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RISEN INDEED!

How many times
will we hear it on
Easter Sunday:

Christ is risen!
He is risen
indeed!

This proclamation
is the pivotal point
of our faith. It's our
message of hope,
peace and life. If the
message of Good

Friday is that death is God's judgment
on all people — even His own Son in our
place — then the message of Easter is
life! Easter proclaims life beyond death
— boundless and eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord. This is the promise of
our life by faith now, and the life lived in
the hearts of every Easter worshiper.

Yet Easter goes so completely outside of
the limits of our human understanding.
Notice that the Gospels mention that
Mary Magdalene had no idea what was
about to happen to her when she went
to the tomb. Apparently she couldn't
sleep on Saturday night because of the
horrific scene she had witnessed on
Friday. Images of despair and sounds of
agony haunted her. So she got up early



**Rev. Dr.
Roger Paavola**
District President

and rushed to the tomb to anoint the
body of Jesus.

She was convinced that if there's some-
thing worth doing, she'd want it done
well and by herself. But Mary's best
laid plans, even as a loving follower of
Jesus, didn't work out as expected. She
reached the tomb while it was still dark.
But to her horror, she discovered that
someone had beaten her to the tomb.
The stone was rolled away; the body of
Jesus was gone.

Mary wanted to be in control of fully
understanding what happened on
Friday. But the missing body of Christ
flipped her world upside down. Im-
mediately, she jumped to conclusions:
Someone stole Christ's body! So tears
of despair, sorrow, frustration and help-
lessness began to stream down her face.
She then saw two angels.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you
weeping?" She said to them, "They
have taken away my Lord, and I do not
know where they have laid him."

Then Jesus appeared to her, though she
didn't recognize him.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you
weeping? Whom are you seeking?"
Supposing him to be the gardener, she

said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have laid him,
and I will take him away." **JOHN 20:11-15**

Mary's desires to help Jesus on Friday
had failed. Her plans to take care of
the body were foiled when she saw
someone else take the body of Jesus off
the cross. On Sunday, her plans to care
for the body of her fallen friend and
teacher were dashed to bits as well. She
was overpowered by the incomprehen-
sible reality of seeing her Lord die an
agonizing death, and then the horror of
an empty tomb.

We all know the story. The voice
belonged to Jesus. He came for all
humanity, filled with people like Mary
Magdalene, crippled by frustration,
weeping with helplessness and numb
with grief. But Jesus came to Mary in
the garden as the risen Lord of life —
the victor over death. The unbelievable
reality of a living Jesus prompted Mary
to attempt to regain control and to
squeeze the Person of this resurrected
Christ. Touching, holding and embrac-
ing were her ways to reset the systems
and controls of her old life.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me,

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MESSAGE

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for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" **JOHN 20:17**

In other words, don't limit Jesus to only what you want or what you think. Don't limit your expectations. Instead, open yourself up to the fullness of who Jesus is and who you are because of Him. Give up your desire to be in control of everything, and let Jesus take over where we are sure to fail. Don't limit your faith and believe!

Do you think that Mary might have had it pretty easy? She was given the first opportunity to proclaim fulfillment of the Gospel promise. She got to tell the disciples that she had seen the Lord. She spoke with and saw Jesus — our living, victorious Savior! But it was tougher for her than we think. The testimony of a woman emotionally struck with the impact of resurrected life over death carried little weight.

It's also a little tougher for us 2,000 years later and half a world away. Like Mary, we struggle with letting go and letting God's mysterious ways govern our lives. We seem to think that it's easier to take things into our own hands and limit how big, how real and how gracious Jesus is in our lives. A world filled with skeptics and naysayers try to use logic and reason to stand in the way of placing their faith in a risen and glorious Lord. Wouldn't it be easier to be like Mary?

Peter and John ran to the tomb after hearing Mary's account in which she not only saw a living Jesus, but He also talked to her! They ran to find an empty tomb and a missing body, just like she said. They had to see for themselves. They had to go inside the tomb and see the linen cloths in which Christ's body had been wrapped. Amazingly, the cloths were folded neatly, showing this miracle of miracles was not the work of grave robbers. They remembered that Jesus said He must be raised from the dead, but they didn't understand what

happened. So God offered them proof — discarded, neatly folded linen cloths and an empty grave.

