



MID-SOUTH LUTHERAN



THE KING IS COMING!



Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola
District President

It wasn't just the theme of a song we sang on Palm Sunday. The King *is* coming indeed. In Matthew 24, Jesus talks about future events. He predicted the fall of Jerusalem, which happened in 70 A.D. Jesus also predicted the end of the world in this most difficult chapter.

When we get a new home appliance, the salesman usually shows us some of the features. Jesus gave us a demonstration in His prophecy of the end of Jerusalem so that we will know the things about the end of the earth.

Matthew 24 shows us that history isn't a random event. It's rather an eternal sequence of events that God knows about, even before they happen. There's a real beginning and there's a real end in the story about Jesus. He made the world. He came to dwell in it. He'll return at the end of this decaying world's history as well.

We learn from history so we can properly live in the present. We live in the present knowing that Jesus has everything moving toward the time when "all things are made new." But why did Jesus tell us all these things? To scare us? No. Jesus wants us to be aware that He is in control. He doesn't want us to be led astray by false

prophets when we get nearer to the end of time. There's always been a tendency for human beings to listen to someone who can tell them about the future. If that wasn't so, why do so many people even bother to read predictions, why is Nostradamus a popular read, and why are horoscopes so popular?

In the 19th century, William Miller predicted the second advent of Jesus. He set March 21, 1842, as the date of the return in glory. But as you can probably tell, it didn't happen. Miller revised the date to April 3, 1843. Again, it didn't happen. Were his followers disappointed? No. His second book set the second coming at precisely April 18, 1844. When his third prediction didn't come true, some of his followers left, but Miller revised his calculation and set Oct. 22, 1844 as the day Jesus would return.

Miller's followers left their fields unharvested, closed their shops, quit their jobs, gave all their possessions to others with no thought of repayment. Miller sold "advent robes" and dug holes in the ground for the followers as the graves from which they would all arise. If you check your history book, his fourth prediction didn't materialize.

Jesus wants us to keep the mission of the church always in front of our eyes. He proclaimed, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (MATT. 24:14). Of course, there are those who take this as an imperative and broadcast radio and TV messages in every country of the world, trying to help

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remove any of the roadblocks for Jesus to come back again.

The reason Jesus said these things is that He is still operative in this world as He sends the Holy Spirit to move the hearts and minds of people everywhere. We support what He commanded when we support the church and her work. But it's not up to us to make it happen. God's still in control. The Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples. Jesus answered that if the disciples were silenced, the very stones along the path would shout the praise and honor of God for everyone to hear (LUKE 19:39-40).

Jesus wants His followers to be ready in every sense of the word. His message is like those orange interstate signs that let you know there's a hazardous site coming up. He didn't want us to run into something that would take us by surprise. So just like the salesman who shows you how to use the latest widget, Jesus says, "Look, this is what's going to happen to Jerusalem and this is what's going to happen to earth."

The temple's destruction was a cataclysmic event. The siege on Jerusalem



lasted four years. The Romans tried to surround and starve the Jews, who held on for dear life, but to no avail. Millions were killed and thousands were taken into captivity. But Eusebius records an interesting story that some of the Jews escaped just before the siege. They fled to Pella in the Transjordanian wilderness and survived as a nomadic tribe. Their history says they left Jerusalem

because of the "oracle given by divine revelation." What was the divine revelation? The warning from Jesus.

Jesus gave us prophecy so that we wouldn't be led astray by false prophets. There's a whole world of them preaching doom and gloom and destruction. Do we really think that God isn't in control anymore? Do we have to try to save the planet, its humanity, and this decaying world? Jesus said that in the end there would be many false prophets, but we're supposed to keep our eye on His real Second Coming.

The Holy Christian Church is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's Kingdom of Glory to come. We are not to become sentinels of star gazing or number counting. We are not to be unfaithful stewards of any of God's gifts, including the earth, but she did not self-generate; she was created and is preserved by our gracious and omnipresent God. Martin Luther wrote, "If I knew Christ was coming back tomorrow, I would still plant an apple tree." The planting of an apple tree is a statement of our belief that God is in control, not us. And for that, I give thanks to God!

