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Online Orlando Concert Band January 23, 2021

Concert theme: 'Sonidos Latinos'--Central Florida is home to a rich Latino population. The Orlando Concert Band is presenting "Sonidos Latinos"--Latin Sounds. Sonidos Latinos samples the vibrant, dance-inducing rhythms and melodies from the music of Cuba, Mexico, and Spain. Ignacio Cervantes, Arturo Marquez, and Santiago Lope are just a few composers with works featured on this night of Sonidos Latinos. [Watch online Here!](#)





Setting Your 2021 SELC Budget Goal

And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Christ calls us to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the whole world. One way we do this together is through our partnership with district and Synod missions, supported by the offerings of our congregations.

Your congregation should have received a letter for you to indicate your plans to support district and Synod missions. As your congregations completes its budgeting process, please return this information by mail or email (preferred) by **January 15** to:

Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Stewardship Chair
7100 Morganford Rd, St. Louis, MO 63116
markclarson0341@gmail.com

Note that contributions should be sent directly to the District Financial Secretary:
Larry Schultz, 1566 Bushkill Center Rd, Bath, PA 18014



PPP Loan Forgiveness January 19, 2021

Ann Stillman, Vice President and General Counsel for Concordia Plans, St. Louis, Missouri, will do a presentation on PPP Loan Forgiveness and what you need to know.

This virtual presentation will occur on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 PM. If you are interested please **CLICK HERE** to register for the workshop and to receive your invitation to this online event.

There is no cost for this event.

For further information, please contact Lyle Heggemeier via email at lheggemeier@gmail.com.



Call Report

Danlias Howe, SMP and Matthew Fitzpatrick, SMP have accepted calls to Holy Cross in Lake Mary, Florida. They will be installed on February 7, 2021

Rev. Nycholas Greig declined a call to Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA



SELC Directory Updates

If you have updates to your name, address, etc. please notify the [SELC District Office](#) by email so the Directory can be as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Also, the SELC Directory is available as a PDF or in a printed version. Please email the District Office to request your Directory.



Synod Convention Vote Reminder

Each congregation should have received voting instructions regarding the proposed one year change in the Synod calendar via U. S. mail. Please remember that each congregation must vote by **February 15, 2021**. The envelope will be marked **"CONVENTION REFERENDUM"**. The vote is done electronically.



LCEF Webinar Series Coping with the New Norm

The year is 2021 and not much has changed. When the pandemic hit, many believed it would come and go in the blink of an eye. The reality is quite different—we are now living in a new normal, and even as things change around us, one thing that does not change is Christ and Christ alone. With that in mind, we wanted to invite you to participate in two upcoming webinars in our winter series, "Coping with the New Norm."

These webinars are free of charge and all you have to do is register. Space is limited, so register soon.and your ministry.

Rev. Trevor Sutton and Seth Hinz

Technology + Church - How to Keep Christ at the Center in the Digital Age

As technology continues to evolve and change, churches are realizing that technology will continue to be a part of ministry even when people can be face-to-face. How do you keep Christ at the center even in a digital age? What technology should your church consider for the future? Join Rev. Trevor Sutton and Seth Hinz as they tackle these two questions and many more.

**JANUARY 19, 2021****2:00 PM (CST)**CLICK THE BUTTON
TO REGISTER**SIGN UP**

Darrell Zimmerman

'How ya doin'?' Assessing and Planning Wellness

Many people have gone above and beyond their normal duties as the community adjusts to various mandates in response to COVID-19. In the midst of all these changes, how are you doing? Have you stopped to evaluate? Are you taking care of yourself? Join Darrell Zimmerman of Grace Place Wellness as he addresses how to assess and plan your wellness using Galatians 5 and a handy checklist you can use today.

These webinars will be 45 minutes long and will allow for 15 minutes of questions. These webinars will also be recorded if you are unable to attend.

There is limited space, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

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National Lutheran Schools Week

January 24 - 30, 2021

The theme of this year's National Lutherans School Week is "*Sent to Serve*". The Bible verse for the 2021 week is Matthew 20:28 ESV;

28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Resources can be found at this link - <http://www.luthed.org/national-lutheran-schools-week/> Due to COVID events are not scheduled but you are encouraged to share the daily chapels from the LCMS international center ([LCMS Facebook](#) and [KFUO Radio](#)) even though they will not have choirs or other NLSW-specific events this year.

Especially this year, we know that our schools throughout the country will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week at different times and on different dates. However, we encourage both you and your schools to follow, like and tag the LCMS School Ministry social media accounts and use the "#NLSW21" and "#LuthEd" hashtags for anything related to the 2021 National Lutheran Schools Week celebrations throughout the year!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LCMSschools>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/lcmsschools>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lcms.school.ministry/>

Prospective students invited to two online events in February

Two online visitation events are scheduled for February at **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**; one for high school men, and another for college-age and second-career prospective students planning to study to become pastors and deaconesses. Registration is now open for **Taste of the Sem** for high school men Feb. 13-15 and **Green & Gold Day** for prospective students planning to study to become pastors and deaconesses Feb. 20. The events are typically held in person but have been moved online because of the coronavirus pandemic. Both events are free.

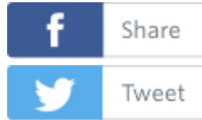
Taste of the Sem provides an opportunity for high school men to spend time studying theology, praying, worshiping, and talking with Seminary students and professors. "Taste of the Sem highlights what it's like for our future seminarians to learn how to serve God's people," said Director of Recruitment Rev. Micah Glenn. "The foundation of this is learning how to become a theologian."

Green & Gold Day offers a two-hour glimpse into what Seminary life is like. "During our time together, our goal is to give each participant essential information coupled with deeper insight into life at the Seminary," said Director of Ministerial Admissions Rev. Bill Wrede. "Along with straightforward information presented, a panel discussion brings to participants a sense of how all of this works from the perspective of current students."

After participants register, a link to join the events will be sent. The registration deadline is Feb. 5 for Taste of the Sem at csl.edu/taste-of-the-sem/.

The registration deadline is Feb. 5 for Green & Gold Day at csl.edu/green-gold-days/.

Additional visitation events scheduled for the 2020-21 academic year include can be found on the Seminary website. For more information, contact Recruitment and Admissions at admit@csl.edu or 800-822-9545. Individual visits also can be scheduled. Learn more at csl.edu/visit.



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