Later that night, however, Peter and John locked themselves away for fear of the Jews. They saw the evidence, but reverted to fear and unbelief. Rhetorically we say to each other, "Seeing is believing." But for Christians it would be more accurate to say, "Believing is seeing." Because seeing Jesus with our own eyes and hearing Him with our own ears may have been a good thing, but simply seeing and hearing may not be a saving thing. Rather, to believe in Jesus, to let all of our faith and trust rest totally on Him is life and salvation. Jesus Himself told Thomas a week later:

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **JOHN 20:29**

Faith is that dimly lighted mirror we look at each day. Full sight of what this Easter celebration *really* means lies ahead for us all. As Jesus wouldn't let Mary Magdalene limit His almighty power and majesty within her life, He also wouldn't let Thomas or the other disciples control the limits of their believing in Him. Jesus Christ's resurrection crushed the limits of human imagination and reason. He will neither allow us to put Him in a box or lay Him back in a tomb. Logic and reason would be a much easier way for us to understand and explain a crucified Lord to a world filled with skeptics. But if we seek to limit or control how Jesus died for us and lives with us, perhaps leaving Him resting in a tomb blends us more easily into the milieu of those in an unsaved world.

Yielding to the illogical resurrection of Christ from the dead would only be denying ourselves the fullest extent of the possibility of living in and fully living out the fullness of new life that is ours through Jesus Christ. Our faith is that trust by which we live in the life of our resurrected and victorious Lord that He graciously gives to us in His Means of Grace. The mystery of God's peace and assurance of Christ's power over death belongs to us by faith. It's Christ's divine power. It's fullness and eternal

life from our Lord, whom we have not yet seen, but in whom we have life and in whom we believe.

Jesus told Mary Magdalene to "Go to My brothers and tell them I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and to your God." That's us! We are brothers and sisters of Christ, joined together in this one living hope. At Christ's command, Mary ran to the other disciples and told them about her most blessed experience. She witnessed to them about His resurrection. She shared her sight, so she could also share her faith.

So it can be for us this Easter and every new day. We too are called that in sharing, we may share Christ. As we face sin and death, as it wracks our best laid plans and wipes out our control of the situations, by faith we fall back on our Lord Jesus Christ who took our sins and death upon Himself. Yet in the miracle of all miracles, Jesus was raised by the power of almighty God that He may give us life, and live it to the fullest.

Understanding that His resurrection is our assurance of life, forgiveness and unending grace now and forever, we, by faith, leap beyond all doubt in order to rejoice and proclaim to the world, "He is risen!" Let Mary Magdalene's witness be our blessed Gospel, "I have seen the Lord." He is risen indeed! Halleluia!



According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:10-11

District offers scholarships for church work students

To support students pursuing full-time church work, the Mid-South District is pleased to once again offer financial aid. To be considered for financial assistance, a student must be a member in good standing in a Mid-South District congregation and be enrolled in a Synod seminary or university preparing for full-time service to the church.

Rostered workers are pastors, teach-

ers, deaconesses and directors of Christian education, music directors, family ministry directors and other vocations.

Students must first inform the district office that you are or will be a student at a Synod school. All related forms, including the financial aid application, and instructions on submitting are available at mid-southlcms.org/student-financial-aid.

The application deadline is June 15.



FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP FACILITATOR TRAINING

What is Family Discipleship?

Christ's gifts nurturing faith in God's children through the partnership of home and congregation.

Building on our Lutheran heritage, Concordia Center for the Family (CCF) is training **pastors**, other **church workers**, and qualified **lay leaders** to help us ignite new zeal for Family Discipleship in our LCMS. As homes and congregations work together to disciple the next generations, our LCMS and **Christ's Kingdom will flourish!**

Would you like more **training and resources** to support this vision? CCF would love to have you join us! Scan the QR Code to learn more!

