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# THE VOICE

November 2018

## Introducing Missions10:02

Our cell phones chime and buzz with many daily alerts. We have reminders from our friends and family, our calendar, current events, traffic, weather and news. In Luke 10:02, Jesus makes a big announcement. It's a mission alert and a call to prayer:

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Mission 10:02 is a new blog from Rev. Bill Geis. Take a step in praying "10:02 prayers" with us in the Missouri District. Set a reminder on your watch or cell phone to pray at

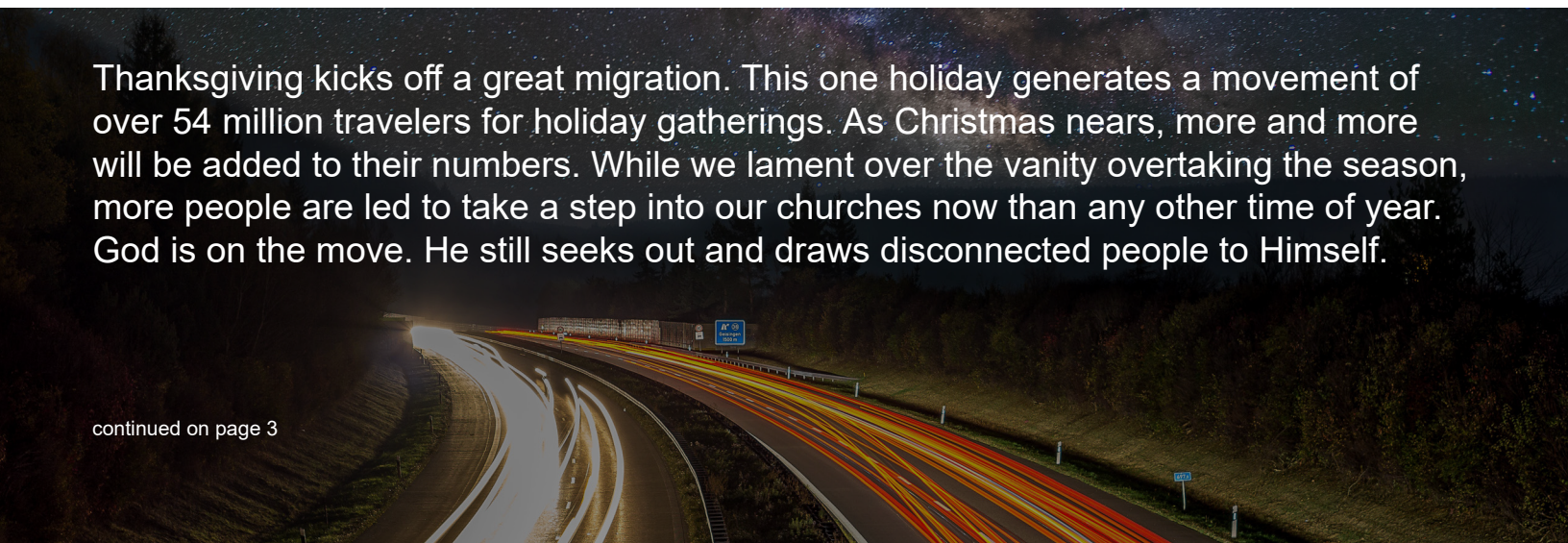
10:02. Pray for your eyes to see the harvest. Pray for your labors and conversations to help people meet Jesus. Pray for the congregations and missions of our District. Pray for church workers and volunteers across this state. And watch for Mission 10:02 stories that inspire our prayers and actions.

## Mission10:02—How Will My Church and I Welcome Disconnected People?

by Rev. Bill Geis

Thanksgiving kicks off a great migration. This one holiday generates a movement of over 54 million travelers for holiday gatherings. As Christmas nears, more and more will be added to their numbers. While we lament over the vanity overtaking the season, more people are led to take a step into our churches now than any other time of year. God is on the move. He still seeks out and draws disconnected people to Himself.

