

Encourager

APRIL 2023

Mid-South District LCMS



*A Message from
Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola,
President*

In the Southern football landscape where there is plenty of bulldogs and tigers to be found, the name “Volunteers” stands alone. The ‘Volunteers’ name comes from the 1,500 troops from Tennessee who fought under General Andrew Jackson against the British at the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812. That same Volunteer spirit carried on when the war of Texas Independence broke out in 1835.

Again, men from all over the state of Tennessee took up arms to aid the Texans in their revolution against the Mexican Army. One such man was the legendary Davy Crockett, a

soldier and congressman from Greene County in Eastern Tennessee. By the start of the Mexican-American War in 1846, 30,000 Tennessee volunteers responded to the Secretary of War’s call for 2,800, clenching the state’s nickname.

Still today, the idea of volunteerism is strong in Tennessee, but in the Mid-South District, the volunteers in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Mississippi keep our precious congregations and schools a vital part of the communities they serve. Volunteerism is a hallmark of what keeps the precision

machinery of our congregations able to stand and grow as God wills.

Volunteering is grounded in a commitment to a cause that is different when it comes to volunteering in the church. In the pockets of the more specific congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we maintain our existence on the volunteers who embrace the confessions of our Lutheran Church. What motivates volunteerism is clear when we examine what Holy Scripture and our confessions maintain as a part of our church community.

St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians gives us a clue: “Let

each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:4-11, ESV)

The exemplary case of our Lord Jesus Christ is set before us. The Son of God in His Divine love for mankind, willingly took on our human nature, becoming like us in every aspect but without sin. By His own will, He came down from Heaven, where he had been with the Father before the creation of our world. Christ not

just took upon Himself the form of man, yet He assumed the servant of all to His lowly estate. His entire earthly life was an existence of destitution and languishing. The lowest state was His suffering and death on the cross, a demise reserved for criminals and slaves.

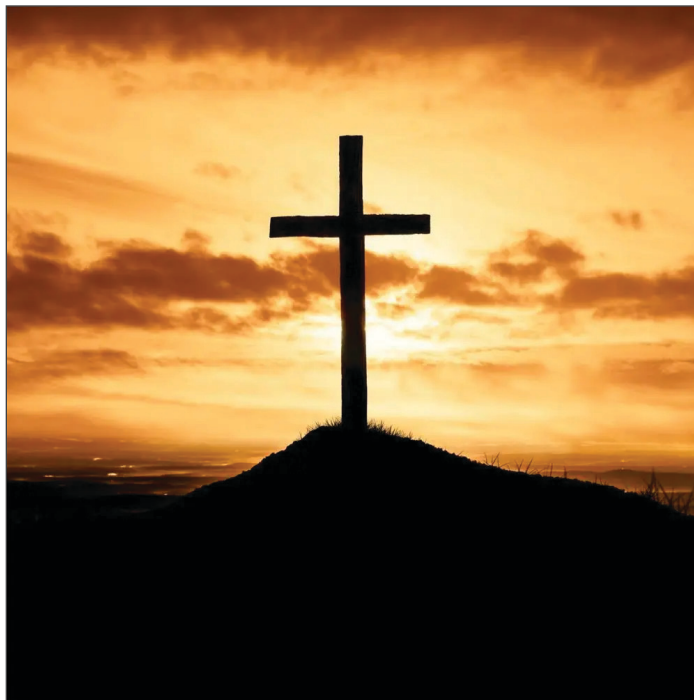
Our Apostolic Creed demonstrates how Christ left the glory of our heavenly Father. He set aside His divine powers, taking on the form of our suffering Servant. Coming in the likeness of man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the Will of God, even to the point of death on the cross. What was Jesus' attitude? Did He complain

and murmur? No, this is the epitome of voluntary service for another.

