



2025 P360STL cohort at the Royal Sonesta Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Sept. 14, 2025. Photo by: Henry David Photography

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATING OUR CALLED WORKERS

2026



Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

Dear partners in the Gospel,

In 1839, a group of immigrants from Saxony arrived in Missouri, beginning their new lives in St. Louis and in Perry County. They established congregations and a log cabin schoolhouse for children ages 5–14. From those early days, before the Synod was even formed, a long legacy began: a legacy of faithful servants of the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's 187 years of pastors, teachers, and servants laboring for the sake of Christ's kingdom. We are truly blessed by God with a great heritage of church workers within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

While there remains a pressing need for the next generation of servants in our churches and schools, it is also good for us to take time and give thanks to God for all who have served Christ faithfully over the years and reached important milestones in their service. On behalf of the congregations and schools of the Missouri District, I thank you for your service and pray that God will continue to bless all of the ways you serve God and grow as His beloved child.

You are indeed part of the great cloud of witnesses within our Synod, servants of the Savior, called to labor in His harvest fields! We are encouraged and blessed by your example! To God be the glory!

In His Service,



President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan



The following are names of full-time professional church workers in Missouri District congregations and schools. The anniversaries recognize the total years of service in LCMS entities between Sept. 1, 2025, and Aug. 31, 2026, as reported to the Missouri District office by churches and schools. We are deeply grateful to our churches and schools for their ongoing dedication and faithful service. Thank you for all the work you do in Christ's name!

5 Years

Jacob Adams

Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington

Laure Alberson

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center, Des Peres

Jenni Arnold

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Diane Backi

Our Savior Early Childhood Center, St. Charles

Cherae Bullard

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Nancy Cahalin

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Jared Deken

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Rev. Bruce Elliott

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Barnhart

Rhonda Ford

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Elisa Garcia

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Marsha Gee

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Julia Gray

Immanuel Lutheran School, Wentzville

Emily Harding

Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton

Linnea Hopper

Immanuel Lutheran School, Wentzville

Michelle Jeffries

St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool, Lee's Summit

Kendra Kendall

St. Paul Lutheran School, St. Joseph

Emilie Kirby

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center, Des Peres

Rachel Klug

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Hannah Knehans

Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield

Holly Konarik

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres

Christine Marquart

Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington

Jill Perkins

Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City

Eric Polk

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Melody Riddell

Calvary Lutheran School, Kansas City

Amy Scott

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Sarah Shivley

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center, Des Peres

Brittany Simon

The Kings Academy, Lake Ozark

Kelley Still

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Elisabeth Thornton

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Hayley Valencia

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Jo Walitalo

Our Savior Christian Academy, Platte City

Traci Waugh-Rinehart

St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool, Lee's Summit

Sandy White

St. Matthew Lutheran Preschool, Lee's Summit

Amanda Wilson

Immanuel Lutheran School, Olivette





Chris Auger

St. Paul Lutheran School, St. Joseph

Julie Beck

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Karen Bernsen

The Kings Academy, Lake Ozark

Rev. Christopher Biernacki

St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Wildwood

Patricia Bisby

Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City

Connie Christen

Trinity Lutheran School, Freistatt

Becky Dautenhahn

The Kings Academy, Lake Ozark

Ryan Dubberke

Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City

Carly Ebersole

Immanuel Lutheran School, Wentzville

Brian Gelmacher

Salem Lutheran School, Affton

Rev. Steve Gillmore

First Lutheran Church, Neosho

Ken Holland

Timothy Lutheran School, Blue Springs

Samantha Hussey

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Cassandra Jones

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Paula King

Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton

Hannah Lang

Messiah Lutheran Church, Weldon Spring

Rev. Sam Maconachy

Faith Lutheran Church, Oakville

Rev. Dave McGinley

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves

Kristyna Meier

Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville

Adriana Melecio

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Brandie Mellen

Lutheran School Association, Cole Camp

Elita Merker

Calvary Lutheran School, Kansas City

James Mitchell

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Lindsey Moore

Immanuel Lutheran School, Wentzville

Barbara Obermeyer

St. John Lutheran School, Ellisville

Micah Pomerence

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Ali Rames

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Roxanne Reimer

Lutheran High School of Kansas City, Kansas City

Emily Schatz

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves

Shanny Smith

Messiah Lutheran School, Weldon Spring

Ron Stepney

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Dr. Anne Stuhlman

The King's Academy, Lake Ozark

Rev. Benjamin Theiss

St. John's Lutheran Church, Brunswick

Whitney Wade

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres

15 Years

Janis Blomes

Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton

Katie Brooner

Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton

Rev. Jeffrey Dock

Trinity Lutheran Church, Louisiana

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bowling Green

Kelley Erhardt

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Crystal Ericson

Our Savior Early Childhood Center, St. Charles

Matthew Foster

Salem Lutheran School, Affton

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman

Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield

Rev. Dr. Mike Iannelli Jr.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Charles