— By your tree-planting servant in Christ.

CTSFW holding class at Ascension, Madison

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Ind., will offer the continuing education course "How Knowledge of the Last Times Can Shape Us for the Present Times" June 3-5 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Madison, Tenn. In this course, Rev. Dr. John Raymond Stephenson will move the class from the study of eschatology into discussion of many current issues facing the church, including "How should we faithfully think of the last times? What are 'the signs of the times?' How are Christians to live in the present hour?"

For the complete course brochure and registration information, please visit the CTSFW continuing education site at ctsfw.org/ce and scroll down to the event.

CTSFW's Continuing Education program "brings the seminary to you," offering short faculty-led classes on a variety of topics worth a deeper dive. The website also has the full schedule of courses being held around the country.



Rev. Dr. John Raymond Stephenson is a native of Hartlepool, England. He was ordained in 1985 and has served on the Canadian Lutheran Theological Seminary faculty in St. Catharines, Ontario.

A colorful "Save the Date" poster for the Mid South Early Childhood Conference. The background is a mix of soft, pastel colors (pinks, blues, greens, yellows) with abstract, wavy patterns. At the top, it says "MID SOUTH EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below that, the word "CONNECTED" is written in a large, stylized, purple font. Underneath "CONNECTED" is the biblical reference "JOHN 15:1-5". The central focus is "SAVE THE DATE" in a large, black, hand-drawn style font. Below this, the date "JUNE 17-18 2024" is displayed, with "17-18" circled in black. At the bottom, it says "MORE INFO COMING SOON" and "CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE". The address "5296 PARK AVENUE, 38119" is at the very bottom.



‘Shepherding our strays’

“In most LCMS congregations, over 30% of the members are inactive. They do not participate in the life of the church,” says Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, managing director of LCMS Church Planting, Renewal and Support. “Furthermore, in the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus illustrates why we need to seek out those who have strayed from the flock, because they are in danger.”

This became the basis for Pastor Wood developing the *Shepherding Our Strays* program, implemented in February at First Lutheran Church, Little Rock.

The first workshop on Feb. 3 had 16 participants, including three individuals

from Our Savior, Cabot. Led by Rev. Ron Bacic, First pastor, this initial workshop featured a Bible study that stressed the importance of reaching out to all members of our church, whether active or inactive.

The second workshop, on Feb. 10, delved into identifying inactive members and offered ways to reach them. The final workshop, held on Feb. 17, developed an action plan for ministering to those inactive members of the congregation.

Attendees expressed appreciation for the support of Pastor Wood and they look forward to fruitful results.

Workshop participants are, from left, Bill Jackson, Leslie Viisides, Nate Brandes, Dean Viisides, Jan Jackson, Jeannie Worlund, JoAnne Holmes, Dale Hoff, Rev. Ron Bacic, Mackenzie Drozd, Mark Peterson, Margaret Waters, Felix Cates, Karl Zeh and Rich Thiele. Missing from the photo is Jolene Steinbicer.

Financial Peace University

The Mid-South District is pleased to partner with our congregations to bring Financial Peace University (FPU) to their members and guests through a special rebate program.

For congregations that offer FPU, the Mid-South District will offer a rebate for the cost of the class to individuals who complete the nine-week program.

The program is on a first-come, first-served basis until funds have been exhausted. Contact Angela Fowler at afowler@mid-southlcms.com to discuss scheduling a class or for more information.

Scholarships available

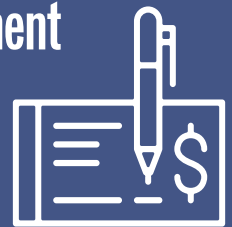
Students who plan to attend an LCMS seminary or university during the 2024-2025 academic year to prepare for full-time church work may apply for financial aid through the Mid-South District office.

Financial aid amounts are granted for a period of one year, and a new application must be made each year.

Applications for the coming school year must be postmarked by June 15. For forms, please contact the district office at 866-373-1343 or afowler@mid-southlcms.com.