When He suffered, died, and was buried, we celebrate in the great glory of the resurrection from the dead during this month of April, 2023. Every Christian believer is grounded in the attitude and motivation that enables us to lay aside our stewardship in order to serve others in like fashion. Because we are believers in Christ, given the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit, then we are enabled to live as Christ's disciples, sharing the Gospel message of life and forgiveness through the grace of God

the Father. Our attitude of humility in service is the footing as we serve others and in the Church.

Because of what Jesus did for you and me and every person who has ever lived on this tiny, insignificant blue ball in the cosmos of God's creation, we have a privilege and responsibility to tell everyone He puts in our place about the story of life eternal, won by the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



St. Peter reminds us, *“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness*


into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10, ESV)

Because God the Father exalted Christ Jesus for what He did for us, He Gave Him the name above all names, that every knee shall bow, of things in heaven and things on earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and King eternal.

Do we need a "cause" that will lead us to volunteer? God has placed that cause right in front of our faces and for our eyes to see: Jesus Christ is

our Savior and Lord. He is coming again in a glory of divine powers, majesty, and grace. Thanks be to God He reminds us in every Easter that we have something to celebrate now and forever. Thank you all for your voluntary service for Christ and His Kingdom.

Your servant in Christ +
Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola



Student Financial Aid — Apply Now

To support the education efforts of individuals pursuing a full-time career in church work, the Mid-South District is pleased to once again offer opportunities for student financial aid. To be considered for financial assistance, a student must be a member in good standing in a Mid-South District congregation and be enrolled in a seminary or university to prepare for full-time service to the Church as a rostered worker. Rostered workers are pastors, teachers, deaconesses and Directors of Christian Education.



To be considered for the student financial assistance program, you must first inform the Mid-South District Office that you are or will be a student enrolled at a synodical school.

All related forms, including the financial aid application, are listed below. **The application deadline is June 15, 2023.**

This information may be sent via email to Julie Tyler or by regular mail to: Mid-South District LCMS / 1675 Wynne Road / Cordova, TN 38016. Forms can be found on the [District website here](#).



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*Uncovering the Shadow World
of Human Trafficking*

SAT. APR. 29, 2023
9 AM - 1 PM

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LOCAL, STATE & NATIONAL Agencies
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- **IDENTIFY SIGNS**
- **REPORT ACTIVITY**
- **HELP VICTIMS**
of Human Trafficking

FREE EVENT • LUNCH PROVIDED

▶ **REGISTER ONLINE**

This free community event is hosted by the Mid-South District, LCMS.

June 5-9 Summer Youth Retreat in TN Mountains



A summer youth retreat is being planned by a Lutheran congregation in the Southern District—and **Mid-South youth groups are invited!** The retreat is planned for June 5-9, 2023 on the beautiful campus of Sewanee, just outside of Chattanooga.

General information on the retreat follows:

- Dates: June 5-9 (arrive the PM of 5th, depart after breakfast the 9th)
- Room cost: \$52.15 per person per night (Double Occupancy); \$208.60 for 4 nights; \$67.15 for a single room per night; \$268.60 for 4 nights
- Meal costs: Breakfast is \$6.70 per person, Lunch is \$9.65 per person, Dinner is \$9.65

Headcounts and deposits for this retreat will be due soon. Please contact Pastor William Parsons (w.a.parsons.3@protonmail.com) at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fairhope, Alabama for details and registration information.

June 15-17 Family Institute



Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, is excited to be hosting its first Christ Academy Family Institute June 15-17, 2023. The Institute will precede this year's Christ Academy High School program. The Institute is aimed at parents, families and church workers who treasure passing their faith to the next generation. In a challenging world, Christ Academy Family Institute provides assistance in accomplishing that goal.

Registration is required and is available at the click of the button below. It's free for the first 50 families as an inaugural gift. Once the first 50 have registered, the cost is \$110 for each attendee over the age of 13 and \$50 for ages 12 and younger.

REGISTER NOW

To learn more about the event, [visit our website](#). If you have questions, please contact us at ChristAcademy@ctsfw.edu.