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## From the President's Desk

### Lord, Teach Us to Number Our Days

As the calendar turns to December and the liturgical calendar turns to Advent, the lives of families of all shapes and sizes become increasingly busy. From midweek services to athletic practices and games to Christmas concerts, programs, and parties.

If there is one activity that both the Scriptures and research shows is more important than all the others, it would be parents teaching the faith to children in the home. My encouragement for every home would be that during this Advent season, take time for Advent devotions. Moses prayed to the Lord to teach him how to order his days. The best way for families to manage their time is by spending some of that precious capital in God's Word.

Rev. Mark Kiessling, director of LCMS Youth Ministry, notes that one of the key factors in children remaining active in LCMS congregations is that they are comfortable talking about their faith with their parents. The Search Institute's 40 Development Assets that are vital for young people's growth demonstrate the importance of parents and the home in preparation for lives of service. When parents take time to intentionally teach children God's Word and how to pray in the home they are passing on to their children God's great treasures.

There are lots of great resources for Advent Devotions that are available. If you don't have something already, Lutheran Hour Ministries provides an Advent devotion that you can read online daily or that you can print out (<https://www.lhm.org/advent/>). You don't have to be a pastor or a teacher to be able to lead family devotions. Getting a devotional and taking the time is where it begins. But as I write this, I also know that many of the people who read this are grandparents or great grandparents. So what can you do? Send the link to your children and grandchildren and encourage them in their role to tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

The Missouri District leadership is working to provide encouragement, training and support for congregations in all settings for strengthening families. Ultimately, God gives the responsibility of teaching the faith to children primarily to parents. This can be done just as intentionally by families in smaller congregations with few resources as by families in large congregations.

The reason that Dr. Luther developed the Small Catechism was to assist in teaching the faith in the home. As children and families are pulled in so many different directions, we need a reformation that takes place in the home. Providing children with God's Word is far more important than the newest gaming system or sneakers. Teaching the faith in the home has little or no cost, but does require the commitment of the parents and care givers to make it a priority. My prayer is that all of our families would have Christ at the center of their homes. During this Advent season, I hope that you will take a step by having devotions as the Lord teaches you to number your days aright.

Fraternally in Christ,

President Lee Hagan

## PRESIDENT'S PRAYER LIST:

### PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER THIS MONTH

- Please pray that God would strengthen parents as they teach the faith to their children.
- Please pray that congregations would partner together to support ministry to children and families.
- Finally, pray that our members would grow through daily devotions during the season of Advent.





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While we are singing, “O Come, All Ye, Faithful,” there is another throng of more cautious people who don’t see themselves as among the faithful. They are disconnected from church communities for as many reasons as they number. For many, the holidays are difficult times invoking memories of pain, loss and resentment. Some feel the weight of physical, financial, vocational and emotional maladies.

While the typical Sunday morning in America welcomes 17% of the population into our churches, God will draw nearly two thirds (64%) of the population to church at Christmas.

If God is bringing disconnected people to our churches, how will we welcome them?

Here’s a blessing for your church: “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had...” (Romans 15:5). What will Christmas look like for us as God is leading people to our doorstep?

## Minute Prayers

Join me in the “10:02” experiment. This is a call to pray daily for the “harvest” and those who “labor” in the Kingdom of God (Luke 10:2). Set a reminder on your phone or calendar to pray one minute each day for a Christ-like attitude toward disconnected people. Organize others at your church to join you daily. Try this from now till Christmas with a minute prayer at 10:02 a.m. each day. You’ll be surprised at the connections God arranges.

## Make More Margin

This is a busy time of year. That’s why we all need more room for the “unexpected appointments” God will set up. And He will! Look for places where you can add 5-10 minutes to the scheduling of your movements throughout the day. The first move for a disconnected person toward the church may be an encouraging conversation with you—and it’s likely to come at an inconvenient time.

And when it comes to time at church, try this experiment: Make the five minutes before and after worship a sacred time for encouraging new and/or returning people. So often those precious minutes before and after church are consumed by conversations and chores of church business.