Congregation mission commitment receipts

as of
Dec. 31, 2023
(12 months)



Anticipated amount (8% of budget)	\$136,629
Actual receipts	\$83,125
Over (under) anticipated amount	(\$53,504)

Use of mission commitment receipts

Allocated to Synod for world missions	\$22,854
Allocated to Tanzania	\$2,083
Retained for district ministry/mission support (70% of receipts)	\$58,188
Total receipts	\$83,125

Mission commitment receipts comparison

Actual receipts as of Dec. 31, 2023	\$83,125
Actual receipts as of Nov. 30, 2022	\$77,469
Over (under) prior year receipts	\$5,656

Anniversary blessings

Congratulations to Ernie and Donna Miller, members of Faith, Hot Springs Village, Ark., who will celebrate 66 years of marriage on April 19.

Mid-South District Wall of

HONORED WORKERS



In October 2023, the Mid-South District observed District Ministry Month, emphasizing professional church workers and the numerous ways they are supported and encouraged through the ministry of the district. From recruiting efforts to tuition assistance, and from professional development to valuable grants for outreach, the ministry of the Mid-South District is strongly invested in its workers, current and future.

As such, LCMS members across the district were invited to also invest in our workers by sharing a gift to the district IMPACT Fund. Where so moved, donors were invited to give those gifts in honor or memory of a cherished professional church worker — or even a future worker. The Mid-South District thanks all those who shared gifts in support of district ministry. As gifts were received in honor of specific workers, those names were displayed on a virtual “Honored Worker Wall” at mid-southlcms.org/honored-worker-wall.

The following professional church workers were honored or memorialized through donor gifts, which totaled \$11,730 in donated funds.

IN HONOR OF:

Rev. Andrew Abraham
Shepherd of the Hills, Crossville, Tenn.

Rev. James G. Bauman
emeritus

Rev. John Beabout
Shepherd of the Hills, Crossville, Tenn.

Rev. Robert Benke
Faith, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Rev. David Callies
emeritus

Rev. Kevin Conger
Hope, Jacksonville, Ark.

Rev. Paul Donner
emeritus

Rev. Dan Elkins
emeritus

Rev. James Evers
emeritus

Alane Evers
Music Program Director,
Faith, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Michelle Fischer
Principal, Immanuel, Memphis

Rev. Mark Goble
Christ the King, Memphis

Rev. Tim Henning
Trinity, Mena, Ark.

Rev. Kenneth Lampe
emeritus

Rev. Ed Maanum
First, Knoxville

Rev. Charles Neugebauer
Christ the King, Memphis

Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola
District president

Rev. Larry Peters
Grace, Clarksville, Tenn.

Rev. George Smith
Faith, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Rev. Andy Toopes
Holy Trinity, Bowling Green, Ky.

Rev. Philip Young
Redeemer, Nashville

Rev. JD Zischke
Restoration, Fayetteville, Ark.

John Carpenter
Student, Concordia Theological
Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

IN MEMORY OF:

Judith Bailey
Director of Parish Music

Al Behnke
District Business Manager;
District Vice-President for
Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Rev. Al Boysen

Rev. Dr. Wilbert E. Griesse

Rev. Norman Groteluschen

Rev. Clarence Helmich

Rev. Donley Hesse

Rev. Paul Martens

Rev. John and Margie Reimold

Rev. Paul Henry Schmidt

Rev. Henry Stoll

Rev. Bruce Zagel

WHAT IS LWML?

By Lauren Robertson
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Mid-South District

LWML stands for Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. In 1938, the LCMS convention established a committee to study the issue of encouraging a general organization of women. The committee reported back in 1941 and the following year the women met in Chicago to establish the LWML. Now, over 80 years later, look how far they have come!

One of the four primary focuses of the LWML is to support missions. One way they do this is through collecting mites for Mission Grants and projects. So what is a mite? In the dictionary, it’s defined as “a very small amount.”

We need to look to the story of the widow’s offering in Mark 12:41-44.

