-Darmstadt, Evansville

July 5

Helen Schneider, 92
Immanuel, Seymour

July 6

Billie Evans, 91
Trinity, Crown Point

July 7

Ruth Newkirk, 91
Immanuel, Seymour

July 8

Audry Meyers, 93
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 10

Rona Edquist, 95
Heritage, Valparaiso

July 11

Jean Morris, 98
Immanuel, Seymour

James Paul, 94
Zion, Wabash

July 12

Don Karbach, 96
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 16

Norma Sue Pollert, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

July 17

Duane Lupke, 93
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Eloise Schinnerer, 91
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 18

Glen Inman, 92
Concordia, Greenwood

July 19

Dorothy Rohrbach, 98
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Helen Curtis, 94
Grace, New Albany

July 20

Dorothy Shreve, 98
Trinity, Crown Point

July 21

Joan Pearson, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Lil Bieberich, 93
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Alma Smith, 92
Zion, Wabash

Eileen Domrow, 90
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 22

Melba Baker, 96
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Betty Roeder, 94
Lutheran Church of Our
Redeemer, Evansville

Polly Blubaum, 92
St. John, Vincennes

July 23

Faye Luedeman, 93
Immanuel, Seymour

July 26

Hilda Volmerding, 93
Zion, Fort Wayne

Betty Preuss, 91
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 27

Ralph Busse, 90
Zion, Decatur

July 28

Everett Gudenschwager, 95
Trinity, Crown Point

July 30

John Brooks, 91
St. James, Lafayette

Belated

Velma Theil, 98
Trinity, Crown Point (May 18)

Gloria Huffman, 94
St. James, Lafayette (May 19)

Dorothy Morande, 90
Trinity, Crown Point (May 29)

Marilyn Weber, 92
Trinity, Crown Point (April 14)

Babara Lizak, 90
Trinity, Crown Point (April 15)

Interpreter training is Aug. 3-6 at CTSFW

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will hold Church Interpreter Training Academy (CITA) Aug. 3-6.

Tuition is \$300, plus the \$50 non-refundable deposit to register. This includes all classes and meals. Students are responsible for their own lodging. A list of hotels in the area will be given upon request. CTSFW dorm rooms are available for \$30 a night.

The event is sponsored by Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf. Questions? Contact Rev. Tom Dunseth at twdunseth@gmail.com or 616-634-1100. To register, visit bit.ly/23CITA.

Hearts, hands, voices in your congregation

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians will hold a workshop on the benefits of having a fine arts academy from 9 a.m. to noon on June 13 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel. Each workshop participant will receive a 30-page handbook on how to start an academy in their congregation.

Presenters include Jan Williams, who founded the Cornerstone program, and Anna and Sam Moody, co-directors.

Cornerstone is located at 4850 E. Main Street. The cost is \$25 (\$20 for full-time students).

Register at alcm.org/event/carmel-in.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Interested in a career in church work?

The annual TrinityTime will be held July 23-24 at Concordia University Ann Arbor, Mich. All high school students interested in exploring church work vocations are invited. The event is free and will include a service event, kayaking on the Huron River, worship, and learning from students, faculty and professionals. For more information, visit cuaa.edu/trinitytime.



PRAYER LIST

WEEK OF JUNE 4

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: Lutherans for Life

LCMS DISTRICT: Kansas

WEEK OF JUNE 11

Circuit 1 – Hammond

- Faith, DeMotte
- Good Shepherd, Gary
- Grace, Dyer
- Redeemer, Highland
- St. John, Gary
- St. Paul's, Munster
- Trinity, Crown Point
- Trinity, Hammond
- Trinity, Lowell
- Trinity Memorial, Merrillville

RSO: Shepherd's Hand, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Michigan

WEEK OF JUNE 18

Circuit 2 – Valparaiso

- Faith, DeMotte
- Good Shepherd, Gary
- Grace, Dyer
- Redeemer, Highland
- St. John, Gary
- St. Paul's, Munster
- Trinity, Crown Point
- Trinity, Hammond
- Trinity, Lowell
- Trinity Memorial, Merrillville

RSO: Siberian Lutheran

Mission Society, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Mid-South

WEEK OF JUNE 25

Circuit 3 – LaPorte

- Emmanuel, Wheatfield
- First, Hanna
- Immanuel-Tracy, Hamlet
- Our Redeemer, Knox
- St. John, LaCrosse
- St. John, Wanatah
- St. John's, LaPorte
- St. Luke, Winamac
- St. Mark, Medaryville
- St. Matthew, Hamlet
- St. Paul-Denham, Winamac