## Move My Pew

Break the tradition where your seat in church is determined by family history or personal preference. Be willing to endure a change.

Let your pew be the place beside someone who needs your encouragement. If you extend an invitation to church, offer to pick them up (or at least meet them at the front door). For a disconnected person, stepping across the church doorway, can be one of the most intimidating steps of their week. They need you there to take that step with them. If you see a disconnected person come in alone, let their courage inspire you to sit beside them.



# The Plus One Can Help You Connect, Too

One hundred and ten congregations and counting are recognized as “Plus One” in the Missouri District. This means they are taking one new step with the Gospel into their communities. As God draws thousands of disconnected people to our churches, we can all be “Plus One” right now, simply by a step of bringing the heart of Jesus to disconnected people this holiday season.

If you’d like to know more contact me at [Bill.Geis@mo.lcms.org](mailto:Bill.Geis@mo.lcms.org) and I’ll connect your church with one of our Plus One coaches.

# Lutheran Development Group Transforms Buildings into Homes

We've all seen dilapidated buildings, with their broken windows and crumbling facades. For some, these structures are simply part of a backdrop. They're often referred to as "vacant properties," or "blight." However, many struggling people in cities across our country have another word for it. Home.

While there are some affordable housing options in St. Louis, the need far outweighs availability. Building by building, Lutheran Development Group (LDG) is creating a new choice for people stuck between unaffordable, luxurious renovations and scraping by in subpar living conditions. Chris Shearman, founder and Executive Director of LDG, acknowledges that even as more apartments open, there are many more people without access to safe housing.

Chris has seen families living in homes with walls falling off or without floors. People without good credit or with an eviction history must often settle, often with hazardous spaces or uncaring landlords. The impact spreads from the tenants to the community, as buildings in disrepair contribute to blight and other neighborhood issues.

## How Serving the Community Changed the Course of Chris Shearman's Career

Not too long ago, Chris thought he wanted to go to law school. His wife, meanwhile, was opening a neighborhood café. After working for a for-profit developer downtown, he helped her manage her café and became more involved with neighborhood initiatives.

Now, he works full-time as the Executive Director of LDG, an organization he founded in 2015. Since Chris started this work, LDG has grown to an organization with six full-time staff members.

The idea for the operation came around 2013, as community concerns overlapped with the desire for congregations



to connect with more people. Chris and other members of Messiah Lutheran Church saw many people, especially recent refugees, living in shabby housing, to their detriment.

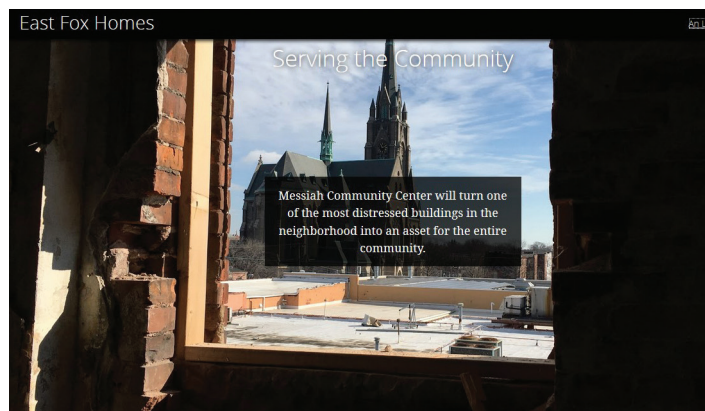
East Fox Homes grew from the combined efforts of RISE Community Development, LDG and Messiah Lutheran Church. The result was an \$11.7 million renovation of twelve buildings and 47 quality, affordable apartments.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:**  
If you'd like to help address this issue by rehabbing a building with Laborers for Christ, contact LCEF Ministry Support today at (314) 855-6444 or [ministry.support@LCEF.org](mailto:ministry.support@LCEF.org).

