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# MID-SOUTH LUTHERAN

## God's Grand and Glorious Gift



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District President

**E**aster is God's grand and glorious gift to us. This gift is similar to the moment when we find what had been lost. It's like the moment we receive a gift from someone we thought forgot our birthday. It's like being picked by the eventual winning team, even if we were picked last.

Easter is God's gift wrapped in such a way that nobody recognizes what it is until it's completely unwrapped, and it suddenly reveals its priceless worth. That's because Christ is no longer dead. He is alive! He is risen!

Nobody really understood what happened to Jesus three days earlier at Golgotha. His words were wise. He taught with authority. His deeds were mightier than any had ever seen before. He even lived and conveyed ideas of divine peace unlike anything anyone had ever seen or heard.

Despite His incredible life, something still seemed hidden. Peter, who confessed Jesus to be the Christ — the Son of the living God — really didn't know any more about Jesus than anyone else who followed this great Teacher. Even His mother, Mary, who bore the Child who became Word in flesh, couldn't quite comprehend the mystery and strange qualities that set Jesus apart from all the rest.

But if there ever was a mystery in the life of Jesus, the incom-

prehensible grew even deeper around this solitary Man's death. Friday must have added to the notion in anyone's mind that inside this human flesh God hid a special gift. How could a death-wrapped Man be a gift from God? If Jesus was supposed to be God's gift to fallen mankind, His intentions or at least His delivery system seemed confusing if not bent out of shape.

To deliver the concealed, divine powers of God inside an image of a mortal Man — death-bound and subject to all the twists and turns this world has to offer — makes no sense at all. Certainly any gift that might be hidden in the incarnate flesh of the Son of God had to be lost when He went to the cross?

In some ways, it's kind of unfortunate for us to know on Good Friday what's going to happen in three days. We prepare for Easter meals and plan our Easter wardrobe long before the darkened day when we hear about the Passion of Christ. We just *know* He is going to rise again. We hear it every year ... right?

We've heard essentially the same story every year on Good Friday. But in a way it keeps us from the full impact of what hit those first disciples right between the eyes on Easter Sunday. For them, the day after Friday was not spent in glorious anticipation like now. None of them went out to buy Easter candy, a new hat or a big, juicy ham. Those were dark days in which they knew full well that the body of their Teacher, their Lord, laid in a cold, sealed tomb guarded by Roman centurions. The disciples' biggest fear was that they were next to be caught by the High Priest or the Romans.

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## MESSAGE

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We who stand on this side of the Resurrection can hardly grasp how grim those three days must have been. But the stark contrast between their hopelessness on one day and the glorious announcement of the angels on Sunday would have left any one of us scratching our heads. Yet the angel asked them:

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is no longer here, but has risen.” LUKE 24:5

When we understand the eyewitness’s account that Jesus was dead, you can understand why the disciples would never expect to see Him alive on earth again. But your heart jumps and your mind races with the singular joy of Easter when He reappears alive from the grave. Only when you hear the mournful words of those who took His lifeless body down from the cross, only if you wrapped the cloths and spices around His lifeless body for burial, only if you laid Him in the borrowed tomb would you catch their overwhelming joy of Easter day.

When Jesus suddenly appeared to Mary Magdalene, and the 11 disciples in the Upper Room, they weren’t expecting an Easter. They were scared to death. Even though Jesus clearly told them what was going to happen, they didn’t understand the glorious gift because it sounds absurd and incomprehensible.

We read the account of this mysterious turn of events, this reversal from sorrow to joy, from death to life. The first disciples saw with their own eyes God’s gift that had been hidden from them within the Man, Jesus. His life, His presence, His suffering and death started to make sense. Those stunned disciples on Easter morning stood face-to-face with the reality that God’s almighty power made even death temporary. So when people saw the evidence that death was beaten back into its ugly, stinky hole, they began to sit up and take notice. In other words, death no longer had the last word. As a result, everyone’s assessment of how heaven and earth function had to change too.