Angela Ivie

Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia

Rev. Brian King

Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves

Kendra McCormick

Our Savior Early Childhood Center, St. Charles

Ashley Ponder

United in Christ Lutheran School, Frohna

Kendra Rueckert

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Emily Sublette

Lutheran High School of Kansas City, Kansas City

Karen Thaemert

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Caleese Wainright

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Sarah Whitaker

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Sarah Wildauer

Trinity Lutheran School, Cape Girardeau

Richard Wuebbels

Immanuel Lutheran School, Wentzville





Bethany Albers

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Emily Allen

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Tammy Brenningmeyer

Immanuel Lutheran School, Wentzville

Rev. Dr. Jon Furgeson

Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis

Joel Gilbert

Lutheran High School South, St. Louis

Bethany Greatens

Immanuel Lutheran School, Olivette

Amanda Helmkamp

Zion Lutheran School, St. Charles

Matthew Janssen

Lutheran High School South, St. Louis

Tina Kassebaum

LASE Specialized Education, St. Louis

Trina Lieb

Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City

Rebecca Little

Grace Chapel Lutheran School, Bellefontaine Neighbors

Amber Maddick

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters

Meredith Marsh

Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia

Dr. Ruth McDonnell

Salem Lutheran School, Affton

Judith Mellecke

Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City

Melissa Murrell

Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton

Rev. Michael Okine

Messiah Lutheran Church, St. Louis

Angelica Ornelas

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Melissa Pauling

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres

Shannan Robinson

Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington

Melinda Schnurbusch

Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville

Trana Wesson

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Dorothy Wiencke

LASE Specialized Education, St. Louis



Melisa Ahlers

Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City

Cori Bair

Salem Lutheran School, Affton

Melissa Bergholt

Word of Life Lutheran School, St. Louis

Jana Brackman

Messiah Lutheran School, Weldon Spring

Rev. Ryan Buchmueller

St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Joseph

Sue Burford

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres

Jonathan Butterfield

Lutheran High School South, St. Louis

Nancy Dreyer

United in Christ Lutheran School, Frohna

Eric Glessner

Lutheran High School South, St. Louis

Rev. Jeremy Gorline

Child of God Lutheran Church, St. Peters

Cari Hannon

Our Savior Early Childhood Center, St. Charles

Elizabeth Kiessling

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Kim Krato

Child of God Lutheran School, St. Peters

Rev. David Lindenberg

Trinity and Zion Lutheran Church, Fredericktown

Lisa Martens

Martin Luther Academy, Kansas City

Donna McFarland

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Becky Reed

Zion Lutheran School, St. Charles

Andrea Schmidt

Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia

Samantha Sprengel

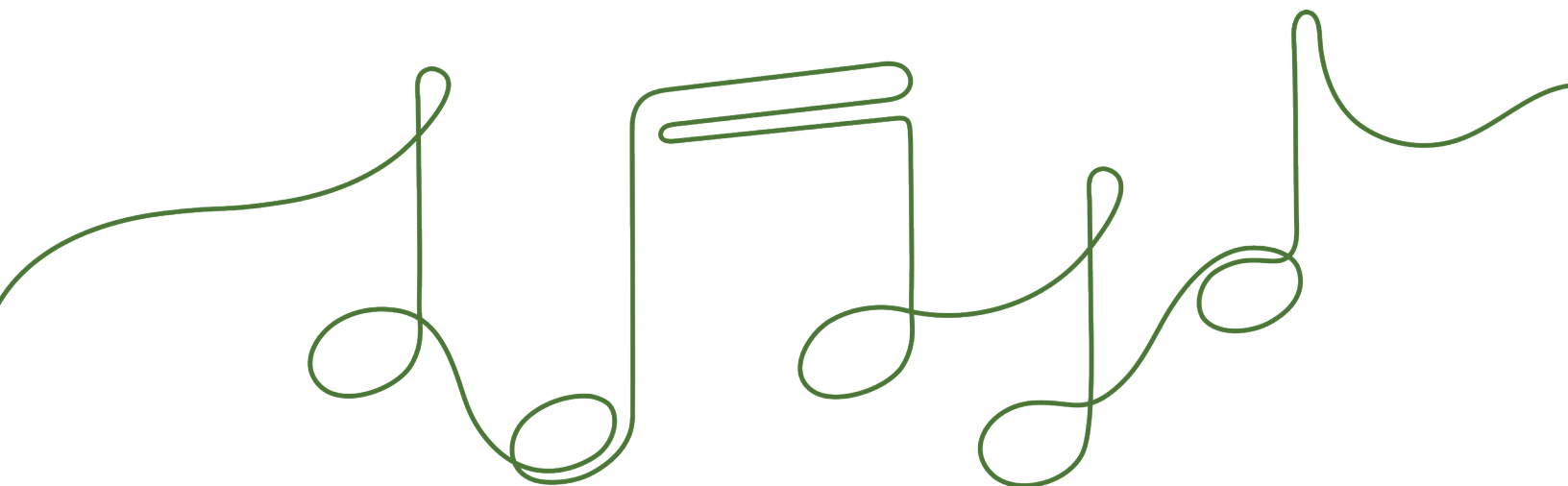
Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City