## Lutheran Development Group Tackles Blight and Affordable Housing to Build Local Relationships with Congregations

People in the vicinity of two St. Louis LCMS churches, Holy Cross and Messiah, had identified blight and affordable housing as significant needs. With a lot of homes in disrepair and many people seeking a good home, LDG has focused on working in these neighborhoods to address the affordable housing shortage and improve the neighborhood at the same time.

Chris and his team collaborated with other local organizations, such as RISE and the Dutchtown South Community Development Corporation, and attended community meetings that culminated in the Gravois-





Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods Plan, now officially adopted by the City of St. Louis.

## A Nuanced, Future-Focused Approach to a Complex and Urgent Problem

Affordable housing and blight are complex problems that no one entity can tackle completely. While LDG is pleased to be able to offer quality homes with compassionate landlords, tenants, of course, still need an income to be able to pay their rent.

Megan Euken has recently taken the role of Community Coordinator. In this role, Megan will be working with renters to build meaningful

connections to service providers to interrupt previous behaviors or circumstances that have led to poor credit or evictions.

Casey Carlson, LCEF DVP for the Missouri District, worked on the financing for the project. He says, "It quite literally brings the love of Jesus into the homes, and also allows LDG, Holy Cross, and Messiah directly into the living rooms of those in Community."



BEFORE



AFTER

## How You Can Help

LDG recently started work on three buildings on Oregon. In profound disrepair, these buildings will need to be rebuilt "from the studs up," according to Laborers for Christ Director, Jeff Herndon.

After rehab, these buildings will offer eight apartments. Eight families who can feel safe inside their home, free from worry about lead or other hazards. It means they can focus on building their lives, instead their walls or ceilings. They will have a land lord they can count on.

Laborers for Christ needs people who are willing to show up regularly to transform these blighted properties into a place to call home.

If you or someone you know wants to contribute to a building a profound connection for congregations in St. Louis, contact LCEF Ministry Support today at (314) 855-6444 or [ministry.support@LCEF.org](mailto:ministry.support@LCEF.org).



# District Junior High Gatherings Cement Faith and Relationships

Mark Engelhardt, DCE at Our Savior Church in St. Charles, Mo., knows the value of caring adults in faith formation of young teenagers. "Some kids might feel comfortable talking to me about their faith, as a DCE, but I know some might not," he explains.

As the co-chair for the District's junior high youth gatherings, Mark has seen the impact that meaningful relationships both with other teens and caring adults can make. He has found that the more adults kids can turn to, the more they see their faith as something to carry into adulthood.

At the 2018 fall junior high gathering, the team selected speakers and programming that work with junior high students' energy and attention spans but challenge them as well. For this purpose, Rev. Matthew Ryan Gonzalez, pastor at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – The Bronx, New York came out to work with the students.

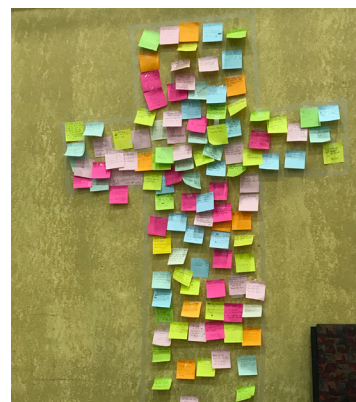
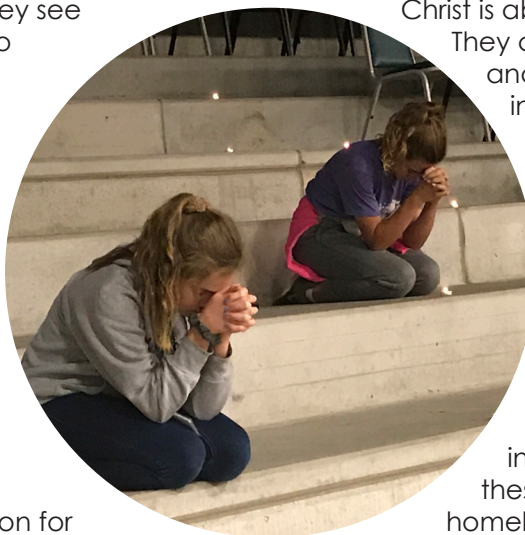
Mark says, "Pastor Matt has a passion for ministry and sharing the Word of God." This also helps the adults who are volunteering and working in youth ministry. The gatherings are designed to encourage and equip both students and leaders.

