

# TODAY'S BUSINESS

## Of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Missouri District Convention

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### Bold Hope in Christ

The Twenty-Second District Convention opened with Divine Service Sunday, June 22, 2025. Rev. Peter Lange, first vice president of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) served as preacher, building on the Convention's theme: *Bold Hope in Christ*.

Lange reminded delegates that our hope is not vague or uncertain—it is bold, confident, and grounded in the unshakable promises of Christ. Quoting 2 Cor. 3:12 (ESV), Lange said, “Since we have such a hope, we are very bold.” In the face of hardship, cultural change, or personal suffering, the Church does not retreat. Instead, with boldness, we confess Christ, trust His Word, and proclaim the Gospel to the world. This hope, Lange emphasized, is not based on human strength but rooted in Christ's death and resurrection, and sustained by His Spirit for every moment and every mission.

The service was hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, Mo. Assisting in the service were Rev. Randy Asbury, Rev. Benjamin T. Ball, President Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, Rev. William Marler, Rev. Craig Otto, Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, and Rev. Brian Thieme. Musical leadership featured the Concordia Music Conservatory Kinderchor and the Concordia Music Conservatory, organist Katherine Drefs, and brass ensemble: Rachel Martens, Rev. Jeremy Freeman, Rev. Greg Truwe, Pete Krege, and Kaleb Virus.



## Convention Offering

Our sincerest thanks to the many congregations that have prayed for the proceedings of this convention and held a door offering in connection with Sunday's worship service. This effort is an opportunity to invest in the work God has called us to do and to encourage one another as we serve with "Bold Hope in Christ."

The designation for the convention offering is the scholarship endowment for university and seminary students preparing for professional church work vocations—commonly known throughout the state as *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers*.

- While the endowment was created more than 40 years ago, an intentional effort through the *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers* campaign the last four years has grown the size of the investment by 10%, allowing for the healthy continuation of these scholarships.
- It is our goal to increase the endowment by an additional 10% over the upcoming triennium, providing more funds to more students.

Yesterday's offering at the opening worship service totaled \$15,077.52. Thank you to all who gave. May these gifts be used for God's glory! The apostle Paul encouraged those reading his letters that despite everything going on around them and the work that was before them, they could move with confidence knowing that God would sustain them. "Bold Hope in Christ" is an excellent reminder for us all in this present day as we serve congregations and schools throughout the state. The Missouri District is blessed to do this work in God's kingdom with you all.

## Church Worker Care Team

Church workers face a holy challenge: to faithfully steward the Gospel while managing the responsibilities of their vocation and personal lives. This can be very challenging.

To help, the Missouri District offers a valuable resource—the Church Worker Care Team.

These brothers and sisters in Christ provide confidential spiritual care and support for church workers and their families. They are not professional counselors, but trusted colleagues and fellow servants in the Missouri District who are ready to provide spiritual support and Christian mercy.

During the District Convention, a member of the Church Worker Care Team is available onsite at the Wyndham Executive Center. If you need someone to talk to, please feel free to reach out:

Rev. Paul Winningham  
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## Bold Hope Ministry Fair

The Bold Hope Ministry Fair, held Sunday afternoon, offered a powerful afternoon of connection, learning, and encouragement for those serving in ministry. Hosted in the Picadilly Room at the Wyndham Executive Center, the fair welcomed attendees to explore ministries through presentations, table displays, and handouts.

The afternoon featured a lineup of 30-minute presentations, beginning with *Church Leadership 101* led by Missouri District President Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan. Other highlights included:

- **Church Work Recruitment** – Josh Swartz and Rev. Marty Hasz, LPC
- **Mission Field Missouri** – Rev. Peter Kirby
- **Discipleship in the Home** – Rev. Steve Andrews and DCE Pam Nummela
- **Church Governance** – Rev. Peter Kirby

In addition to the presentations, attendees explored a variety of display tables focused on vital ministry areas, including:

- Recruitment and Retention of Church Workers
- Discipleship in the Home
- Congregational Services
- Mission Field Missouri
- MOScholars
- Campus Ministry Sites and Networks

The Ministry Fair provided a unique opportunity for encouragement, equipping, and inspiration, aligning with the convention's theme of serving with bold hope.

For more information or resources shared during the event, or to connect with any of the presenting ministries, please contact Executive Director of Congregational Services Rev. Peter Kirby, at [peter.kirby@mo.lcms.org](mailto:peter.kirby@mo.lcms.org).

## Advisory Ordained Ministers Caucus

Ordained advisory delegates are to meet with Secretary Powell next to the stage (by the organ), immediately following Monday's session.

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