Jesus looked with favor on the widow. He even said:

“For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mites are offerings we give from loose change. We have seen over the years how our mites can grow. The first LWML convention set a mission goal of \$15,000 going to Christ Chapel for the Deaf in Cleveland. Ladies were to collect mites and give to the district and national LWML to support the mission goal. Today the LWML Mission Goal is to collect \$2.35 million by 2025.

Over the past 80-plus years, LWML women have donated mites for mission goals exceeding \$94 million. This summer that number will reach



New Mite Box design

\$98 million. By 2025 the LWML will have raised over \$100 million dollars in mites to support missions in countries around the world and in your backyard. All from some pocket change.

Next time you see the ladies wearing purple at your church, pull out a penny and put it in their mite box. It’s remarkable how such a small coin can grow.

The Law’s role IN THE CHURCH

The 2024 Faith of Our Fathers Conference will be held April 12–13 at Good Shepherd, Collinsville, Ill. Open to both laity and



pastors, the theme of the gathering is “The Law of God Is Good and Wise.”

Over two days, those gathered will learn about and discuss the Law of God. We’ll look to our past, confront present challenges, and look toward the future confident in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and thankful for all the treasures with which He has blessed us.

Learn more and register at yourgrandfatherschurch.org, and share information about this event with others in your congregation!

LCMS Life Ministry

Advocating, educating and caring for all human life

Through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Life Ministry, the Body of Christ comes together to value all human life — from conception to natural death.

LCMS Life Ministry speaks up for life, cares for people in body and soul, and teaches about the sanctity of human life.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Life Ministry network is comprised of thousands of people throughout the LCMS who are passionate about and engaged in sanctity of human life efforts, both in our church body and the culture at large.

We speak for human life by witnessing to our Lord’s creation of life and His design for marriage and the family, and by advocating for the God-given value of all human life in the public square.



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We care for human life by sharing Christ’s love and mercy, caring for people in body and soul by sponsoring human care efforts in local communities through districts and congregations, and internationally through our missionaries and partner church bodies.

We educate by providing resources and events for people of all ages. For resources and more information, visit lcms.org/life.



Celebrating our schools!

In the Mid-South District, there are nine ministries that have the unique responsibility and privilege of educating young minds while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. These ministries are our Lutheran schools.

Across Arkansas, Tennessee and southwestern Kentucky, over 1,400 students are enrolled in our schools. While some of these students also attend the congregation associated with the school, or a nearby Lutheran congregation, most of the students are not Lutheran and are unchurched. But because our district's schools have an exceptional reputation for quality education — and provide an alternative to the undesirable influences often pervading public schools — parents entrust their children to the guidance and care of Lutheran education ministries.

For many of these children, a Lutheran school will be the first place where they learn about Jesus. What a tremendous responsibility and blessing for our schools!

Of course, this distinction is not unique to the Mid-South District. Throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Lutheran schools are enriching lives through both education and the sharing of the Gospel.

Across the nation, there are:

- ▶ **191** Lutheran elementary schools
- ▶ **625** Lutheran middle schools
- ▶ **103** Lutheran high schools

In addition, there are 1,677 Lutheran early childhood centers, including 21 in the Mid-South District. That is over 2,500 Lutheran ministries focused on the spiritual well-being of children. This is a truly blessed mission field.

On the pages that follow are highlights from that mission field within our district. The encouraging updates and smiling faces are a testament to the exceptional work of our Lutheran school staffs. As you read through the updates, know that these dedicated teams of teachers and administrators are behind every student achievement, school improvement and program enrichment.



▲ First Lutheran School, Knoxville

▲ St. John's Lutheran School, Stuttgart

We give thanks for our tireless and talented educators as we celebrate the Mid-South District's Lutheran schools!

Immanuel Lutheran School, Memphis



For the 2023–2024 school year, Immanuel Lutheran School (ILS) has selected the theme “Connected,” a great reminder of our connections to God through Christ, to each other and our community. The student body of 168 prekindergarten-3 through eighth graders celebrates many opportunities to be “connected.”