This year's fall junior high gathering focused on Holy Communion and Christ's victory over death. Combined with free time, games and chapel, the junior high gathering also creates an impression on students by letting them make memories.

The junior high gatherings are especially crucial, because they come alongside the journey students

take for confirmation. Mark has seen students who only come to church when it's time for confirmation. Getting these students involved in the district gatherings means they can learn what Christ is about outside of confirmation class. They can see other students and adults who are committed in their faith as a way of life, not just to be confirmed.

The Missouri District is hosting another junior high gathering in the spring, March 29 to 31, 2019. In addition to registering groups, you can help make these events successful by collecting plastic grocery bags. The 2019 spring junior high gathering will include a service project, reusing these bags to make matts for homeless people.





# Lutherans for Life Celebrates 40 Years

For the past 40 years, the organization Lutherans for Life has been equipping Lutherans to speak for Life.

Rev. Jason Wagner, Missouri's District Life Coordinator, attended the 2018 National Lutherans for Life Conference in St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 12 to 13. Though he'd always been interested in the conference, this was his first time attending. Jason is a pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in High Ridge.

The conference included speakers and breakout sessions geared towards high school and college students, pastors and more. Topics covered a wide array of sanctity-of-life topics, including suicide, end-of-life care, healthcare, abortion and more.

## A Vision for Life Ministries in Missouri

As the District Life Coordinator, Jason hopes to create a directory of crisis pregnancy centers and LCMS activities such as diaper drives. Many congregations across Missouri are working on life issues and he wants to build congregational awareness so everyone who wants to can find a way to engage. If you would like to know more, Jason encourages you to look at the LCMS Life Ministry page, which has information and resources.

Jason also looks forward to attending a Synod-wide conference in Washington, DC to confer with Life Coordinators from other districts.

## A Proud Dad Sees His Daughter Give Hope by Sharing her Faith

In addition to his recent appointment as Life Coordinator, Jason had another compelling reason to attend the 2018 conference. The evening of Oct. 12, he watched his daughter Abigail read her award-winning essay about protecting life, he had more than what he calls "a proud dad moment." He describes the experience as "a good reminder of how we can serve each other."

As a pastor's daughter, Abigail is used to people approaching her for conversation. But when her essay brought two people to tears, she thought found the experience humbling.

Abigail's essay reading was part of the Lutherans for Life Conference, in St. Louis, Mo. Oct 12 to 13, 2018. First, her essay won for the state of Missouri. Each state had two winners and then the winning entries state were ranked. Her essay was one of two awarded at the national level. The contest had two categories, high school and junior high. One of the junior high winners, David Nissing, is also from Missouri.

## Engaging Youth for Life

As the District Life Coordinator, he encourages pastors and congregations to engage the youth. While his daughter was reading her essay, he saw firsthand something he's seen before--how young people expressing their faith can encourage an entire group of people.

Jason would also like to encourage the ministries in Missouri to take advantage of the Lutherans for Life essay contests.



# Missions 10:02—Sent to the Suffering

by Rev. Bill Geis

Far more than just a countdown to Christmas, Advent is a time “to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Luke 1:17).

What prep work does the Holy Spirit have in store for you? One way He is working in me is by sending me to visit people suffering cancer.

One year ago, my mother died after a three-year battle with brain cancer.

Even though she had a strong faith in Jesus, the holidays were difficult. She grieved for herself and all that cancer was slowly, frighteningly, stealing away. I grieved beside her, not as son without hope, but as a son shared in her suffering. Together we held on to the words, promises and presence of Jesus until the day He brought her home.

As I remember my mother in a new season in my life, I’ve been sent to others suffering with cancer, chronic illness, pain and disability. My 10:02 prayers this week have been for our mission to the suffering.