Kathy Steinbrueck

Lutheran High School South, St. Louis

Martha Swearingen

Springfield Lutheran School, Springfield



Tim Brackman

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Diane Carney

Salem Lutheran School, Affton

Rev. Richard Cody

St. Peter Lutheran Church, St. Joseph

Craig Ernstmeyer

Messiah Lutheran School, Weldon Spring

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan

Missouri District, St. Louis

Carla Hamilton

Grow in Peace Learning Center, Kansas City

Heather Hemler

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres

Rev. Thomas Lange

Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia

Lisa Larson

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood



Rev. Timothy Morris

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, Columbia

Angela Shirley

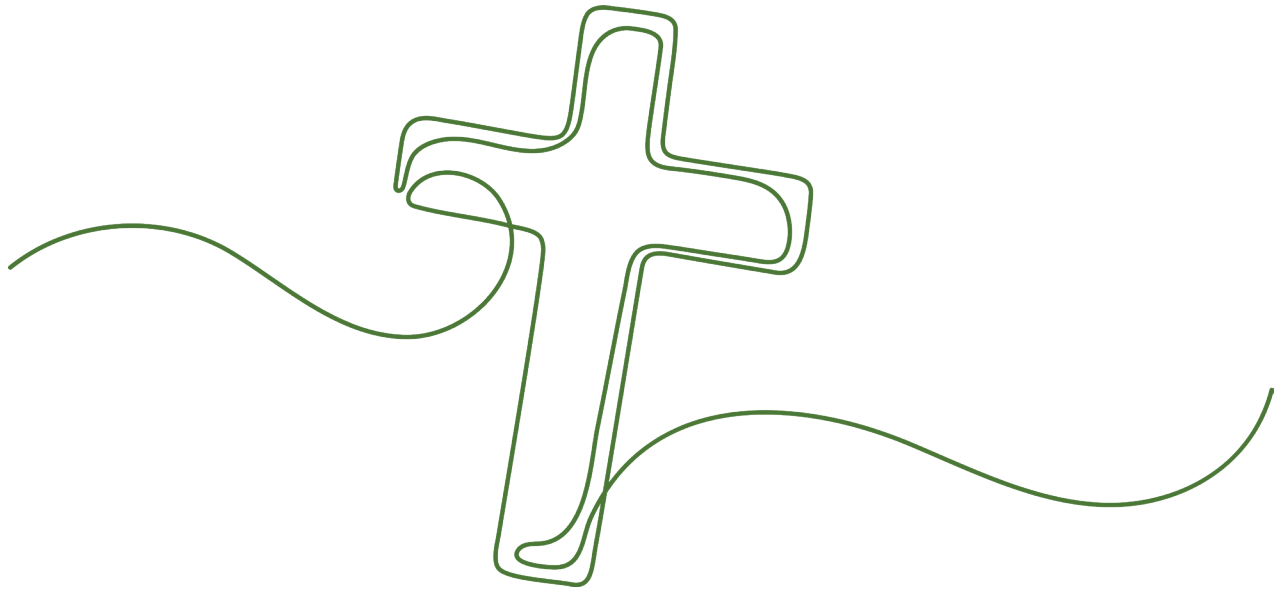
Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Rev. Eric Swyres

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rolla

Amy Woods

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Concordia



Myrna Baneck

Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton

Royce Hartmann

Christ Community Lutheran School, Kirkwood

Rev. Ron Lehenbauer

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark

Kirk Mueller

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis

Rev. Gregg Reiser

St. John's Lutheran Church, Farley



40 Years

Rev. Randall Bell

Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta

Bruce Kletke

Calvary Lutheran School, Kansas City

Rev. Paul Mehl

Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia

Kim Paquette

LASE Specialized Education, St. Louis

Dan Sterling

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Des Peres

45 Years

Jeff Burkee

Salem Lutheran School, Florissant

Rev. Stephen Kamprath

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Hermann

50 Years

Jim Prahlow

Lutheran North Middle and High School, St. Louis



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