St. Paul wrote:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. COL. 3:1

We get a new view of things because of Easter. When we’re joined with Christ in Holy Baptism to His resurrection, we gain a new perspective of things, a new power for living, a new purpose. Everything that once seemed important becomes woefully dim in the light of God’s eternal grace.

Because of Christ’s resurrection, we see the future in terms of forever. Where once we grabbed everything we could in our grubby little hands and it might have all ended in the inevitable death, the same God who brought Jesus Christ’s lifeless body to life will also raise us in glory.

It’s all graciously a promise in Christ. Because by God’s Spirit, we’ve died to sin. Now we’re joined together in life with our Savior Jesus Christ. Our life is now hidden in Christ, Paul tells us (Col. 3:3). It’s a gift! God’s gift in this resurrection is that death and the grave are merely doors to everlasting glory and power.

Think about what that means. Christ, who is more powerful than death, is certainly more powerful than those arrows of temptation and fiery darts of troubles we face each day from Satan’s assault. If our life is indeed hidden in Christ — the Son of God who sits at the right hand of

God — then certainly the same God who raised Him from the dead has power over anything and everything that is less frightening than death.

This of course changes everything for us in every way. To be enjoined to Christ and raised with Him means that we can set our hearts on things above — the eternal things. When Christ died, our sins and our deserved punishment died with Him. When He was buried in the tomb, our sins were buried forever.

We still need “things” while we’re here on earth, but they all look so different when we’re raised to a new life in Christ. Just as Christ’s resurrection is so marvelous when it’s seen through the eyes of the apparent finality of His awful death, so also our new life in Christ seems so incredible because pure human logic would lock us to this decaying earthbound life.

That makes you a gift, yourself hidden until just the right moment. What our victory will be when Christ appears makes the despairs, defeats, disappointments and even death pale in the glory God will reveal on the Last Day.

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. COL. 3:4

God fulfilled His promise, perfectly and completely, but almost incomprehensibly. Jesus’ rising from the dead means a new life for you and me. The new life is seen in the glory of the cross. The rays of love, forgiveness and hope stream their brightness to shine forth from the cross. The glory of the cross is hidden in the light of Christ, who was crucified, died and was buried. But He is no longer dead. He has risen!

For this reason, Easter is our gift, hidden in Christ until just the right moment. Easter is Christ breaking the barrier between God and mankind, between death and life for us. Easter is Christ raising us up beyond an open tomb into a new child of God and a new life. All because our God is alive! It’s His Easter gift to you.

Have a blessed and joyous Easter every day.





## Learning to share the Good News

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Conway, Ark., hosted an *Each One Reach One* workshop on Feb. 11. The workshop was led by Rev. Bill Zwick, Mid-South District Missions and Ministry executive. Pastor Zwick's presentation included Bible study, practical helps for personal evangelism, and discussion of resources and strategy for congregational outreach.

Those in attendance were members of St. Matthew; Shepherd of Peace, Maumelle; and Our Savior, Cabot.

For more information including setting up a workshop, visit [mid-southlcms.org](http://mid-southlcms.org). Go to "Resources" and select "Each One Reach One" from the drop-down menu.

## Aid available for church-work students

The Mid-South District is pleased to once again offer financial aid to students who are members in good standing of a district congregation and are enrolled in an LCMS seminary or university to prepare for full-time service to the LCMS. Full-time workers include pastors, teachers, deaconesses, directors of Christian education, music directors and more.

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 an LCMS school. All related forms, including the financial aid application, are available at [mid-southlcms.org](http://mid-southlcms.org). Go to "Resources"



and select "Student Financial Aid" from the drop-down menu.

Applications may be emailed to Julie Tyler at [jtyler@mid-southlcms.com](mailto:jtyler@mid-southlcms.com) or submitted by postal mail to Mid-South District LCMS/Attn: Julie Tyler; 1675 Wynne Road; Cordova, TN 38016.

The application deadline is June 15.