This weekend, your church might read these words, “May our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.” (1 Thessalonians 3:11). Would you pray that prayer with me? And would you respond when God sends you to visit someone suffering? That’s what the birth of Jesus is all about!

God sent Jesus to bring deliverance and life to all our suffering under sin’s curse. May God clear the way for you to follow in His steps. Here’s a short video of how one of our Plus One congregations, Good Shepherd Lutheran Chapel in Cape Girardeau has cleared the way to be people sent to the suffering.



**Find us on YouTube:  
Missouri District LCMS**



# Educators Conference Offers Support and Professional Development

Across Missouri, students of all ages and backgrounds are reaping the benefits of Lutheran education. This month, 470 educators who work with across the education spectrum convened in Lake Ozark.



With 114 educational ministries in the Missouri District, the impact of Lutheran educators reaches children and families. Every conference has a scriptural theme.

This year, it was Romans 8:28:

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Alan Freeman, the Assistant to the President for Schools, says, "The Educators' Conference is a time to grow professionally, engage in fellowship with workers from across the District, to rejuvenate personally and professionally, and to be encouraged in our vocation as Church Workers!"

Educators attended sectionals covering a wide array of topics, from music curriculum, adaptability, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), mindful eating, educational

spaces, love and logic and more. Dr. Don Christian, President/CEO of Concordia Texas gave the keynote address.

Professional development is a staple of the teaching profession and the enthusiasm of the conference attendees reflects their passion for their ministry. The Lutheran education system offers a holistic approach that addresses many different needs of students, including spiritual and family life.

Alan says, "It is an important event that serves to support, equip, and encourage one another while hearing about best practices from fellow professional educators. At all of our conferences, the Missouri District seeks to provide spiritual enrichment and continuing education for educators. We believe that all of our educators must be affirmed, valued, and challenged in their work with children as we serve Him and do All to His Glory!"



# *What does Christmas look like in the Missouri District?*

We know how hard you're working to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Every year, our congregations and schools dedicate time and energy to the joy of Christmas, on top of regular services and activities.

Amidst the bell polishing, display designing and behind-the-scenes joy crafting, we'll be helping promote your special events.

Email information to [sharon.gutowski@mo.lcms.org](mailto:sharon.gutowski@mo.lcms.org).

And please don't forget to send us photos after the event!

Concerts \* Pageants \* Festivals \* Markets \* Service Projects



## Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

Sun. Dec. 9

3 p.m.  
Christmas Concert  
Glendale Lutheran  
Church 1365 North  
Sappington Rd.  
Glendale, MO

7 p.m.  
High School  
Christmas Concert  
St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church  
401 S. Main St.  
Concordia, MO 64020

7 p.m.  
The Lutheran High  
School of Kansas City  
Christmas  
Concert  
St. Stephen Lutheran  
205 N. Forest Avenue  
Liberty, MO 64068

Fri. Dec. 14

5:45 p.m.  
The Lutheran High  
School of Kansas City  
Christmas Caroling  
Crown Center 2450  
Grand Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO  
64108

7 p.m.  
Christmas Musical  
"Silent Night"  
St. John's Lutheran  
Church, 3517 Jeffco  
Blvd.  
Arnold, MO 63010

Sat. Dec. 15

Live Nativity  
5 to 9 p.m.  
Ascension Lutheran  
Church  
5347 Donovan Ave  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 832-5600  
[AscensionSTL.com](http://AscensionSTL.com)

7 p.m.  
Christmas Musical  
"Silent Night"  
St. John's Lutheran  
Church, 3517 Jeffco  
Blvd.  
Arnold, MO 63010

Sun. Dec. 16

9 a.m.  
The Lutheran High  
School of Kansas  
City "Resounding  
Joy" Handbell Choir  
Performance  
Lutheran Church of  
Our Savior  
4153 Rainbow Blvd.  
Kansas City, KS  
66103

3 p.m.  
Christmas Concert  
Immanuel Lutheran  
Church  
632 East Highway N  
Wentzville, MO

4 p.m.  
Christmas Musical  
"Silent Night"  
St. John's Lutheran  
Church, 3517 Jeffco  
Blvd.  
Arnold, MO 63010

Mon. Dec. 24

5 p.m.  
Lessons and Carols  
(candelight service at  
11 p.m.)  
St. Peter's Lutheran  
Church  
La Grange  
300 South 7th Street  
La Grange, MO  
63448





*God is leading us on  
a bold and joyful journey  
to share the Gospel in 2019.*

Your investment in missions throughout  
Missouri will have an eternal impact!