Students and their families shared connection time during a September camp out on campus, and a STEM family night that allowed students and parents to share creative science and technology tools. Students also share a special connection as “chapel families” — small groups of students from all grades that gather for worship. Younger students enjoy connecting with older students, who also enjoy the mentoring opportunity.

A new ILS Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum also explores topics like empathy, kindness and friendship.

Students connect with the community through their chapel offerings, supporting the work of groups like the Mid-South Food Bank with over \$1,000 in October offerings.



EDUCATION

Belvoir Christian Academy, Chattanooga

Since 1887, many pastors have taught confirmation classes, led chapels, offered prayers and visited students at Belvoir Christian Academy (BCA) — and been examples of Jesus’ shining light. Pastors from First and Good Shepherd teach religion classes and interact with students to ensure that they know they are loved and cared for as one of the flock. Rev. Donald Welmer, First pastor, treats elementary students to a pizza lunch and fellowship on Mondays. Rev. Christopher Sheets, Good Shepherd senior pastor, offers students interesting Christian “Q&A” sessions.

Guest pastors from Tennessee congregations and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., have shared insights into their lives and careers in ministry, and inspired students to value the teaching of Jesus’s love, forgiveness and salvation to all. BCA is blessed to have these pastors guide students in such loving and supportive ways.



Pastors pictured with BSA students are, clockwise from top, Rev. Don Coulter (Athens Lutheran, Athens, Tenn.), Rev. Christopher Sheets (Good Shepherd, Chattanooga) and Rev. Donald Welmer (First, Chattanooga).

Christ the King Lutheran School, Memphis

Our University of Memphis football players delight students by visiting our school every year to talk with them about the blessings they have and how they came to be at Memphis. It’s very inspirational and motivating.

Our pastors “recom-mis-sion” the teaching staff during worship service at the beginning of the school year; and on the first day of school, our church’s comfort dog, Job, visits with students and parents to lend his calming influence.



The Mid-South District also gives thanks to God for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Bowling Green, Ky.

First Lutheran School, Knoxville



A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. **PROVERBS 17:17**

The First Lutheran family encourages students to build meaningful Christ-centered relationships across the grades. The Buddy Program pairs older students with students in lower grades, so an eighth grader and a kindergarten student can celebrate graduation together. Older students mentor and set a good example for younger students, spending time together in special class activities and partnering at assemblies, on field trips, and at chapel.

After graduation, many alumni return to check in on their buddies or to watch Faith athletic events, while younger students have gone to watch their buddies participate in high school sports or plays. These friendships formed at First play a crucial role in shaping a student's educational experience and overall development, and contribute to a positive and supportive learning environment.



St. John's Lutheran School, Stuttgart

St. John's is located 50 miles southeast of Little Rock, where we currently offer a pre-school program (infants through preschool-4). Our elementary school includes students from kindergarten through grade six, with a total enrollment of 195 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Students at St. John's participate in a variety of school and community activities. For Thanksgiving, we collected over 950 items for a food bank. St. John's has six basketball teams.

We continue to be thankful for our church leaders and parents.



First Lutheran School, Fort Smith



First is celebrating its 170th anniversary this year. As the oldest school in the River Valley, we have experienced many changes during this lengthy span. We have gone from writing with chalk on a slate to pencils and a Big Chief tablet, to Chromebook tablets, computers and internet connections.



Although the world's moral values and teaching methods have also changed, the one thing that has never changed is the love that Jesus Christ has for us in the First Lutheran family.

The dedicated and faithful members of First Lutheran Church also continue to give their time, talents and offerings to sustain our school. God has truly blessed us with a dedicated and loving staff, families who see the importance of a Christian education for their children, and supportive alumni and friends.

EDUCATION

All Saints Lutheran School, Jonesboro

All Saints Lutheran School has been truly blessed by the Lord throughout our third year of school. All Saints is dedicated to being genuinely Lutheran, thoroughly classical and intentionally small.

At All Saints, 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 begins with the praying of Matins, with Divine Service on Wednesdays, and includes vigorous instruction in Scripture, the catechism, Latin, and the liberal arts.