## Congregation mission commitment receipts

as of  
Jan. 31, 2023  
(one month)



Anticipated amount (8.3% of budget)	\$130,356
Actual receipts	\$77,469
Over (under) anticipated amount	(\$52,887)

### Use of mission commitment receipts

Allocated to Synod for world missions	\$21,157
Allocated to Tanzania	\$2,083
Retained for district ministry/mission support (70% of receipts)	\$54,228
Total receipts	\$77,469

### Mission commitment receipts comparison

Actual receipts as of Jan. 31, 2023	\$77,469
Actual receipts as of Jan. 31, 2022	\$73,876
Over (under) prior year receipts	\$3,593



# Festival returns to pre-pandemic grandeur

By Earl Schrock

Zion, Augsburg, Ark.

The 15th Annual Augsburg Fall Fest, held at Zion Lutheran Church, Augsburg, Ark., on Oct. 8, was its most successful, collecting \$42,038.

It was a beautiful fall day, the crowd was enormous and there were more activities than ever before. The two previous festivals had been drastically scaled back because of the pandemic.

On Dec. 5, the proceeds were distributed to the two organizations Zion supports each year,

the River Valley Christian Clinic and the Augsburg Food Pantry, which each received a check for \$21,019.

The River Valley Christian Clinic provides much needed medical care to those who can't afford it through traditional services. This year the clinic moved from its Dardanelle facility to its new quarters in Russellville. It has seen a substantial increase in patients as well as volunteers since the move.

Because of inflation, the Augsburg Food Pantry has had an increase of over 1,000 people

each month. The revenue that the food pantry receives from the Augsburg Fall Fest is critical for supplying food to River Valley families in desperate need.

The Festival Committee is grateful to all who attended, as well as the sponsors from Arkansas and those from as far away as California, Florida and Delaware who so generously supported the festival.

The committee looks forward to an even bigger and better 16th festival on Oct. 14 — mark your calendar!

The Zion, Augsburg, congregation gathered on Dec. 5 to present checks to representatives from the River Valley Christian Clinic and the Augsburg Food Pantry.

## Quilters benefit community

The LWML-sponsored quilters of St. John's, Russellville, Ark., have been creating beautiful quilts for over 30 years and sharing their gifts with three nursing homes and many local organizations.

The projects range in size and design and have included 130 large quilts, 25 lap quilts, 13 youth quilts, 12 baby quilts and 25 walker caddies. Each year one or two quilts are donated for the Zion Fall Fest (*see above*). They have also made drawstring backpacks for the schools kits which have been donated to Lutheran World Relief.

"We have more material to work with than many of us have years left," says quilter Kris Olson. "Lots of projects but not enough hands to complete them!"

Idle quilters/seamstresses, take note: Your skills and service could benefit many in need!



Denise Styles (right), a member and quilter of St. John's, stopped by Choices Pregnancy Resource Clinic in Russellville, Ark., to drop off donations.



## Blessings in Holiday Island

Rev. Myles Schultz was installed as pastor of Grace, Holiday Island, Ark., on Jan. 8. Pictured are, from left (front): Revs. Richard Mayer, Messiah, Pea Ridge, Ark.; Myles Schultz; Brandon Martin, Salem Lutheran Ministries, Springdale, Ark.; Hubert (Bernie) Bernthal, emeritus; (middle row): Robert Herring, emeritus; Ken Haydon, emeritus; John Wilke, Trinity, Broken Arrow, Okla.; (back row): JD Zischke, Restoration, Fayetteville, Ark.; Eric Longman, Holy Trinity, Rogers, Ark.; and Russell Shewmaker, Christ, Siloam Springs, Ark.



and sisters, outgrowing available Branson accommodations and meeting in a large condo at Lake of the Ozarks in Osage Beach, Mo., where Barb is able to connect with all her Iowa relatives.

From left, Barb Ester, cousin Jane Schmidt, sister Mary Kay Smith, and cousins DeAnn King (seated), Nancy Ricklefs and Anne Boussetot helped to craft a total of 88 taggies while on retreat together in Branson, Mo.

What began as an extended family vacation has evolved into a venue for crocheting, quilting, embroidery, scrapbooking, recipe sharing, storytelling, and laughter — all built around a focus on community service projects and prayer.