Our next 4-day training events:

April 22-25, 2025 - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

May 12-15, 2025 - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne



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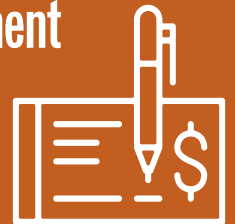


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Congregation mission commitment receipts

as of
Jan. 31, 2025
(1 month)



Anticipated amount (8% of budget)	\$135,725
Actual receipts	\$94,837
Over (under) anticipated amount	(\$40,888)

Use of mission commitment receipts

Allocated to Synod for world missions	\$26,368
Allocated to Tanzania	\$2,083
Retained for district ministry/ mission support (70% of receipts)	\$66,386
Total receipts	\$94,837

Mission commitment receipts comparison

Actual receipts as of Jan. 31, 2025	\$94,837
Actual receipts as of Jan. 31, 2024	\$83,125
Over (under) prior year receipts	\$11,712

To encourage congregations to strengthen their family discipleship programs, the Mid-South District is offering scholarships of \$500 per congregation for participation in these upcoming events. To learn more, contact Michelle Fischer, district Education, Youth and Family Ministry executive, at mfischer@mid-southlcms.com.

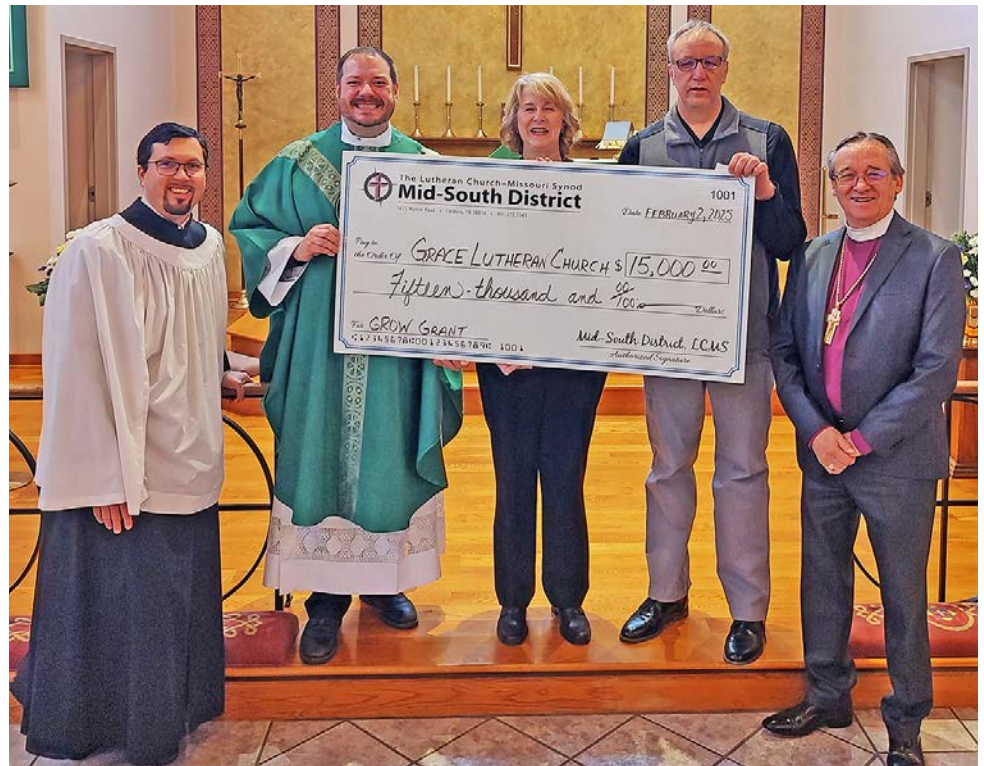
DISTRICT NEWS



Rev. Addison Pope was ordained and installed as pastor of Our Savior, Cabot, Ark., on Feb. 9. He is a recent graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Pictured are, from left, (front row) Revs. Kevin Conger, Hope, Jacksonville, and district second vice-president; Dr. Roger Paavola, district president; Addison Pope; Gerald Heinecke, Hope, Batesville, and Shepherd of the Hills, Horseshoe Bend; David Witte, Grace, Little Rock; (back row) Jeremy McDonald, Our Savior, Brinkley, and Zion, Ulm; Steven Teske, Immanuel, Alexander; Emil Woerner, Friends in Christ, Bryant; Kory Janneke, St. Matthew, Conway; and David Vandercook, Trinity, North Little Rock, and Shepherd of Peace, Maumelle.