We added a second teacher and associate pastor to our staff. Rev. Jerome



P. Leckband and his wife, Kristi, have been a blessing, especially in enabling us to expand our music program, introducing beginning violin and choir. We

look forward to continuing to cultivate wisdom and virtue by nourishing the soul of each child on truth, goodness and beauty.

Christ Lutheran School, Little Rock

At Christ school, we love our Falcon Family Fun Nights. In September, we held a "Best Cookie Ever Contest" — a yummy event that brought our families together. Our third-grade students each chose a Little Rock business to research and made a handsome cardboard replica for their Box City project.

Our fourth and fifth graders kicked off their Thanksgiving by weighing and sorting sweet potatoes for the Arkansas Food Bank. They bagged 800 bags and 4,000 pounds of potatoes! Learning to perform CPR and basic first aid was a unique and valuable learning experience for some of our sixth to eighth graders. Our kindergarten to fourth graders presented an educational musical — "Geology Rocks" — for our students and families. At weekly chapel, kindergarten and first-grade students captured the joyous events at the manger during Christ's birth, enlivened by some comedy by roosters!



Sharing the love of Christ

(One bowl of rice and beans at a time)

Through the Trinity HOPE feeding program, 35 program directors visit over 260 schools in Haiti twice each month. They not only monitor the feeding program guidelines, but they share the Good News of Jesus Christ with each visit. One of our newest feeding program directors, Jean “Dony” Zidor, works with six schools in the Belle Anse district, located between the shore and mountains south of Port-au-Prince. The schools in this district straddle two worlds. Some are in populous, urban areas and others are in the rural hills.

Mare-Briole is a school of meager means with a tin roof, dirt floors and walls made of wood and palm fronds. The mature trees that surround the school on this hillside provide some shade for the children while they’re playing outside. Dony sees his service for Trinity HOPE less as work and more as a ministry. He described riding his motorcycle along a precarious road and across a river. After a storm the river is too swollen for him to cross it. Nonetheless, he believes the children need to be fed and hear the Gospel.

Each time he visits the school, he offers a spiritual message. One particular day in January, he traveled to Mare-Briole for his bimonthly visit. Prior to his visit, he prepared the message he wanted to share with the students and teachers. It was based on Psalm 91:14-15:



“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.”

As he traversed the river and the pathway to the school, he rehearsed the message he had prepared, keeping in mind the biblical passage and the points he wanted to emphasize.

However, as he began to discuss the issues the students experience daily and share the message with them, the Holy Spirit spoke to him and led him to guide the students into learning about having a relationship with Jesus Christ. The following verses immediately came to him:

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will

of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. JOHN 1:12-13

At the close of the message Dony said he could see on their faces that they wanted to know more about Jesus, that they were genuinely hearing and understanding His love for them. Afterward, he talked to a professor who is also a pastor in the community. He wanted the students to have the support of a local pastor as they learn more and grow in their faith. Sixteen students began being disciplined on this day in January. Dony realized that listening to the direction of the Holy Spirit causes miracles.

This is what it is like to serve the children impacted by the Trinity HOPE feeding programs. Through a bowl of rice and beans, the children are learning about the love of Christ every day.

To learn more about this ministry, visit trinityhope.org. Thank you for being a supporter of our work.



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CAMP TRINITY

Trivia Night is April 20

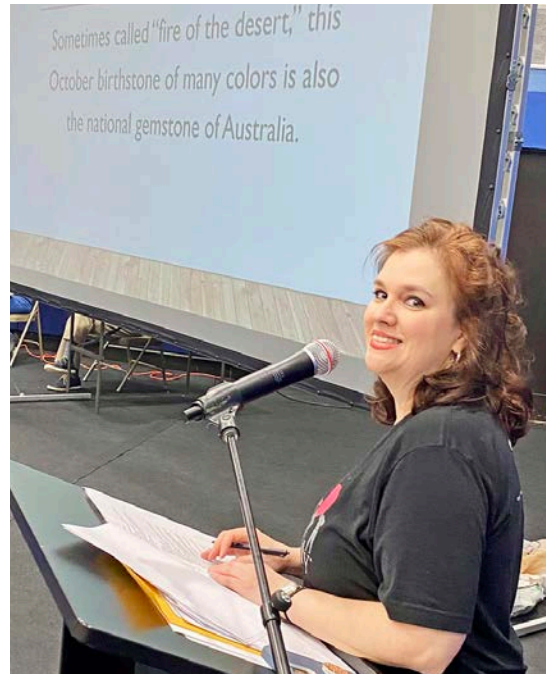
Camp Trinity's spring fundraiser is set for April 20 at Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock. The 15th annual Trivia Night will be a night of fun, food, fellowship and friendly competition. Teams of up to eight members, mostly from LCMS congregations, compete for prizes and the Dinner Bell Trophy.