Their 2022 community service project was making “taggies” for Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Taggies are toys that provide both sensory and cognitive stimulation for babies and growing toddlers, and are made using two

12-inch square pieces of cheerful flannel, surrounded by satin ribbon tags.

## Taggies for tiny ones

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the LWML, members in 2022 were asked to reflect God’s love by blessing others with 80 of something. Women from all 40 districts shared their stories, including this one from the Mid-South District.

Barb Ester, a long-time member of Hope, Jacksonville, Ark., describes the evolution of an annual family tradition. Her aunt and two cousins from Iowa began going to Branson, Mo., for a week-long vacation. A couple of years later, Barb’s mother and another aunt joined them, kicking off a September tradition.

Over the years, the group grew to include more Iowa cousins

## CONGRATS!

**Ernie and Donna Miller**, members of Faith, Fairfield Bay, Ark., will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 19.

## Share your news with us!

Send us your stories and photos for our June-July 2023 issue by April 15. Send email submissions to [LW@mid-southlcms.com](mailto:LW@mid-southlcms.com) or send by postal mail to: Judy Otto; 150 N. Maury St.; Holly Springs, MS 38635



# JOY IN VOCATION

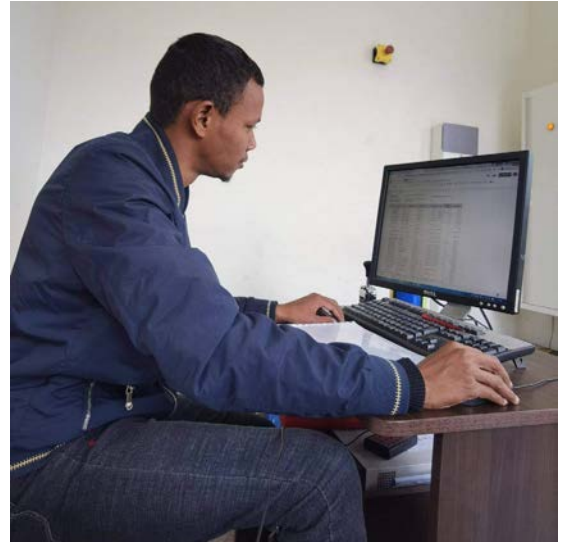
It is with joy that we share photos of four of our students who found worthwhile jobs after having finished their studies at the Lutheran Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (LIME) in Fianarantsoa, Madagascar.

Again, warm and big thanks to you and the Mid-South District. Because of your steady and faithful support in prayers and finances, Malagasy young people can gain or create jobs!

**Rev. Joseph Randrianasolo**  
LIME director



Tibaka Nicolas, from northwest Madagascar, created his own factory four years ago and is making bio charcoal. He supervises 30 employees and provides job training.



Rakotomanana Andriaferanosoa Ny Tanjona, now chief director of the Jovenna gas station in Fianarantsoa, works in his new office.



◀ Razafindralambo Charly Victor works to protect forests and also trains co-workers in the Alley of Baobabs in western Madagascar.

▼ Lovaniaina Junnot Paul, left, works at a factory that makes compost used for growing greens and rice.



## Youth retreat is June 5-9

Youth groups in the Mid-South District are invited to a Tennessee mountain retreat on the beautiful campus of the University of the South (formerly Sewanee) near Chattanooga.

The retreat will be held June 5-9 (with groups arriving the afternoon of the 5th and departing after breakfast on the 9th).

The room cost is \$52.15 per person per night (double occupancy); \$208.60 for four nights; or \$67.15 for a single room per night and \$268.60 for four nights.

Breakfast is \$6.70 per person, lunch is \$9.65 per person and dinner is \$9.65

For more information, including registration, contact Rev. William Parsons, pastor of Redeemer, Fairhope, Ala., at [w.a.parsons.3@protonmail.com](mailto:w.a.parsons.3@protonmail.com).

# Grains of Rice *and* Seeds of Faith

By Rev. John Gierke

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School,  
West Point, Neb.

**H**ow many grains of rice are in a Trinity HOPE lunch bowl? Honestly, I never saw the cooks, teachers or program directors count the exact number. My answer would be “A bowl-full!” Or “Enough to adequately feed the child for lunch.”