A Grow Grant was presented on Feb. 2 to Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, Tenn., for the enhancement of their music ministry. Pictured are, from left, Dr. Jonathan Rudy, cantor; Rev. James Martin, associate pastor; Dawn Thomack, treasurer; Frank Luppe, congregation chairman; and Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, district president.

If your congregation has an innovative idea for a new program to connect your community with the Gospel, perhaps it's time to consider a GROW Grant. The program is intended to provide "seed" funds (up to \$15,000) for an innovative ministry initiative that will be ongoing and self-sustaining after it launches. For more information, visit mid-southlcms.org/grow-grants.



FAITH IN ACTION in northeast Tennessee

For several communities of Morgan County, Tenn., damage and loss from tornadoes on Feb. 6 were significant, including the death of a mother and her daughter.

As storms moved through the area, the Mid-South District's primary disaster response team, Faith In Action, prepared to deploy to provide assistance. Rev. Trae Fistler, pastor of Faith, Hopkinsville, Ky., leads this team and reports its progress on their [Facebook page](#) (type "Faith In Action Disaster Response" in the search bar at top).

The highly-skilled Faith In Action team of volunteers is blessed to be able to help those in storm-ravaged communities, providing thousands of dollars in tree-

and debris-removal services at no charge. They also take time to talk to, pray with, and comfort people when they need it most.

You can help the Faith In Action team continue to be a blessing to God's hurting people by supporting the Mid-South District's Disaster Relief Fund, which helps meet the team's equipment, transportation and supply needs. The fund also provides for direct grants to disaster victims once the initial emergency response is complete.

Gifts by check can be made payable to the Mid-South District and designated for the "DISASTER RELIEF FUND." Checks can be mailed directly to the Mid-South District at 1675 Wynne Road, Cordova, TN 38016.



Larry Oltmann, a member of Grace, Clarksville, Tenn., clears tree debris following a deadly Feb. 6 tornado. He deploys regularly as a member of the Faith in Action disaster response team.



Share the HOPE



APRIL 24-29, 2025
Online Virtual Auction

Help us feed these
precious souls



The Lutheran Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (LIME) in Madagascar celebrated the opening of the 2024-25 school year with the awarding of diplomas to 2023-24 graduates. At left is LIME President Rev. Dr. Joseph Randrianasolo congratulating a graduate. LIME is supported with Mid-South District mission funds.



Students of Immanuel Lutheran School, Memphis, received their first Bibles from Dennis Barden, Immanuel elder.

THE VITAL MISSION OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

By Michelle Fischer

Mid-South District
Education, Youth, and
Families Executive Director



In an era of rapid educational change, Lutheran schools stand as beacons of academic excellence and spiritual formation, guided by educators who view their work not merely as a profession, but as a calling. The elementary schools and early childhood centers in our district have touched the lives and hearts of students for generations.

Lutheran education is grounded in a rich tradition of academic excellence, spiritual growth and Christian values. It is a distinctive model that emphasizes the integration of faith and learning, fostering a holistic education that nurtures the mind, body and spirit.

A blessing of Lutheran education is the unwavering commitment of the many educators that serve in our schools. The tireless work of principals and teachers reflects the core belief that every student is a unique creation of God, deserving of the best education possible. These educators are committed to nurturing the whole child, supporting their intellectual curiosity, emotional development and spiritual growth. Their tireless efforts to create an

environment where faith and learning coexist provide students with a strong foundation for success in life.

What sets Lutheran education apart is its distinct Christ-centered approach. Rather than treating education as merely the transmission of knowledge, Lutheran schools embrace Martin Luther's emphasis on education as a means of developing critical thinking and spiritual discernment. This approach produces students who are not only academically prepared, but also equipped with strong moral foundations and a sense of service to others.