Stay tuned for an upcoming opportunity to  
share your gifts.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES – COMMISSIONED MINISTERS OF RELIGION

### Graduates Installed:

Delleart, Sarah (Colloquy RF '18) to Immanuel –  
Washington 10/21/18 by M. Bangert  
Maita, Ruth (Colloquy P '15) to LCMS Office of  
International Mission – St. Louis 10/14/18 by C. St. Onge

### Transferred from Other Districts:

Poppe, Molly (RM) to Candidate 8/23/18  
Strecker, Ashley (NI) to Candidate 6/11/18  
Thiem, Sarah (NEB) to Candidate 8/31/18

### Reinstated:

Johnson, Mireya (Reinstated by COP 9/18)  
to Candidate  
Ogden, Kathryn (Reinstated by COP 9/18)  
to Candidate  
Walker, Audrey (Reinstated by COP 9/18)  
to Candidate

### Changes Within District:

Boehlke, Christian (LCMS Office of International Mission  
– St. Louis) Director of Missionary Services to Associate  
Executive Director, St. Louis Operations 10/24/18 by M.  
Harrison  
Dixon, Joshua (St. Mark's – Eureka) to Green Park – St.  
Louis 10/24/18 by J. Cloeter

### Candidate Status:

Esselman, Adele (St. Paul – Jackson) 8/1/18  
Jackson, Linda (Immanuel – Olivette) 8/3/18  
Rathke, Beckie (Messiah – Independence) 6/1/18  
Roundey, William (Lutheran High School of St. Charles  
County – St. Peters) 7/1/18  
Wing, Sara (St. Paul – Concordia) 7/1/18

### Retired:

Domsch, Christopher (Lutheran High School of Kansas City  
– Kansas City) 8/2/17  
Florine, Sharon (St. John – Arnold) 8/1/18  
Nebel, Ingrid (Grace Chapel – Bellefontaine Neighbors)  
6/9/18  
Perschbacher, Gerald (Lutheran Hour Ministries – St. Lou-  
is) 10/25/18

### Deceased:

Holzerland, Arnold (Emeritus) 9/9/18

### Transferred to Other Districts:

Lubben, William (Emeritus) to TX 8/22/18  
Walker, Audrey (Candidate) to TX 9/21/18  
Wolfe, Morgan (Immanuel – Wentzville) to MI 8/1/18



### SAVE THE DATE

March 9, 2019 Zion Lutheran  
Church St. Charles (Harvester)  
\$10.00 per person

*Tell the Next Generation*  
A Conference on Ministry to Families  
with Young Children



# CALLING CONGREGATIONS

## For Sole Pastors:

Alma, Trinity  
Carrollton, Immanuel  
Chillicothe, St. John (Called Rev.  
Alan Hubbard – Princeton, MO)  
Conway, Zion  
Frohna, Concordia  
Independence, St. Paul's  
Moberly, Zion (Called Rev. Matthew  
Resner – Menno, SD)  
Park Hills, Trinity  
St. Clair, Holy Trinity  
St. Peter, Child of God (Called Rev. Jeremy  
Gorline – Tomball, TX - Accepted)  
Trenton, Immanuel

## For Senior Pastor:

Blue Springs, Timothy  
Des Peres, St. Paul  
Independence, Messiah  
Jefferson City, Faith (Called Rev.  
Eric Gledhill – Paw Paw, MI)  
Jefferson City, Trinity  
Weldon Spring, Messiah