I have never counted the number of grains of rice or cereal pieces in my own meal, but I know that “God has provided me with what I need to sustain this body and life” (Luther’s explanation of the First Article).

Jesus’ parable of the sower (Luke 8) and the multiplication of seeds harvested from each planted seed in good soil comes to my mind. Ponder now how many grains of rice are multiplied when a seed of rice is planted. Some estimates indicate that each seed can produce multiple bloom stalks, with each bloom stalk capable of producing over 300 new grains! That’s a lot from just one seed!

While the grains of rice in the lunch bowl will not be used to grow more rice, they are used to feed the children. By God’s grace, the seed of faith is planted, nurtured and grown in the children as they learn about Jesus and His eternal life and love in their school, just as it has been planted, nurtured and grown in us.

And then, the seed of faith is multiplied as more seeds of faith are planted as the children share Jesus’



love and life with their family and neighbors — all because God works His miracles in the grains of rice and the seeds of faith! With each quarter you donate from what God put into your pocket, you are part of God’s miracle of feeding and faith!

Trinity HOPE has an opportunity like never before! New school sponsors and new recurring donations will be matched twice this year, and matched dollar for dollar every year thereafter — matched for a lifetime! For more information, send an email to [admin@trinityhope.org](mailto:admin@trinityhope.org).

And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” JOHN 12:23-26



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## A Salute to our Schools



Christ Little Rock School



Immanuel, Memphis



First, Knoxville

In the LCMS, **1,854 schools** and **21,312 teachers** are sharing the life-changing message of Jesus' love with more than **180,000 students**, their families and communities.

### THEIR MISSION:

**To raise up the next generation of faithful Christian Disciples, teaching them to:**

- Experience and celebrate God's lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
- Share those gifts with others • Be transformed by God's Word
- Cling to the cross of Jesus

**To provide excellent academic preparation that:**

- Develops love for and excitement about learning
- Encourages excellence at reading, writing and effective communication
- Trains minds for success at the next academic level
- Creates a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills and the ability to relate well with others

### The LCMS operates:



More than **1,100** early childhood centers and preschools that serve **81,000** children aged from infants and toddlers to 5-year-olds



**750** elementary schools with **113,000** students



**650** early childhood centers and elementary schools have National Lutheran School Accreditation.

### Music teacher honored

**Dr. Sarah C. Harr**, a music teacher at Belvoir Christian Academy (BCA), Chattanooga,



was recently elected to participate on the national certification committee of the American Guild of Organists. She recently attended a meeting in San Diego to discuss new and creative ways to promote education and certification in the professional organist community.

Dr. Harr is also working to expand BCA's music department by adding a ukulele ensemble, a handbell ensemble, and chorus to the elementary and middle school programs. She also serves as organist for First Christian Church, Chattanooga.

Belvoir Christian Academy, formerly The Lutheran School, was established in 1887 and serves 200 students from infants to eighth grade.



## First Lutheran School • Fort Smith, Ark.

Every year during National Lutheran Schools Week, our students participate in a family walk on Friday. We spend time with our families walking around our 10-acre campus and enjoying their company. Some of our middle school students gathered together here to show off their new shirts.

Last year we expanded our middle school to include seventh grade. We will add eighth grade in the fall to complete our expansion. This will be the first time that we have had toddlers through eighth-grade students on our campus!



## All Saints Lutheran School • Jonesboro, Ark.

In our second year, All Saints is dedicated to being genuinely Lutheran, thoroughly classical and intentionally small. We prepare children for heavenly and earthly citizenship by means of a classical Lutheran education so that they might be grounded firmly in the truth of God's Word, abound in knowledge and virtue, and share God's grace in all of their various vocations, present and future.

Each day includes vigorous instruction in Scripture, the catechism, Latin and the liberal arts. Our first Recitation Night brought families and parishioners to hear our young scholars recite Scripture, poetry and Latin declensions, and share Latin translations and geometric proofs.

We continue to cultivate wisdom and virtue by nourishing the soul of each child on truth, goodness and beauty.



