

Encourager

OCTOBER 2022

Mid-South District LCMS



A Message from Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President

Every morning, God gives us an opportunity. He places us at the starting line of a fantastic mission field equipped with an awesome message of God's grace unlike anything else in town. Rhetorically, we'd ask, "What does this mean?" But, without knowing it, in 1517, Martin Luther innocently ignited a firestorm in western Christendom by just wanting some clear answers to some fuzzy questions that arose because of what was happening in the Western Christian Church. By nailing the Ninety-Five Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Luther changed the course of human history that still impacts our own nation today.

An enterprising printer almost immediately grabbed Luther's 95 Theses and printed them for distribution. Within six weeks, Luther's works were seen on every street corner of Europe. The first of the questions, Luther argued that the Christian life should be a life of repentance, "Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said 'Repent' willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance." We already acknowledge that repentance was not the same as the "penance" of the medieval church. Penance in the Roman Church meant to render some sort of human satisfaction before God. These satisfactions were the self-imposed penalties the Church

wrongfully taught in order for the person to earn one's merit before God and a remission of the eternal debt incurred by sin.

But Luther discovered in reading Holy Scriptures that penances can never merit God's grace as "merited grace" is a contradiction in terms. Grace is a gift. If it is a merited gift, it's no longer a gift, but is owed for some sort of meritorious effort. Not only was "merited grace" a contradiction, the whole idea of penances that could supplement or substitute for the merits of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection for our salvation made absolutely no sense. God does confer the merits of Jesus

Christ to us by grace – with no merit or worthiness on our part. We don't get what we deserve. God gave us what we don't deserve for the sake of Jesus.

Our efforts and works are so pitifully poor in comparison to the glistening righteousness of God's eternal Son, who offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. We're forced to ask ourselves, "Would I desire to stand before God clothed in my own merits, or in Christ's righteousness?" Which of these do we think is most likely to be truly satisfactory in the presence of God?

Martin Luther, of blessed memory wrote: "Wherever anyone is being baptized according to Christ's command we should be confidently convinced that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is present in it, and that there is pure delight, pleasure, and joy in heaven over the fact that sin is forgiven, the heavens are opened forever, and that now there is no more wrath but only perfect grace..." "Not that we can gain this by our penitence or satisfaction, but rather we receive this grace on account of this Son, who bears

the sins of us all upon his back and about whom the Father

declares, 'This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Then sin, death, damnation must perish and cease on account of Him, and righteousness, life, and salvation break forth in their place.'"

Today we live in the presence of God with the righteousness of Christ enfolding us completely. How could we not live at peace with God? He gives it to us! How could we not be entirely certain that heaven has been opened to us? God promises a place in Heaven to us! How could we not bask in the joy that comes from knowing that our relationship with God has been completely transformed by the work of Christ, our Savior on our behalf? Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."*

Christ has placed Himself in the waters of Baptism so that what is His (His life, His death, His resurrection, and ascension) become completely ours through the faith promised and given there by the Holy Spirit. Christ gives Himself in the mystery of the bread and wine sacramentally given to us as His true Body and Blood. Christ absolves us of sin when He, in the stead and by His command, gives His Called and ordained pastors to forgive us of our sins, just as our Heavenly Father forgives those sins in heaven as on earth. It's all about a personal and intimate relationship Christ Jesus has with us in real

and tangible means most other denominations do not teach or confess. It's the foundation of the Lutheran Reformation.

Our heavenly Father has declared Christ His beloved One. So, if we are joined to Him as a gift, then we are surely also His beloved ones. By Christ alone, we are acceptable in God's sight. This is what we have the privilege and responsibility to share with our friends and neighbors. This is what makes us different: We believe in the inerrant Word of God. We believe that God has saved us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies our life until we are received into the everlasting glory of God's Kingdom. But, don't most every other Christian believe the same thing, you might ask.

Yes, for most that may be true, and our Confessions say that there will be other Christians in heaven who are true believers in Christ as Lord and Savior. So, besides these things that we believe, what do we have to offer the people of this community? The true and living Christ! We believe He is truly and bodily present when we receive His Supper. We believe that He, Himself feeds us.