New this year will be a live auction for major items between trivia rounds. This is in addition to the silent auction that takes place throughout the evening. Concessions will offer burgers, dogs, nachos, drinks and other snacks.

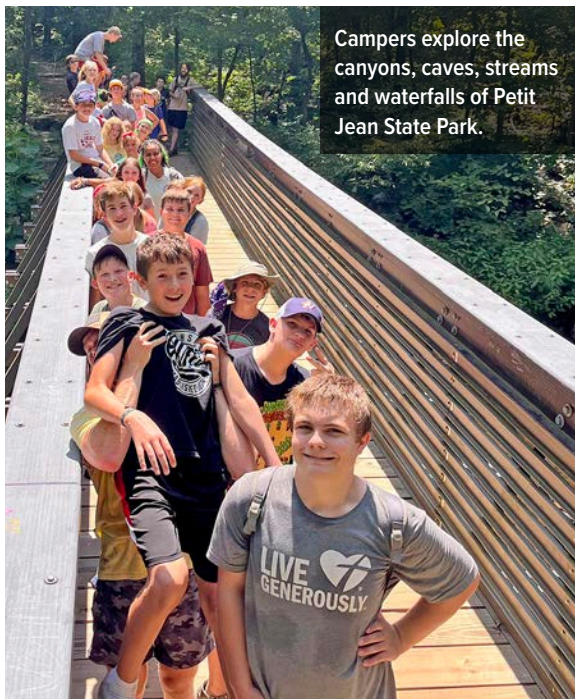
The winning trivia teams — first through third place — will receive gift cards. Silly prizes will also be awarded to winners of three other contests: most clever team name, best costumes, and best table decorations.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Announcements begin at 5:45, with the first trivia round at 6 p.m.

It only takes one person to register. Teams can then be recruited between now and April 20. Individuals can also register now, then join a team the night of the contest. Register at lutherancamp.org/trivia-night.



Patti Airoidi will again bring her wit and dramatic flair as emcee at Trivia Night 2024, to be held April 20 at Christ, Little Rock.



Campers explore the canyons, caves, streams and waterfalls of Petit Jean State Park.

Register for summer camp

Sessions at Camp Trinity are filling up. Parents can check availability and register online at lutherancamp.org (go to the "Summer Camp" link at the top of the page).

The camp schedule will again include three family camp sessions, two on weekends and one on weekdays. The weekday session, July 22-25 (four days, three nights), is open to all families, but is especially designed to accommodate families of pastors and church workers who cannot get away on weekends. The weekend sessions are July 19-21 and July 26-28.

Youth camp sessions are:

- Trailblazers (for students entering grades 5-8 in the fall), June 9-14

- Adventure (high school), June 16-21
- Explorers (grades 4-6), June 23-28
- Pathfinders (grades 2-4), June 30-July 3
- Voyagers (grades 7-9 and 10-12), July 7-12
- Wilderness (grades 6-9), July 14-18

Lutheran young adults, ages 18-25, who love Jesus and love serving others are encouraged to email the Camp Trinity office (director@lutherancamp.org) to request an application for summer staff. High school students who want to serve one or two weeks as counselors-in-training can also request an application.

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!

Digital files, sent via e-mail, are preferred. Send email submissions to LW@mid-southlcms.com or send by postal mail to:

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Send us your stories and photos for our June-July 2024 issue by **May 15**.