2 Family Camps Coming In 2023

A family camp designed especially for families of LCMS pastors and church workers has been added to the 2023 summer camp schedule at Camp Trinity, the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain in Arkansas. The summer schedule also has two weekend family camp sessions, which is more convenient for most families, but because pastors who have attended family camp in previous years have had to leave early to lead worship on Sunday, it became apparent that a mid-week session would better serve church worker families.

Family Camp starts at lunch on Wednesday, July 5, and runs through Friday afternoon, July 7. Families are welcome to stay another day to spend time exploring Petit Jean Mountain. The first six families who register will be able to stay in the newly completed retreat lodge at the camp.

Camp Trinity is cutting camp fees in half for families of LCMS church workers as a means of serving the servants. Additional financial aid is available on request.

Family Camp for church workers is for all ages. Camp staff will lead a sampling of summer camp activities – hiking, swimming, canoeing,

large-group games, and a visit to the petting zoo (with horseback riding available for a separate fee). Each day begins with First Word (quiet devotional time), with Bible study after breakfast. Both evenings end at a campfire with lots of singing and message about God's love in Christ.

Those interested in this or any other sessions of summer camp can learn more and register at the camp website: [Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean](https://www.lutheran-camp-on-petit-jean.org/)



Mid-South District's Early Childhood Conference



The Mid-South District is excited to offer this year's **ECC Conference July 17-18, 2023**, at Faith Lutheran Church in Collierville, TN. Mark your calendar for this educational event designed for educational hours (up to 8 total credit hours) with your states. Registration for the Early Childhood Teacher conference is available on the District website.

Registration for the ECC Conference will be \$45 per attendee. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Fairfield Inn & Suites – Collierville, near Faith Lutheran, shopping and restaurants. The cost per room will be \$120. The **deadline for registration is June 26, 2023**.

The theme for this year's conference is "Making Learners for Life," inspired by Matthew 28:19-20. Keynote presentations will be from both Arkansas State University (ASU) and the University

of Memphis (U of M). ASU presenters will host a workshop on "The Five Commitments of Optimistic Leaders." The U of M speaker will present on early childhood brain development in a presentation titled "LENA Grow - Talk Builds Babies Brains!" Other sessions will include STEM activities for toddlers, developing fine motor skills, emergency preparedness, talking to parents, and so much more.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

Lutheran Heritage Foundation Offers Free Resources

Do you know someone who doesn't speak English as a first language, and you want to introduce them to the Savior?

Check out the Lutheran Heritage Foundation's database of free Lutheran books, translated into more than 140 languages of the world! Resources include children's Bible storybooks (often also good for adults with lower literacy levels), Luther's Small Catechism, and devotion booklets in languages like Spanish, Chinese, Hindi and Swahili – all available at no cost to the ministries, short-term mission teams, and individuals who need them. Search the LHF Publication List at www.LHFmissions.org.





With the Easter Season upon us, there is so much to celebrate! At the forefront of our minds is the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. This precious gift is our greatest source of joy! Across our district, ministries will also be celebrating this blessing and sharing the joy within their communities. As these Lutheran congregations seek to connect with new faces and share the Good News of Jesus, it is the privilege of the Mid-South District to support and encourage that work. But the Mid-South District does not engage in this work alone. District ministry is made possible by the involvement, prayers and financial support of many partners, all working together in pursuit of a shared MISSION and VISION:

Mission

As an alliance of congregations and schools, the Mid-South District provides leadership, resources and encouragement for reaching the lost for Christ's Kingdom and equipping the found for service in our churches, communities and the world.

Vision

To witness communities positively impacted and lives changed through the power of the Gospel.

As we joyfully enter the Easter season, the Mid-South District asks that you prayerfully consider supporting our work as a ministry partner. Whether a long-time or first-time supporter of District ministry, your partnership will be a source of encouragement as we pursue our mission!

Have a Blessed Easter!

Gifts to the Mid-South District can be shared at mid-southlcms.org and designated for "IMPACT" to be applied where needed most.