We believe that it is His work, His crucifixion, His death, His victory over the grave, death, and Hell that – alone – He showers on us in



Holy Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, the gift of faith, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We believe that He is alive and present when His Word is rightly proclaimed, and His Sacraments are given in the manner He has commanded. If we want a living, breathing, gracious, and present God... He's here in Word and Sacrament.

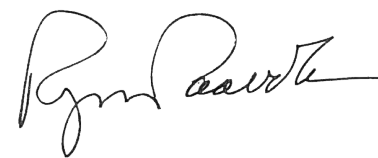
That's why we dedicate our ministries for His purpose. That's why we pray for His Will to be done. That's why we can boldly go out to our communities and find unchurch, de-churched, and lost sinner... and bring them

out of the darkness of their lives, and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, bring them into the marvelous Light of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Everything we pray for – from the very beginning of our first breath to the last breath we take in this life – we are assured that God answers our prayers. God gives us a continuous ministry and an opportunity to serve His people and our communities as never before. But because He's with us in His place, He will bless His people as they go about the work He has given us to do in His Kingdom – vibrant and faithful

congregations that are dedicated to the purity of His saving grace. May God continue to bless and keep our Lutheran heritage by His grace, guided by faith from His Spirit, and growing in faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your servant in Christ +
Rev Roger Paavola



Evanguard Retreat for Fathers and Sons Coming in November

Fathers and sons (age 8+) are invited to take part in the Mid-South Evanguard retreat, November 18-20, 2022 at Camp Trinity on Petit Jean Mountain in Arkansas. The retreat will include opportunities for study, conversation, fellowship, prayer, indoor relaxation, and outdoor adventure, with special presentations by Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz on a Biblical understanding of the patriarchy. More information on Evanguard and the upcoming retreat are available at <https://evanguard.org/f/an-evanguard-retreat-for-2022>



Celebrating Lutheran Heritage

OCTOBER
1st-2nd

St. Paul Celebrates 175th Anniversary

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg, Tennessee celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year and invites all pastors, teachers, and laity to the weekend homecoming celebration on October 1st and 2nd.

The congregation of St. Paul in Wartburg is the oldest congregation in the Mid-South District and is one of the historic planting congregations for many of our congregations in East Tennessee. This special and rare history will be celebrated with all in the Mid-South as it is part of the District's early history and mission in the East Tennessee area.

More info at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulwartburg/>

OCTOBER
2nd

Grace Lutheran Presents Elijah

On Sunday, October 2, the choir of Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN, will be joined by choristers, soloists, and an orchestra for a once in a lifetime event – the presentation of Mendelssohn's signature oratorio, Elijah. The performance is trimmed from its original length to 2 hours (with intermission). Music begins promptly at 4 pm under the direction of Grace's Cantor, Dr. Jonathan Rudy.

For more on the Music at Grace concert series, email Dr. Rudy at Cantor@glctn.org.

OCTOBER
8th

Annual "Augsburg Fall Fest"

Zion Lutheran Church's 15th Annual Augsburg Fall Fest is coming up on Saturday, October 8 at the church's campus in London, AR (93 Augsburg Road, London 72847).

This year's festival will take place from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. There will be delicious German food, music, arts and crafts, pony rides, a variety of games for all ages, prizes, a silent auction and more. To learn more, please visit the [Augsburg Fall Fest Facebook page](#) and the [church's website](#).

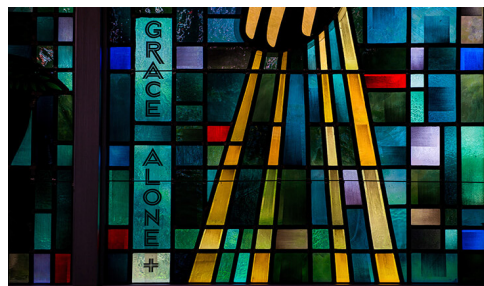
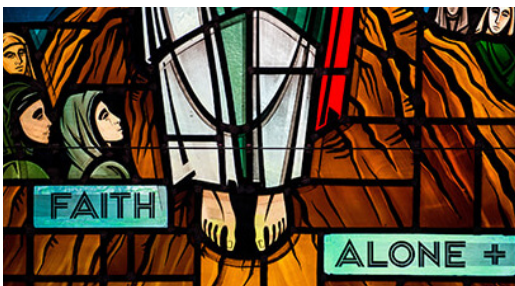
Oktoberfest Immanuel Lutheran

A traditional German Festival in Memphis. More info on following page.

