



The Beacon Online

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Welcome to the new SELC newsletter, *The Beacon Online*. This will be sent out two to four times each month. Please send your stories, news and activities the SELC District Office at selc.lcms@gmail.com.

Submitting articles, news, and events to *The Beacon Online*

The Beacon Online welcomes you to submit articles, coverage of events in your area/Circuit, event notices, and other news and stories you would like to share, to *The Beacon Online*. Please send your articles and information to the District Office. We encourage you to include pictures when appropriate and please identify who is in the pictures you send. We are looking forward to sharing your submissions with the District!

Congratulations to Pastor James Douthwaite

The congregation of St. Athanasius and family members celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination in Virginia. Pastor Douthwaite graduated from Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN and was ordained on July 9, 1995. Pastor Douthwaite has served at St. Athanasius in Alexandria, Virginia since May 2002.



From left to right: President Wally Vinovskis, daughter Joanna, Pastor Douthwaite, his wife Laurie, and son Rob.



Celebrating with the Douthwaite family!

Green & Gold Days recruitment event set for Nov. 14

College students and men and women considering a second career in ministry are invited to participate in [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#)' virtual [Green & Gold Days](#) event, set for 2–4 p.m. (CST) Saturday, Nov. 14. Green & Gold Days normally are full-day events that provide a quick opportunity for prospective students to visit campus and see all the Seminary offers. While usually these are in-person visits, the November event will be held online because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Green and Gold Days are opportunities for participants to learn more about financial aid, housing and other essential information any incoming student will want to know," said Director of Ministerial Admissions Rev. Bill Wrede. "A highlight, even online, remains a panel discussion with current students about their experiences and

insights. We will pack a lot into our two hours together and will follow up with individual appointments.”

A link to join the event will be provided to registrants before Nov. 14. The event is free, and the registration deadline is Nov. 11. Interested participants can learn more and register at csl.edu/greengold. For more information, contact Enrollment at admit@csl.edu or 800-822-9545.

LERT Trained Volunteers Needed

There is a need for LERT-trained volunteers and LERT teams in Louisiana and in Southern Alabama/FL panhandle to help clean up after the recent hurricane activity. Most of the work is chainsaw operations and support though there are many other volunteer opportunities.

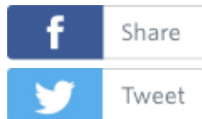
Please contact:

John Ketterer, DCE at (586) 945-3856 for work in the Sulphur, LA area.

Rev. Ed Brashier at (205) 296-3714 for work in Southern Alabama and the Florida panhandle

2021 Convention Packet

The formal Convention packet will be in the mail by October 1, 2020. Please note the deadlines that are included. Please make sure you schedule your Congregational meetings soon as the deadline for registration for pastoral and lay delegates is **November 16, 2020**.



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