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**SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.

E-Newsletter: May 1, 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

THE RISEN AND ASCENDED LORD GIVES GIFTS TO HIS CHURCH

As we near the end of the Easter season, we come to the celebration of the ascension of the Lord. Among other things, on the Ascension, we praise our victorious King for His victory over death and the grave and for His victory procession to the right hand of the Father in heaven. And we praise the Ascended King for continuing to take care of His Church. "He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." (Ephesians 4:10-12).

We thank the Lord of the Church for the gift of a seminary candidate, **Joseph Greenmyer**, from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, who received the call to serve Faith, Parkston and St. Peter's, Emery (Clayton). The Lord also provided a vicar from the Fort Wayne seminary to Zion, Mitchell. His name is **David Christensen**. Ironically, Joseph Greenmyer served as the vicar at Zion, Mitchell a couple years ago, and so he will be able to give David a bit of an orientation to life in South Dakota, and even in Mitchell.

Several South Dakota students received vicarage assignments in the April 23 service at Fort Wayne. They are:

- **Andrew Partipilo (St. Paul, Spearfish) -- Trinity, Auburn, IN**
- **Morgan Phillips (Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk) -- Bethlehem, Ossian, IN**

- **Carter Thorman (St. Paul, Spearfish) -- Zion, Imperial, NE**

Additionally, deaconess intern candidate, **Julie Bauman**, a member of Resurrection, Sioux Falls, received her assignment to serve at Lord of Life, Plano, TX, at the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis service on April 23.

Finally, two teachers at Sioux Falls Lutheran School, completed their colloquy program. On Wednesday, April 24, they were commissioned and installed as rostered Lutheran school teachers. They are **Mrs. Jade Fjelstad** and **Mrs. Kristi Prouty**.

We thank Christ Jesus, the Lord of the Church, for providing these gifts to the Church!

--Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer,
President

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We lift up in prayer.....

This month's congregations: Faith, Pierre; Zion, Presho; Trinity, Reliance; Rosebud Lutheran Mission; Trinity, Belle Fourche; Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk; Emmanuel, Creighton; Our Redeemer; Custer; Grade Deadwood.

Schools: Bethesda School, Hot Springs; Mt. Calvary Pre-

School, Huron.

MAIN STREET LIVING Programming Information



[May](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LUTHERAN WITNESS INSERT

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April



VOLUNTEERISM.....The Helpline Center of Sioux Falls sponsored the “Spirit of Volunteerism” Awards for 2024 on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. [More details here!](#)



2024 BIBLE BOWL.....On Saturday, March 23, 2024, ten teams from five congregations and a Pierre Circuit team gathered at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre for the District Bible Bowl. In all 31 youth (grades 6 – 12) participated. The topic was Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Psalm 118, and The Creed from Luther’s Small Catechism. [Click here for more details!](#)





PARISH NURSING

GET MOVING!

DISCOVER GOD'S BEAUTY AROUND US

Wow! I am always in awe of how those seemingly dead tree branches start blossoming and shooting out new leaves this time of year! You may not be taking any epic trips this summer, but there is plenty to be in awe of outside your own window.

Make time to get outside and get moving! Enjoy God's creation and thank Him for this blessing. An attitude of gratitude can improve one's mental health. A walk around the neighborhood has additional benefits of fresh air, Vitamin D from the sunshine, and exercise for the body.

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, whom you have received from God. You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So, honor God with your body. ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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Lutheran Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God

Lutheran Family Service Building Healthy Families - BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:
May 5 – July 28, 2024

Click here for these Building Healthy Families messages that you may share with members through your weekly bulletins, newsletters and emails. Contact Wanda Pritzel (wpritzel@lutheranfamilyservice.org) at Lutheran Family Service with any questions, concerns or suggestions!



Inexpressible
Joy
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1 Peter 1:8-9

The 63rd LWML SD District Convention is on June 7-8 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Aberdeen. The theme of the convention is "Inexpressible Joy Matchless Savior" based on 1 Peter 1:8-9. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be [servant events](#), mission grant speakers, keynote address from former LWML President Kay Kreklau, Bible study led by Donna Snow, and LWML information from LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources Arlene Naasz. On Friday evening the Mite Walk will be at Wiley Park. We have an opening communion service at 1:00 on Friday and a closing service on Saturday

afternoon. Please see the sdlwml.org website for more information. The registration form is [here](#) for you to use. Church workers do not pay the registration fee



FAITH LUTHERAN, PIERRE....The Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! These family-friendly attractions near Cincinnati explore creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens, a planetarium, zoo, zip line course, and more. This breathe taking experience will equip you to better defend your faith with a Biblical worldview of creation vs evolution. Travel via the Faith Lutheran Church - Pierre motor coach. Click on the image for more information!



NOUR TOUR.....Beloved in the Lord Jesus, you are invited to join me (on my 26th tour of the Holy Land Nour Tour.) A native of Israel, born in Nazareth on a Journey to the Holy Land for an experience of a lifetime to visit Israel for a spiritual NOUR-ishment. More information [HERE](#).



DOXOLOGY.....Registration is still open for the next DOXOLOGY Classic program starting June 10-13 in Donaldson, Indiana. This program is designed to nurture the spiritual health and ministry effectiveness of pastors like you. The DOXOLOGY Classic is an excellent way to

evaluate ministry priorities and further equip yourself for faithful service to our Great Shepherd, Jesus. [More information here.](#)



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2024 INSTITUTE ON LITURGY, PREACHING AND CHURCH MUSIC.....

July 9–12, 2024 • Seward, Neb.

Registration is now open for the 2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music on July 9-12, 2024, at Concordia University, Nebraska (CUNE) in

Seward, Nebraska. The Institute, which is being presented by LCMS Worship, returns under the theme, "Songs of Deliverance: Psalms in the Great Congregation." [Find more information here.](#)



Prayerfully Consider Visit is a triannual event designed to give future pastors and deaconesses a firsthand look at the programs and community of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW). During this free event, you will attend classes, talk with current students, meet the faculty, spend time with your Admission counselor, and worship in Kramer Chapel. You will also hear from CTSFW

staff who are on hand to make your transition to seminary life easier, including representatives from financial aid, housing, and the Food and Clothing Co-op. [More information here.](#)



CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS....Discerning the tug to ministry and making the decision to attend seminary can be challenging. **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** aims to help prospective students contemplate these important decisions with a visitation event set for this summer: **Vocatio: High School.**



The 2024 **Prof Insights: Faculty-Led Workshop Series** covers topics ranging from books of the Bible, the loneliness pandemic, the early church, Law and Gospel, and faith formation, among many others. The workshops are being offered in 13 cities nationwide.

Who's invited: Pastors, church workers and laypeople

When: April through August 2024

Cost: \$150 for each three-day workshop, includes Continuing Education Unit credits for pastors

Registration deadline: 14 days before the beginning of each workshop.

More information can be found [here](#).

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