In an age when educational success is often measured solely by standardized test scores, Lutheran schools maintain a broader vision of student achievement. While their students typically perform well academically, these schools place equal emphasis on character development, spiritual growth and service. This approach to education helps prepare students not just for college and careers, but for meaningful lives of purpose and service.

Please join me in thanking the dedicated educators of the Mid-South District. May all our elementary schools and early childhood centers continue to be places of truth and grace in their communities. The future of Lutheran education looks bright.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Get a taste of seminary life

High school students who are interested in theology and church work are invited to apply to Christ Academy High School (CAHS) 2025, a two-week intensive program of learning, worship and fun to be held June 15–28 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSF), Ind.

Designed for boys and girls who are considering a career in church work, CAHS consists of three elements: confessional catechesis, liturgical worship, and a fun life together.

During CAHS, students take a variety of classes in theology taught by CTSF faculty over two weeks. Learning also occurs informally in the invaluable discussions over the dinner table and in dorm groups.

Students will experience the joy of living a life of worship as they gather around God's Word four times a day. Students will also have the opportunity to serve the greater community and enjoy fun activities.

For more information, email Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, director of Christ Academy, at christacademy@ctsf.edu or call 260-452-3140.

All Saints Lutheran School, Jonesboro, Ark.



All Saints is a classical Lutheran school which includes Latin as a core subject, providing scholars a richer understanding of the English language and other fields of study. History and literature curricula emphasize Greek, Roman and European roots of Western Civilization and American culture. Our scholars learn grammar, logic and rhetoric, and are taught to employ this knowledge as they study English, mathematics, science, physical education and music.



We combine this classical model with Lutheran catechesis, providing what we believe is the best way to teach the timeless truths of Holy Scripture and teach children to serve their neighbors well.

At Matins each morning, scholars sing hymns that are learned by heart, as are the Catechism and Bible verses that will form and guide them throughout good, useful and productive lives as they learn to know God and His works.

Christ Lutheran School, Little Rock



During National Lutheran Schools Week, Christ students celebrated service, community, faith and fun!

Our "Falcon Family" students donated food items to benefit the Arkansas Foodbank and prepared a pancake and bacon breakfast for everyone on Pajama Day; and our second-graders delivered a chapel message telling of Bible heroes who demonstrated endurance through their faith, reminding us all of the strength we find in God's promises. We celebrated our basketball teams by dressing in blue for a spirited "Blue Out" day with fun and games fueled by school spirit.

Family Fun Night featured a special dinner capped by a cookie contest that challenged the judges, but the sweet treats were enjoyed by all!

EDUCATION

First Lutheran School, Benton, Ark.



First Lutheran School (FLS) opened its doors in August 2024 with 15 students in two classes over four grades: a kindergarten/first grade class and a second/third grade class taught by Concordia University System-trained teachers. We now have 22 students, and hope to enroll 45 students for the 2025–26 school year, this time adding grade four.

The Arkansas LEARNS Act school voucher program will soon be fully implemented, allowing eligible students to receive vouchers to be used at any qualified school their parents choose. FLS will ensure its eligibility to receive LEARNS Act funds and set our registration and tuition levels only slightly more than the LEARNS funds each student receives. This enables us to open our doors to families that desire a Christian education for their children, regardless of their financial situation.

St. John's Lutheran School, Stuttgart, Ark.



St. John's Lutheran School is located 50 miles southeast of Little Rock. St. John's offers a preschool that serves infants through preschool four. Our elementary school currently serves kindergarten through sixth-grade students. Total enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is 197.

Students participate in a variety of school and community activities. St. John's sponsors an archery team for students in grades 4–6. We also host five basketball teams and play teams from the surrounding area.

We are very thankful for the support of our church members, parents and community!



First Lutheran School, Fort Smith, Ark.