OCTOBER
9th

50th Anniversary at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Snead Dr, Fairfield Bay, AR will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Oct 9th. Former Pastor Arthur Baisch will be preaching the 11 AM service and a pot luck dinner will follow. Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola will be the speaker at the 2 PM anniversary service. Everyone is welcome to join us on this special day.



The Mid-South District, LCMS Invites You To

Oktoberfest

SAT. OCT. 8, 2022 • 11AM-3PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

6325 Raleigh LaGrange Road • Memphis TN 38134

A Traditional German Festival Featuring:

GERMAN FOOD FAVORITES & BEER from GHOST RIVER BREWERY

OOMPAH MUSIC • LIVE AUCTION of THEMED BASKETS*

BALLOON ARTIST • BOUNCE HOUSE • FACE PAINTING

** Live Auction Proceeds Benefit Restore Corps-Memphis in the Fight Against Human Trafficking*

\$10 ADULTS (13 & UP)
Includes German meal
& 2 craft beers/beverages

\$5 KIDS 4-12
Includes meal & beverage
FREE admission under age 4

CLICK HERE to Buy Tickets Online



Get Your “Love Being Lutheran” Tee at Oktoberfest!

To help celebrate the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, the Mid-South District will have “**Love Being Lutheran**” tee-shirts available for \$20.00 at the Oktoberfest event taking place at Immanuel Lutheran in Memphis on October 8. A portion of the shirt sales will be donated to Restore Corps-Memphis, a local organization that helps victims of human trafficking. If you can't attend the Oktoberfest event but would like to purchase a shirt, watch the November *Encourager* for information about a pop-up online store!



Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashville Celebrates 40 Years

On September 11, 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashville celebrated her 40th Anniversary (1982-2022) as a congregation. Rev. Philip Young, Redeemer's pastor, recognized the faithful service of Redeemer's founding pastor, (✝) Rev. Chris Powell, and of Rev. Paul Donner who served as vacancy pastor prior to Pastor Young's call. Pastor Young also presented a letter and certificate recognizing the occasion from Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, whose duties as Mid-South

District President prevented his attendance in person. The day concluded with a celebration luncheon where a collection of photographs of the church and her people, several now in the Church Triumphant, was displayed.

Though now 40 years old, Redeemer has had the joy of being served by just two pastors in that time. Pastor Powell served from Redeemer's incorporation as a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in

January 1982 until his retirement in October 2001. Pastor Young has served Redeemer since his installation in July of 2002. On July 31, 2022 Pastor Young was surprised by the congregation with a recognition of his 20 years of service. The congregation gifted Pastor Young a stole for Advent season. May Our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless all who enter the doors of Redeemer and preserve them in the one true faith.



Redeemer's President Steve Hallock receives District President Paavola's certificate on behalf of the congregation.



✝ Rev. Powell ✝



July 2022 - Rev. Philip & Amy Young

2022 CARE-VAN

Dates & Locations

November 4-5, 2022

Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Find the location and drop off time on the next page

Please call the church to verify the time so there will be someone there to help you. The times may change according to the church.

A Meaningful Way to Make a Difference

Lutheran World Relief Kits of Care are a perfect way for you to gather a group of people you know and turn ordinary items into extraordinary gifts.

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

What You Can Do

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do now to help people around the world reach their full potential. Learn how simple items can transform lives and how you can too.

1. Choose – a type of kit
 - Personal Care Kits
 - School Kits
 - Baby Care Kits
 - Fabric Kits
 - Quilt Kits
2. Collect – items for the kits and money to help ship kits overseas
3. Pack – the items and send to the warehouse; or find a local collection site
4. Track – your kits as they travel the world to people in need
5. Share – photos and videos of your work on your social pages with [LWR Quilters & Kit Makers Community | Facebook](#). Your posts can encourage others to get involved, too!