- St. Peter, North Judson

MINISTRY: Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Minnesota North

WEEK OF JULY 2

Circuit 4 – South Bend

- Calvary, Plymouth
- Emmaus, South Bend
- Our Redeemer, South Bend
- Prince of Peace, Goshen
- Redeemer, Warsaw
- St. Paul, South Bend
- St. Paul-Woodland, Mishawaka
- St. Paul's, Bremen
- St. Peter, Mishawaka
- St. Peter's, Warsaw
- Trinity, Culver
- Trinity, Elkhart

RSO: Wittenberg Village, Crown Point

LCMS DISTRICT: Minnesota South

WEEK OF JULY 9

Circuit 5 – Kendallville

- Clear Lake, Fremont
- Immanuel, Avilla
- Lake George, Fremont
- Living Water, Wolf Lake
- Messiah, Wolcottville

- Shepherd by the Lakes, Syracuse

- St. John, Columbia City
- St. John, Kendallville
- Trinity, Auburn
- Zion, Garrett
- Zion, Columbia City
- Zion, Corunna

MINISTRY: 4KenyasKids, New Haven and Avon

LCMS DISTRICT: Missouri

WEEK OF JULY 16

Circuit 6 – Fort Wayne North

- Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
- Faith, Churubusco
- Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
- Our Hope, Hometown
- Praise, Fort Wayne
- St. Augustine, Fort Wayne
- St. Michael, Fort Wayne
- St. Paul's, Fort Wayne
- Suburban Bethlehem, Fort Wayne
- Trinity-St. Mary's, Fort Wayne

RSO: Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Montana

WEEK OF JULY 23

Circuit 7 – Fort Wayne-South

- Aboite, Fort Wayne
- Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

- Emmaus, Fort Wayne
- Mount Calvary, Fort Wayne
- New Life, Fort Wayne
- Peace, Fort Wayne
- Shepherd of the City, Fort Wayne
- Southwest, Fort Wayne
- Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort Wayne
- Zion, Fort Wayne

RSO: Camp Lakeview, Seymour

LCMS DISTRICT: Nebraska

WEEK OF JULY 30

Circuit 8 – Fort Wayne-East

- Ascension, Fort Wayne
- Christ, Woodburn
- Concordia, Fort Wayne
- Emanuel, New Haven
- Gloria Dei, Fort Wayne
- Martini, New Haven
- Prince of Peace, Grabill
- Promise, Fort Wayne
- St. Paul-Gar Creek, New Haven
- St. Peter's, Fort Wayne
- Zion-Bull Rapids, Woodburn

RSO: Camp Lutherhaven, Albion

LCMS DISTRICT: New England

All from God



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Resources

Does stewardship flow from your head, heart or hand? Before you answer, let me give you a clue with the second stanza of “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (*LSB* 781):

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blesses us,
To Thee our first fruits give!

There is nothing on the face of the earth that belongs to us. Since the beginning of time, we see this as it is written in Gen. 1:28:

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

God says that He has given every plant, tree, beast, bird and everything that has the breath of life.

So it is that we are in the position of receiving all from God. For us to claim ownership of our house or car is idolatrous. It is God’s mercy that we have received anything. And what are we to do with all these blessings? The wise steward then is to bless others. Yes, we can clothe the poor or feed the hungry. But the most important thing to share is the Gospel.

Stewardship isn’t necessarily about the church’s budget, but it is about the steward seeing that the Gospel is being shared by our pastors, teachers, missionaries and other church workers. Reread the hymn-verse and see that it’s all about Jesus!

(The article was inspired by an issue of StewardCAST, a monthly e-newsletter of LCMS Stewardship Ministry.)

TANZANIA MISSION



Thank you for your support!

Since 2013, the LCMS; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; the Mid-South and Indiana districts; and St. John–Bingen, Decatur, have collaborated to support the theological education and confessional identity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania–Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese (ELCT-SELVD) through the Concordia Pastoral and Diaconal Training Program. The SELVD continues to grow rapidly through child baptism and evangelism efforts, and they are ever in need of more trained pastors to preach the Word of God in truth and purity and administer the Sacraments, as well as

deaconesses to show the compassion and care of Christ.

Caring for vulnerable children comprises a significant aspect of this mercy work. With the support of the LCMS Office of International Ministry, Lutheran Church Extension Fund and St. John–Bingen, three children’s homes are now complete on the campus of Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School. Many children have been welcomed to these homes, where deaconesses serve as house mothers and the children are well provided with all that is needed for body and soul.

Many of these children suffer from al-

binism, more common in the SELVD region than elsewhere in the world. This condition makes the children victims of pagan practices in which their body parts, when possessed as an amulet or charm, are believed to possess magical powers that will make one rich and powerful. Thanks be to God the children at these homes in Mwadui are well protected, received and welcomed as precious gifts of God and are nurtured in the fear and instruction of the Lord.

More children will be welcomed as sufficient, sustainable support becomes available. Together with our Tanzania brothers and sisters in Christ, we give thanks to God for the privilege of participating in this incredible work of our gracious and merciful Lord.