On Nov. 11, First Lutheran School hosted a Veteran's Day program for our family and friends. Our band and choirs performed for those in attendance, while each class made cards for the tables and decorations for the gym so our veterans would know how much their service is appreciated. After the program, we collected some of the cards and decorations and donated them to our local VA as a way to let our community know how much we appreciate them as well.

Belvoir Christian Academy, Chattanooga



Belvoir Christian Academy (BCA) makes disciples for Jesus, encourages lifelong learning, and values students in a nurturing community. Belvoir third- and fourth-graders made 152 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to benefit the Chattanooga-based Chatt Foundation and nourish the homeless whom they serve.

Belvoir students also celebrated the 100th day of school, dressing up as centenarians, counting everything by 10s and 100s, watching what 100 drips of water would amount to,



creating art projects featuring the number 100, and listing “100 Reasons to Love BCA.” Everyone earned a “100” on their 100th day efforts!

Christ the King Lutheran School, Memphis



Our mission at Christ the King is to equip children for Christian leadership. Our annual school-wide service project collected funds for LeBonheur Children’s Hospital, in partnership with Channel 3’s Go, Jim, Go! fundraiser. We met our goal of \$1,500, raised through Jeans Day and chapel offerings!

We also kicked off the Advent season with “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” treated each of our church volunteer “Nehemiahs” to cards and cookies



to show our thanks and appreciation, and hosted two student teachers from Concordia University, Nebraska, whose presence was a blessing to us all!

Our Savior Lutheran Academy, Nashville

Every year at Our Savior Lutheran Academy, we celebrate our dedicated teachers at a special “Blessing of the Teachers” service. Students offer a heartfelt song in appreciation during worship, followed by a shared meal and fellowship. Teachers receive a small gift in recognition of their faithful service.

We also cherish our families, and seek to nurture their faith journey through a monthly Family Chapel. Adults enjoy coffee and snacks and discuss strengthening faith at home with our director of Family Life. Students then join their families for worship, including greetings, a Bible memory verse, songs, and a brief lesson, led by our director of Youth and Children’s Ministry. This continues to be a cherished tradition, fostering faith and fellowship within our community.



First Lutheran School, Knoxville



In January, First Lutheran School hosted the Knoxville Knockout Basketball Tournament, bringing together middle school basketball and cheer teams from across North Carolina, including St. Stephens, Hickory; Concordia Christian Day School, Conover; Resurrection Lutheran School, Cary; and Emmanuel Lutheran School, Asheville.

The tournament, which alternates annually between schools in North Carolina and Tennessee, provided an outstanding opportunity for sportsmanship, camaraderie and fellowship. While the competition on the court was fierce, the event also featured plenty of fun activities, including a thrilling half-court shot contest, delicious food and the joy of worshipping together on Sunday.

Faith Lutheran Preschool, Collierville, Tenn.

National Lutheran Schools Week was exciting for our preschoolers and their families. Each morning we emailed the daily theme and verse to each family. On dress-up days we saluted our favorite sports teams and wore our school colors, and even dressed up as our favorite holiday. Family Chapel Days included Donuts with Grown-ups and an art gallery featuring each student's special masterpiece; and our Faith Family Fun Night at Mellow Mushroom filled the restaurant twice with members and preschoolers' families! Connecting as members of Christ's family was fun for all.



Immanuel Lutheran School, Memphis

Immanuel's theme for the 2024-2025 school year is "Excellence," inspired by Phil. 4:8-9. Nearly 170 students (prekindergarten through eighth grade) and their teachers strive to maintain Godly excellence in every lesson, interaction, chapel and event. Beloved teacher Amy Kurtz returned in January to lead the school as principal and promote its STEM lab, where students learn science, technology, engineering and math in fun and creative ways.

Students showed their spirit on Black and Gold Days, received their first Bibles from an elder, and honored those serving and who have served in our military during a Veteran's Day lunch.



Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Bowling Green, Ky.

Students at Holy Trinity Lutheran School performed with the local orchestra at SKYPAC (Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center) for their Christmas Spectacular. Music teacher Pam Thurman involves students in this special event every year.