Henkel Conference — Second Annual

August 7-8, 2023

11am-3pm

Ascension Lutheran Church

The second annual Henkel Conference, devoted to Christian theology and cultural engagement will be held August 7-8, 2023 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Madison, TN.

The forum provides the best theological and cultural speakers within the Christian faith in order to educate and encourage in the midst of the present assaults on God's eternal truth. This conference welcomes everyone, clergy and laity.

Our lineup this year, the following distinguished presenters:

Carl Trueman

Professor of Biblical & Religious Studies at Grove City College

Aaron Kheriaty

Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center for Bioethics and American Democracy

Jack Kilcrease

Associate Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at the Christ School of Theology

Matthew Eppinette

Executive Director of The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity

Peter Scaer

Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary

Jordan Cooper

President of the American Lutheran Theological Seminary

Adam Koontz

Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church

David Fowler

President of Family Action Council of Tennessee

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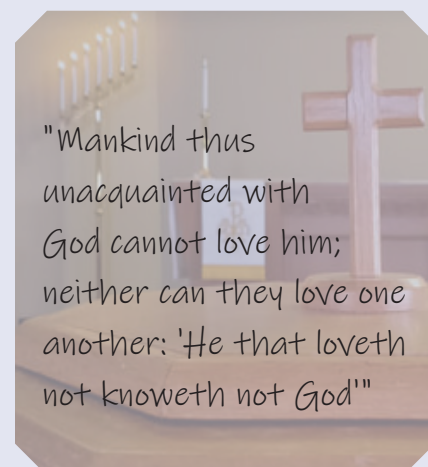
[More Information](#)

[Questions-Contact](#)

[Register Online](#)

- Additional evening dinner plans for August 7
- Lunch provided August 8
- Local bookstore on site selling the works of the speakers and other items

*We ask for your support
through registration/
attendance.*



[More Information](#) || [Questions Contact](#) || [Register Online](#)

Lutherans Helping Lutherans

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has served as the financial extension of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) since 1978, offering funding and resources in support of the church. Our investors make it possible for us to provide customized loans and support services to new and growing ministries as well as loans for Rostered Church Workers who dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel.

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Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:

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- ✓ CONGREGATIONS
- ✓ ORGANIZATIONS

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You May Also Contact
Your Mid-South District
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PAUL REAVES

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Time to Apply for LCEF's Take Heart Scholarship ☒



The Take Heart Scholarship was developed for LCEF's Y.I. Club members who are high school seniors and will soon advance to the next level of higher education. As students begin this new journey, LCEF's Young Investors Club wants to assist their transition by offering financial support through the Take Heart Scholarship with up to three awards of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500. Applications close **May 7, 2023**. Winners will be announced on May 23, 2023. For complete details and to apply, visit lcef.org/scholarship/.

Historic Flooding & Inflation Impacting Staff and Students

In 2014, ministry partners of the Mid-South District were introduced to Rev. Joseph Randrianasolo and the Lutheran Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (LIME) in Madagascar. Since then, friends in the Mid-South District have faithfully supported this Lutheran ministry through technology upgrades, significant facility improvements, and other enhancements that have helped LIME serve its students and provide them with opportunities for a brighter future.

Along with many positive milestones, the ministry has endured a number of crises over the last decade, from the impacts of the pandemic to those of severe drought. Through each challenge, ministry partners in the Mid-South District have prayerfully supported the staff, students and mission of LIME. **Today, our Malagasy Lutheran brothers and sisters need help once again as both flooding and inflation threaten not only the future of LIME, but the daily lives of its staff and their families.**

As Rev. Joseph Randrianasolo recently shared in an urgent communication with Mid-South District President, Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, the current situation for LIME is very serious. Madagascar's

isolated geography requires the import of many essential goods and resources, all of which have risen in cost dramatically with global inflation. Flooding has also devastated supplies of domestic resources, making staples like rice and other foods more scarce and expensive. These factors have not only reduced enrollment at LIME, but made daily life so expensive for the staff that they struggle to feed themselves and their families.