## For Associate or Assistant Pastor:

St. Charles, Immanuel

## Served by Intentional Interim

### Pastor or Interim Pastor:

Alma, Trinity (Rev. Mike Gallagher)  
Independence, St. Paul's (Rev. Steven Streufert)  
Jefferson City (Honey Creek)  
(Rev. Dr. Richard Foss)  
New Melle, St. Paul (Rev. Tom Schoech)  
Slater, Peace & St. Paul (Rev. Douglas Dubisar)  
– Called Rev. Walter Snyder (Accepted)

### Vacant (on hold, but being served):

Ashland, Family of Christ  
Aurora, Grace  
Barnhart, Immanuel  
Bethany, Hope  
Buffalo, Our Savior  
Center, Trinity  
Doniphan, Trinity  
Elk Prairie (Rolla), Peace  
Hermitage, Hope  
Ironton, St. Paul  
Isabella, Faith  
Kansas City, Immanuel  
Kennett, Redeemer  
Malden, Grace  
Memphis, St. Paul  
Milan, Peace  
Oak Grove, Shepherd of the Valley  
St. James, St. John

St. Louis, Ebenezer  
St. Louis, Emmaus  
Sarcoxi, Trinity  
Sedalia, Amigos de Cristo  
Sweet Springs, Christ  
Trenton, Immanuel  
Valley Park, Zion  
Vandalia, St. John  
Washington, Faith

### Pastors Considering Calls

Asbury, Randy (Hope – St. Louis) to  
Emmaus – Redmond, OR (Declined)  
Ehrhard, Jacob (Trinity – New Haven)  
to St. John's – Chicago, IL  
Herald, David (Trinity – Appleton City) to  
Redeemer – Kansas City, KS (Accepted)  
Kapsel, Calvin (St. Stephen – Liberty)  
to Our Savior – Kansas City, KS  
Kueker, Jesse (Trinity – Clinton) to  
Zion – Leigh, NE/Trinity – Howells, NE  
(Declined); to St. John's – Tecumseh, NE  
Meyer, Joel (Zion – Rockville) to  
St. Paul – Kingsville, TX  
Walston, Robert (Christ Memorial – St.  
Louis) to Timothy – Edmonds, WA

## Personnel Changes —Ordained

### Transferred to Our District

Miller, Stephen (SE) to Messiah – St. Louis 11/18/18 by  
K. Golden  
Bombaro, John (PSW) to LCMS – St. Louis 8/12/18 by  
B. Thomas

### Transferred to Other Districts

Herald, David (Trinity – Appleton City) to KS 11/19/18  
Bombaro, John (LCMS – St. Louis) to PSW 8/14/18

### Changes Within District

Snyder, Walter (Emeritus) to Peace and St. Paul – Slater  
11/4/18 by B. Thieme  
Zeigler, Michael (Epiphany – St. Louis) to Lutheran Hour  
Ministries – St. Louis 10/25/18 by L. Hagan

### Retired

Biesenthal, Bruce (Lutheran Church Extension Fund –  
St. Louis) 11/1/18  
Dahlke, James (St. Matthew – Concordia) 10/29/18

### Deceased

Rosin, Wilbert (Emeritus) 10/29/18

## Job Openings

The Lutheran High School Association of St. Louis (LHSA) is seeking nominations and applications for the leadership position of Principal for Lutheran North Middle School. Interested candidates should email a letter of interest, current resume and completed employment application to: Sharon Thurman, Human Resources Manager at: [SThurman@LHSAstl.org](mailto:SThurman@LHSAstl.org).

Additional information regarding this position and the LHSA employment application can be found under EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES on the LHSA website: <https://www.lhsastl.org/page/employment-opportunities>

Nominations should include a letter of recommendation and current contact information for the nominee and should be emailed to [SThurman@LHSAstl.org](mailto:SThurman@LHSAstl.org). For consideration, all candidates must either be on the LCMS roster or eligible and willing to attain that status as a condition of hire.





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