A \$6,386 grant for the Tanzania Deaconess Home was presented to LWML member Cindy Jurgensen of Christ the King (CTK) Lutheran Church, Memphis, on Jan. 5. This ministry provides security, food, lodging, business education and vocational training for young women with albinism.

The grant will allow the deaconess home to train 12 young women for six months. Security and shelter are vital for these albino women to protect them from ongoing threats against their lives. Still to this day, witch doctors teach that the body parts of albinos are necessary to bring luck to others, thus they are constantly at risk of dismemberment, or death.

For more information on the 2024–26 district mission grants, visit midsouthlwml.org/mission-grants.



Pictured are, from left, Rev. Mark Goble, CTK senior pastor; Mike and Cindy Jurgensen; Christine Acomb, LWML West Tennessee Zone president; and Rev. Matt Lynch, CTK associate pastor.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **GALATIANS 2:20**

God's blessings to you and yours as we look forward to Resurrection Day.

Do you ever imagine what it will be like to be resurrected on the last day? I just can't fathom it. The first sentence in this verse from Galatians struck me, though. Whoa! I'm not so sure about also being crucified with Christ. Romans 6:11 says:

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

So, we can join in the victory over sin, and we are very much alive in Christ Jesus! Amen to that!

Candy Habich, Chairman
LWML Mid-South District Media and Marketing Committee

Send gifts to convention

For the first time, the Gifts from the Heart ingathering will be done online. That's right — no more cars filled to the brim with ingathering items! There are Amazon wish lists available for three recipients — Camp Luther of Nebraska, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Campus Ministry.

Whether you plan to attend the convention or not, you can still participate. You can also get your whole congregation involved! Find details at lwml.org/convention ... scroll down to "Convention Documents" and click the link for the Gifts from the Heart flyer, which has links to the Amazon wish lists.



STAY CONNECTED

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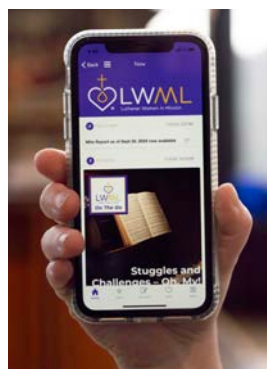
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CAMP TRINITY



Trivia Night

Strap on your brains! The 16th annual Trivia Night will be held April 26 at Christ Lutheran Church, Little Rock.

Trivia Night is an evening of fun, food, fellowship and friendly competition. Teams of up to eight members compete for prizes and the coveted Dinner Bell Trophy.

Concessions will offer burgers, dogs, nachos, drinks and snacks.

Festivities include a silent auction in which guests can bid on great items throughout the evening.

The first- through third-place teams 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 about 6.

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

Youth Work Day

The Camp Trinity Board of Directors has scheduled a youth work day for Saturday, April 5. Youth will help with tasks around camp and accumulate volunteer hours.

The camp staff will serve breakfast and lunch to all volunteers

at no cost. Youth can come for any portion of the day; just let the camp know ahead of time to help them plan jobs and meals. Call or text the camp office at 501-652-6304.

The youth work day is in addition to the annual Spring Work Day in March.

Summer Camp

Summer sessions are filling up. Parents can check availability and register online at lutherancamp.org.

The camp schedule will again include three family camp sessions. The weekday session, July 21-23, is open to all families, but is especially designed to accommodate families of pastors and church workers who cannot get away on weekends because of Sunday responsibilities. Families who attend this session may stay an extra day and night to enjoy activities on the mountain at no additional charge.

Weekend sessions are July 18-20 and July 25-27.

The youth camp sessions are:

- ▶ Trailblazers (for students entering grades 5-8 in the fall), June 8-13
- ▶ Adventure (high school), June 15-20
- ▶ Explorers (grades 4-6), June 22-27
- ▶ Pathfinders (grades 2-4), June 29-July 2
- ▶ Voyagers (grades 7-9 and 10-12), July 6-11
- ▶ Wilderness (grades 6-9), July 13-17 (four nights)

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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:

Judy Otto; 150 N. Maury St.; Holly Springs, MS 38635

Send us your stories and photos for our June-July 2025 issue by May 15.