As our friends in Madagascar pray for recovery from the floods and an easing of inflation, they also pray and humbly ask for help from their Mid-South District Lutheran family. Please prayerfully consider sharing a financial gift to help sustain the LIME ministry—and especially its staff—through this current crisis. Gifts can be shared online by clicking below:

DONATE

Donations by check can be made payable to the Mid-South District-LCMS, with "Madagascar Aid 2023" noted as the designation. Please mail donations to: Mid-South District
1675 Wynne Road
Cordova, TN 38016



An Eternal Investment

*"All your children shall be taught by the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children."
Isaiah 54:13*

As many of you have probably heard, Haiti is in tremendous disarray right now. In fact, not long ago the U.N. identified Haiti as the most dangerous place in the world. Until international forces once again get involved (which is very controversial) to instill security alongside Haiti's national police force, things will not improve and the people will continue to be plagued with kidnappings, murders, rapes, and crippling inflation. With that as the backdrop, we at Trinity HOPE are often asked, **"Why do you keep doing this work when things don't seem to ever improve?"**. During the height of frustration, that's an easy question to allow to slip into your mind.

But then we remember why we *really* do the work we do and recognize that *THIS* is the exact time a meal to a hungry child is most needed. Yes, our cost per meal has increased significantly right now. Yes, it's more challenging than ever for the children to safely get to their school. Yes, our Feeding Program Directors are putting themselves in harm's way to visit the schools and inspect the programs. But what's our alternative?

In many cases, the children are already severely undernourished, and this single meal can literally be the lifeline that allows them to live another day. I realize that sounds dramatic, but the World Food Program currently estimates that 4.7 million Haitians are facing food insecurity (close to ½ the entire population). These children are the innocent victims and deserve to see a new tomorrow. One of these children may well be a force of change in the country at some point in the future. But maybe we're wrong, and maybe a child we're feeding won't see tomorrow. Maybe they're the ultimate victim of the gangs' weapon of kidnapping and murder, or maybe they're caught in the crossfire of two gangs' turf wars and



killed by a stray bullet. As much as those thoughts churn my stomach, it's the reality they live in right now.

We know that by feeding children in a Christian school, Trinity HOPE is helping spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, even in these worst-case scenarios, our work may be impacting where that child spends eternity. If continuing to feed these children during these difficult times impacts even a single child's ability to spend eternity in heaven, it's worth the cost. God never promised us it would be easy. He called us to feed His children every school day, regardless of the conditions in Haiti. We trust in Him and obey His calling to do everything we can to make an eternal investment in the lives of these children. That is why we continue to do what we do.

Thank you for your continued support! You are truly making a difference in the lives of thousands of children! Together, we continue to pray for them.

For more information, or to make a donation visit us at www.trinityhope.org



Prayer Summary, February 2023

Following is a list of all the people that have appeared on the Mid-South District website prayer list www.mid-southlcms.com during the month of February 2023.

PRAYER CONCERNS

REV. RONALD HALAMKA (Waxahachie, TX)
MRS. ALISON HAWKINS (Mid-South District Office)
MRS. MARY ANN HERD (wife of Rev. Clifford Herd, Hixson, TN)
REV. ED MAANUM (First, Knoxville, TN)
REV. DAN OTTO (Emeritus, Murfreesboro, TN)
REV. CHAD PHILIPP (St. Luke, DeWitt, AR & St. Paul, Gillett, AR)
REV. GIL PINGEL (Emeritus, Chattanooga, TN)
REV. JOSEPH RANDRIANASOLO and the Lutheran Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (LIME) in Madagascar as they deal with historic flooding.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL (Nashville, TN)

All those affected by the tornados in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, and surrounding counties.