LWR Quilts & Kits convey a priceless message of love and commitment to people in desperate need. First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes Quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. **In 2021, Lutheran World Relief delivered Quilts and Kits to 361,225 beneficiaries in 19 countries.** Here is the breakdown of the quilts and kits that were delivered in 2021 (122,400 quilts, 103,880 school kits, 3,230 blankets, 60,030 personal care kits, 915 fabric kits, 38,850 baby care kits, and 31,920 face masks).

Shipping costs LWR about \$2.25 per quilt. Please give to the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, which pays for the shipping of donated Quilts and Kits. You can also encourage your congregation to support your quilt or kit ministry by donating to LWR's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund <https://lwr.org/donate/shippingfund> to ensure that LWR can continue working with partners around the world to deliver your gifts. Those funds, combined with the generosity of donors, ensure LWR has the resources needed to move these items around the world. You can help!

If you are interested in the **assembly instructions for quilts and kits** you may request a copy of these pamphlets by calling 800-597-5972 or logging on to the <https://lwr.org> website.

If you have a **questions or need labels**, don't hesitate to e-mail Julie Tyler at: jtyler@mid-southlcrs.com or give her a call (1-866-373-1343 toll free). The work of our hearts and hands is an immeasurable blessing to families in need around the world!



**Mid-South District 2022 CARE-VAN
November 4-5, 2022
Locations and Coordinators**



Loading Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 2022
Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
(time for drop-off donations may change according to church)

Call church to verify the time

you will be bringing your LWR items so someone will be there to help you.

Please package boxes properly. Thank you.

Arkansas

| CITY | Location for YRC Freight | Contact Person | Pastor of Church |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Fort Smith, AR | First Lutheran School 2407 Massard Road Fort Smith, AR 72901 | Mr. Lou Fellwock 1-479-650-5886 | Rev. John Merrill 1-479-785-2886 (church) jfmerrill@gmail.com |
| Springdale, AR | Salem Lutheran Ministries 1800 West Emma Avenue Springdale, AR 72762-3905 Only Saturday - Nov. 6 (9a.m.-12p.m.) | Ms. Darlene Diercouff 1-479-751-9500 (church) ddiercouff@aol.com | Rev. Mark Krause 1-479-751-9500 (church) 1-479-841-4898 (cell) mekrause56@gmail.com |

Tennessee

| CITY | Location for YRC Freight | Contact Person | Pastor of Church |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Chattanooga, TN | Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 3204 Hixon Pike Chattanooga, TN 37415 Only Friday, Nov. 5 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) | Ms. Eunice Timm 1-423-624-2588 4betimm@epbf.com | Rev. Barry Hildebrandt 1-423-877-7447 (church) 1-423-255-4746 (cell) church@cocluth.com |
| Nashville, TN | Our Savior Lutheran Church 5110 Franklin Pike Nashville, TN 37220-1814 | Mr. Kenneth Priest 1-615-969-6225 kapslp10@comcast.net | Rev. Lane Reuter 1-615-833-1500 (church) oslcoffice1@gmail.com |
| Knoxville, TN | Grace Lutheran Church 9076 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923 | Ms. Anna Wilson 1-865-691-2823 (church) awilson@visitgrace.org | Rev. Richard Elseroad 1-865-691-2823 (church) relseroad@gmail.com |
| Memphis, TN | Immanuel Lutheran Church 6325 Raleigh LaGrange Road Memphis, TN 38134-6907 | Ms. Diane Reimold 1-901-679-0626 dianereimold@hotmail.com | 1-901-373-4486 (church) churchoffice@immanuelmemphis.org |

Register for the Fall 2022 Making Disciples for Life Conference

The 2022 Making Disciples for Life "Let Us Keep Awake" Conference will take place **October 10-12, 2022**. There is still time to register to participate either in-person at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis or on-line. Please keep in mind that the in-person registrations are limited. Also, remember that on-line registrations cover one person or a group of people. You can plan a watch party for your congregation or organization using a single on-line registration. For those who can't participate virtually or in-person, all conference sessions will be recorded and available for 60 days after the conference. Learn more and register online at <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/making-disciples-for-life-conference-fall-2022/>.