## Christ Little Rock School

Blessed to be a blessing! At CLRS, we encourage students to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Our fourth and fifth graders volunteered at the Arkansas Food Bank, loading 973 five-pound bags of sweet potatoes — a total of 4,865 pounds!

Our sixth-grade students participated in Outdoor Education at Camp Trinity on Petit Jean Mountain. They enjoyed hiking, archery, canoeing and many other outdoor activities, making memories during their two-night stay that will last a lifetime.

For Veterans Day, our kindergarten to fourth-grade students presented a musical based on symbols of America, honoring those who have served.





## First Lutheran School • Knoxville

This year, in addition to the theme of “Making Disciples of All Nations,” First Lutheran School also unveiled a new mission statement: “Strengthened by God’s grace, we learn. Sharing Christ’s love, we grow. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we serve.”

Students are routinely given opportunities to learn, grow and serve. Acts of service can take many forms, including helping those in our community with chapel offerings, blanket drives, making cards for those in nursing homes, and even smaller scale acts of kindness like helping a younger student follow along in the hymnal during chapel, or asking a lonely friend to join in a game.



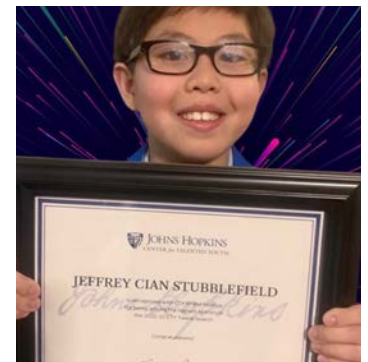
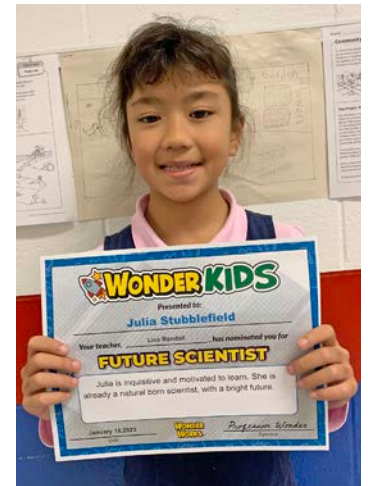
Students at CTK grow in faith, knowledge and community service involvement.

Prekindergarten to fourth-grade students prepare all year for the end-of-year recital. Parents join us for our annual Trike-a-Thon event and dinner. Through chapel offerings and service projects, we raise money to sponsor Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital’s Go Jim Go annual event, and other worthy causes are also supported by our annual Color Run and Booster Thon event.

On Veterans Day, we honor our veterans during breakfast and chapel.



## Belvoir Christian Academy Chattanooga



Siblings Julia and Jeffrey Stubblefield were recently recognized for outstanding academic achievements. Jeffrey, a fourth-grader, has been honored as one of the brightest students in the world by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY). Less than 27% of the more than 15,300 students from 76 countries who joined the 2021-22 Talent Search qualified for the CTY ceremony, receiving high or grand honors based on their SAT, ACT, SCAT, or similar test scores.

Julia, a third-grader, was nominated as a “WonderKids Future Scientist” through the WonderWorks Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Education Team for her inquisitive nature in all things science, in and beyond the classroom.



## Holy Trinity Lutheran School • Bowling Green, Ky.

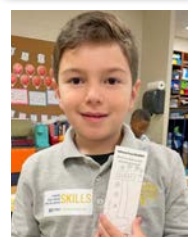
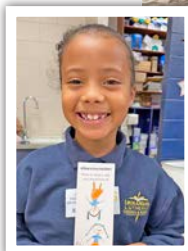
Our kindergarten students brought their favorite stuffed animals to have a sleepover at school. After their kids went home, the stuffed animals had a blast having story time, making ornaments, eating a snack, and running around the school. The children were very excited to see their animals the next day and hear about all of their overnight adventures.



## Immanuel Lutheran School • Memphis

"Go Shine!" is the theme for our 2022-23 school year. We are blessed to shine God's light brightly. Our students and staff practice a growth mindset, discovering new skills as we take on new challenges. As one of only two schools in Shelby County with a SmartLab STEM program, we were thrilled to get a lab refresh with new computers, equipment and study units.