All those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of REV. RICHARD BOECK (EM, brother of Rev. Thomas Boeck, Peace, Conway) who recently passed away

CALL UPDATE

IN THE CALLING PROCESS – CONGREGATIONS ORDAINED MINISTERS

ACCEPTED: **Rev. Thomas Boeck**, Senior Pastor to Marco Island Lutheran Church, Marco Island, FL, has accepted the Call to serve as *Pastor to Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, AR. Installation took place March 19, 2023.*

Rev. Matthew Albright, Associate Pastor to Messiah Lutheran Church, Mounds View, MN, has accepted the Call to serve as *Pastor to Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock, AR. Installation April 2, 2023, at 3:00PM.*

DECLINED: **Rev. Christopher Hull**, Pastor to Zion Lutheran Church, Tomball, TX has returned the Call to serve as *Pastor to Heavenly Host Lutheran Church, Cookeville, TN.*

Rev. Christopher Gorshe, Associate Pastor to Bella Vista Lutheran Church, Bella Vista, AR has returned the Call to serve *Pastor to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn, Iowa and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger, Iowa.*

Rev. Henry Graf, Associate Pastor to Promise Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN has received a Call to serve as *Pastor to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hermitage, TN.*

PENDING: **Rev. Mark Taylor**, Associate Pastor to Faith Lutheran Church, Plano, Texas, has received a Call to serve as a *Pastor to Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN.*

Rev. Michael Meyer, Associate Pastor to The Rock Lutheran Church, Seward, NE, has received a Call to serve as *Associate Pastor to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR.*

Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann, Candidate, has received a Call to serve as *Pastor to Christ Lutheran Church, Paris, TN.*

Rev. Joshua Reifsteck, Associate Pastor to Calvary Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN has received a Call to serve as *Pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Murray, KY.*

VACANT CONGREGATIONS & MINISTRIES

Heavenly Host Lutheran Church, Cookeville, TN
– Pastor

First Lutheran Church, Blytheville, AR – Pastor

First Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR – Pastor

Messiah Lutheran Church, Memphis, TN – Pastor

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sevierville, TN – Pastor

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Murray, KY – Pastor

****Pending Call**

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Rich, AR/Zion

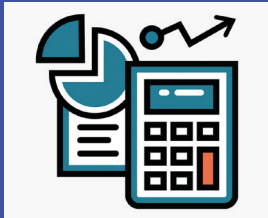
Lutheran Church, Ulm, AR – Pastor

IN THE CALLING PROCESS- COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Grace Lutheran Church Early Childhood Center, Little Rock, AR – Early Childhood Director

Christ the King Lutheran School, Memphis, TN –
Preschool Teachers

First Lutheran School, Knoxville, TN – Teacher for
4th/5th grade



CONGREGATIONAL MISSION COMMITMENTS

MISSION COMMITMENT RECEIPTS AS OF 2/28/2023 (2 MONTHS)

Anticipated Amount
(16.67% of budget)\$260,712
Actual Receipts..... 208,200
Over (under)
anticipated amount..... **(\$52,512)**

Use of Mission Commitment Receipts (2 Months)

Allocated to Synod for World
Missions \$58,293
Allocated to Tanzania4,167
Retained for District
Mission/Ministry Support
(70% of receipts) 145,740
Total Receipts \$208,200

Mission Commitment Receipts Prior Year Comparison (2 Months)

Actual Receipts as
of 2/28/2023 \$208,200
Actual Receipts as
of 2/28/2022 \$218,691
Over (under) prior
year receipts **(\$10,491)**

What's your latest news?

Encourager Topics in 2023

We invite you to share your stories with us please email stories by 20th to Rhonda, webmaster@mid-southlcms.com. Here's a look at the upcoming topics.

- May – Small Town & Rural Ministry
- June – Leadership
- July – Veterans
- August – Stewardship
- September – Church Planting
- October – Celebrating Lutheran Heritage
- November – Thankfulness
- December – Highlights 2023

Lutheran Witness supplement

The monthly deadline is the 15th. Please email your original high resolution digital photo (.pdf or .jpg files only) and a short paragraph, to The Lutheran Witness Supplement editor, Judy Otto.
Email: LW@mid-southlcms.com
phone: 662-252-1004. Judy will always acknowledge receipt of your submission if it is sent directly to her.

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