Lutheran Days STL

Lutheran Days STL, a celebration of the history and work of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will be **April 27-29, 2023** in St. Louis.

Open to student groups, youth and adults. We invite you to participate in a wide variety of activities. This event is held in conjunction with the annual March to the Arch life march in St. Louis, on Saturday, April 29. Join fellow Lutherans in marching for life on Saturday.

More information will be posted on the event page.

<https://calendar.lcms.org/event/lutheran-days-stl-2023/>

Last Call for Nominations for the 68th Regular Convention of the LCMS

The 2023 Committee for Convention Nominations has now been fully constituted by district conventions, but the committee continues to need nominations for the 69 influential officer, board, and commission positions to be elected by the 2023 Synod convention (detailed at [lcms.org/convention/nominations-and-elections/secretary-board-and-commission-positions](https://www.lcms.org/convention/nominations-and-elections/secretary-board-and-commission-positions)). Nominations may yet be submitted by:

- Agencies and officers of the Synod
- Congregational and individual members of the Synod
- Laypersons of the congregations of the Synod

With 69 offices to be filled by the convention and less than three months of the nominating period to go, the Secretary's office is in receipt of nominations (including incumbents) for only 72 ordained and 22 commissioned ministers and 49 laypersons — not all of whom will let their names stand. (Last convention, for comparison, the committee had 163 ordained, 45 commissioned, and 139 lay names to consider.)

Please, therefore, consider where the needs of the offices to be filled match the giftedness of those LCMS congregation members and ordained and commissioned ministers that you know, and submit their names

for consideration. **Nominations must be received by Oct. 29, 2022, but are desired as soon as possible**, given that each nomination then must be augmented with the responses of nominees and evaluators.

The nomination form is available for download at [lcms.org/convention/2023-nomination-form](https://www.lcms.org/convention/2023-nomination-form). It can be downloaded, filled out electronically, and then emailed to the Office of the Secretary at ccn@lcms.org.



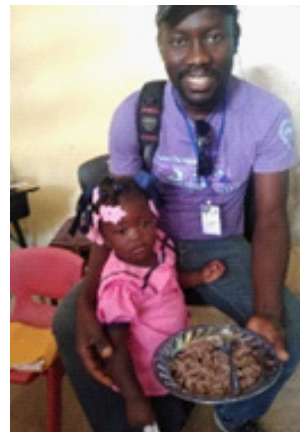
The latest news...

If you are following the news from Haiti, you know that times are hard. In fact, many of the Trinity HOPE Feeding Program Directors tell us it is the worse it has ever been. Gangs are controlling many of the areas of travel and getting around the country is becoming more and more difficult for native Haitians. This is why the infrastructure used by Trinity HOPE is so crucial. Having native Haitians doing the work means that as long as kids are in school, they are able to be fed. One of the biggest ways you can support Trinity HOPE is through prayer. Here are a few prayer requests from our Feeding Program Directors:



**Joseph—
Port-au-Prince**

"I want you to continue to pray for our country that we finally have peace so that more children can go to school. [It is hard] when they come to me every day and I cannot help them all."



Cherubin—Arcahaie

"Please pray for my family and I to keep our commitments with God; to serve and love Him above all, to receive His protection in our everyday life, and to continue to serve and love others "



Out and About

Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Trinity HOPE's U.S. staff have limited our visits to churches. We are so excited that the doors are open and we can again come see all of our faithful supporters.

While newsletters are a great way to give a snapshot of all that is happening in the Trinity HOPE ministry, we could not possibly cover it all in these few pages!

We are looking forward to scheduling a time to come visit your church to give the congregation an update on our ministry, the schools you sponsor, and Haiti as a whole. Even if we have never been to your church before, we want to come see you!

Please email us at admin@trinityhope.org or give us a call at 910-797-8357 or 615-394-4950 to schedule a presentation! We have a few spots open in November when our Haitian friends will be in town for our Haiti Hunger Fight events! This would be a wonderful opportunity for us to come visit!