Our quarterly chapel offerings support Literacy Mid-South by supplying books for vending machines, and we devote time to buddy reading. Our Veterans Day luncheon and program shines a light on these heroes as we thank them for their service to our country.



The Mid-South District also gives thanks to God for **Avilla Christian Academy, Alexander, Ark.,** and **St. John's Lutheran School, Stuttgart, Ark.,** which do not appear in this schools issue.



# Celebrate 40 YEARS

Camp Trinity, the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain, turns 40 this year. An anniversary celebration will be held with a service to dedicate the newly completed retreat lodge on Sunday, May 21. The festivities will also include an open house at the lodge. Guests can tour the lodge and the rest of camp.

The lodge will open at noon, with the dedication service at 4 p.m., followed by a free barbecue dinner. Diners can choose between ribs or pulled pork, along with sides.

Camp Trinity was incorporated in July 1983 as Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean. Under the leadership of Rev. Duane Brunette of Christ, Little Rock, the 20-acre property of Trinity Lutheran Church was turned over to an association of about two dozen Mid-South District congregations.

At first the camp was only a tent campground beside the historic chapel, but has since grown to include more acreage and cabins, dining hall, recreation/mass meeting room called the Cave, RV campground with a bathhouse, challenge course, archery range, sand volleyball court, three outdoor chapels, hiking trails and now a retreat lodge.

Thousands of people, especially children and youth, have heard the Good News of salvation found in Jesus Christ alone since the camp's inception, but Gospel proclamation has been going on much longer than 40 years. It began in 1886 with the construction of a small-frame church for the newly chartered congregation of Trinity Evangelical German Lutheran Church of Wittenberg, Ark. The chapel, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was restored to its original condition and appearance five years ago. The chapel will also be open for tours during the celebration.

All are invited, including former board members, directors, summer staff, campers and supporters. Please RSVP by May 14 to help the cooks know how



Thrivent is a long-time supporter of Camp Trinity's Trivia Night and in 2022 fielded a team from Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock, comprised of the Videll and Chatham families.

much food to prepare by sending an email to [director@lutherancamp.org](mailto:director@lutherancamp.org).

### Trivia Night

LCMS congregations can test their knowledge at the 14th annual Trivia Night, to be held April 29 at Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock. The annual fundraiser is a night of fun, food, fellowship and friendly competition.

Teams of up to eight people will vie for the Dinner Bell Trophy. The name of the winning team will be added to the trophy base. The first-, second- and third-place teams will win gift certificates for popular restaurants or shops.

You don't have to be a brainiac to win. Prizes will also be given to teams with the best costumes, best table decorations and most clever name. Concessions will offer burgers, hot dogs, nachos, soda and candy.

The event also includes a silent auction. Items at previous contests have included lodging in any Arkansas State Park, lodging at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Razorbacks memorabilia, hand-stitched quilts, sports gear, hunting gear, kitchen gadgets, shop tools, book sets, wine baskets and outdoor furniture. Bidders can expect to see many of these same items at the 2023 event.

At the 2022 Trivia Night, a record 16 teams from 10 LCMS congregations plus a Petit Jean Mountain team raised \$9,000 for Camp Trinity.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the contest begins at 6. Those interested can learn more and register at [lutherancamp.org/trivia-night](http://lutherancamp.org/trivia-night).

### Summer Camp

Registration continues for summer camp 2023. In addition to traditional camp sessions, the schedule includes an adventure camp for high school students and new graduates, which includes a river float trip and overnight camping at the Buffalo River, rock climbing and a trip to a zip-line park.

The schedule also includes a new session called Wilderness, with emphasis on outdoor education. The summer season will have three family camps, two on weekends to accommodate working parents, and one on weekdays designed for families of pastors and church workers who can't get away on weekends. Grandparents are also welcome to attend.

For the schedule and to register, visit [lutherancamp.org](http://lutherancamp.org) and find the links on the homepage.