PRAYER SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 2022


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 September 2022.

PRAYER CONCERNS

REV. ROBERT BENKE and wife Mary (Faith, Hot Springs Village, AR)
REV. PAUL DONNER (Emeritus, Paducah, KY)
MRS. SUSANNE ELSEROAD (wife of Rev. Richard Elseroad, Grace Lutheran Church, Knoxville, TN)
REV. RONALD HALAMKA (Waxahachie, TX)
MRS. ALISON HAWKINS (Mid-South District Office)
MRS. MARY ANN HERD (wife of Rev. Clifford Herd, Hixson, TN)
MRS. SHIRLEY EIMMERMAN (ECE Director, First Lutheran Preschool, Knoxville, TN)
MR. MARC HIGGINS (Mid-South District Treasurer, Maumelle, AR)
REV. GIL PINGEL (Emeritus, Chattanooga, TN)

We lift up in prayer all those assisting in the rebuilding efforts from the devastating December tornadoes in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky; especially lifting up Ms. Jan Simko, District Disaster Relief Coordinator and Rev. David Appold of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY.

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mrs. Sylvia Sayre, wife of Rev. Thomas Sayre (Emeritus, St. Johns, FL) who recently passed away.



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. — Isaiah 41:10

CALL UPDATE

ORDAINED MINISTERS

ACCEPTED: **Rev. Myles Schultz** (Emeritus, Holiday Island, AR) has accepted the Call to serve as Pastor to Grace Lutheran Church, Holiday Island, AR. Installation date is pending.
Rev. Russell Shewmaker (Emeritus, Gravette, AR) has accepted the Call to serve as Pastor to Christ Lutheran Church, Siloam Springs, AR. Installation took place September 11, 2022.
DECLINED: **Rev. Jerrell Simmerman** (Candidate, Indiana District) has returned the Call to serve as Pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, TN.
Rev. David Graves, Pastor to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wartburg, TN has been issued a Call to serve as Pastor to Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway, IL.
PENDING: **Rev. Clayton Sellers**, Associate Pastor to Faith Lutheran Church, Collierville, TN has been issued a Call to serve as Pastor to Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, AR.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

ACCEPTED: **Mrs. Andrea D. Kilpatrick** (Candidate, Little Rock, AR) has accepted a Call to teach Third Grade at Christ Lutheran Church & School, Little Rock, AR.
Ms. Linaya Kolke, (Graduate, Concordia University, Irvine, CA) has accepted a First Call to serve as DCE at Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock, AR.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS & MINISTRIES

First Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR – Pastor
Messiah Lutheran Church, Memphis, TN – Pastor
Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, AR – Pastor
Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, TN – Pastor
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sevierville, TN - Pastor

IN THE CALLING PROCESS- COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Christ the King Lutheran School, Memphis, TN – Teachers (1st Grade; 5th Grade & Middle School)
First Lutheran School, Fort Smith, AR – Part-time Early Childhood Assistants
First Lutheran School, Knoxville, TN – Teachers (1st grade teacher; Middle School Math/Science; 4th/5th grade teacher)
Belvoir Christian Academy, Chattanooga, TN - Teacher



Congregational Mission Commitments

Mission Commitment Receipts as of 8/31/2022 (8 Months)

Anticipated Amount (66.67% of budget)..... \$1,011,926
 Actual Receipts 984,614
 Over (under) anticipated amount **(\$27,312)**

Use of Mission Commitment Receipts (8 Months)

Allocated to Synod for World Missions \$278,718
 Allocated to Tanzania 16,667
 Retained for District Mission/Ministry Support (70% of receipts)..... 689,230
 Total Receipts \$984,614

Mission Commitment Receipts Prior Year Comparison (8 Months)

Actual Receipts as of 8/31/2022 \$984,614
 Actual Receipts as of 8/31/2021 \$992,899
 Over (under) prior year receipts **(\$8,285)**

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!

Encourager Topics in 2022

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 for 2022](#)

- November – Thankfulness
- December – Highlights 2022

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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