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LCMS Extends Congregational Statistics Report Due Date

The LCMS has extended the deadline to return your congregational statistics. The new deadline is **April 30, 2021**. If you have not submitted your statistics for 2020, you will be receiving a mailing from the Synod that includes your log in credentials.

It is vitally important to the synod to have this information. The synod wants to know how all of the Churches are doing and also have the up-to-date congregational contact information as we move toward the 2023 Convention.

If you do not receive your letter from the Synod, or you are having trouble logging in with the credentials you were sent, please contact Rosters and Statistics at Rosters.Stats@lcms.org or call them at 314-996-1366.



Call Day 2021 set for April 28 Students to receive ministry calls, assignments

Anticipation is building for **Call Day** Wednesday, April 28, when concluding **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** students will receive their first pastoral or diaconal ministry placements, and second-year students will receive their vicarage or internship assignments in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

At 7 p.m. (CDT), candidates for the pastoral and diaconal ministry will receive their first calls to serve as pastors, deaconesses, chaplains and missionaries in the LCMS. Seminary President [Dr. Thomas J. Egger](#) will preach.

Due to capacity restrictions, in-person seating is limited to participating students and their guests, staff and faculty. All others are invited to watch the services at csl.edu/callday. Calls and assignments will be shared on Twitter in real time during both services. Everyone is encouraged to share their celebratory comments and photos with the hashtag [#CallDay2021](#) on social media.

Concordia Seminary will provide a free live stream of Call Day services at csl.edu/live and csl.edu/callday. The Seminary's Help Desk will be staffed to handle support calls at 866-333-2064 and 314-505-7231. A test stream will be available before the event so viewers can test their devices.



St. Luke's presents Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

St. Luke's is hosting an Online Concert on April 30, 2021 at 7pm. This concert is **ONLINE ONLY**. The St. Luke's Concert Series presents the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra! This special concert will feature a Harp, Viola, and Flute trio. Please tune in to the [St. Luke's Concert Series Youtube](#) page to watch and invite your friends and family!

A promotional poster for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. The background is dark with a warm, golden light illuminating a harp and a hand playing it. The text is white and yellow. The top part says "Orlando philharmonic ORCHESTRA" with "ERIC JACOBSEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR" below it. Below that, it says "Featuring: Harp, Viola & Flute Trio" and "ONLINE Only!". The date and time are "FRIDAY APR 30 | 7PM". At the bottom, it says "WATCH LIVE: sllcs.org/concert-series".

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Ruth Lorraine Zipay (nee Kucera)

Ruth Lorraine Zipay (nee Kucera) died peacefully into her Savior's arms on the morning of Monday, April 19, 2021 surrounded by family. Ruth was a lifetime member at St. Lucas in St. Louis, MO.

She received her colloquy and Lutheran Teacher Diploma from Concordia College in River Forest Illinois in 1988. She received a divine call as a Lutheran school teacher to Holy Cross Lutheran School in St. Louis, Missouri, then later to St. John's Lutheran School in Arnold, Missouri.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Zipay and Kucera families and we rejoice in the gift of heaven that she has received and pray that the comfort of the Gospel be with her family and friends. Ruth's funeral was held on April 22, 2021.



Vocatio retreat for high school students set for June 19-24

On-campus visit helps student explore the call to ministry

High school men and women interested in attending [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#) are invited to [Vocatio](#) June 19-24 on campus. This free, weeklong retreat provides prospective students the opportunity to explore God's calling and direction for them as they experience Seminary life.

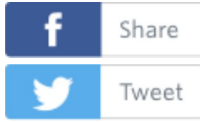
Attendance at this in-person retreat will be limited to ensure appropriate group size, and all health and safety guidelines will be followed to ensure the well-being of all participants.

During this retreat, participants will engage in theological conversation, hear from Seminary professors and attend a virtual Concordia University System college fair. Group sessions will focus on thoughtful conversation about the Lutheran faith, aspects of vocation and the call to pastoral or diaconal ministry. Participants also will walk through the admissions process, learn about the St. Louis area and have some fun and recreation.

"After a difficult year, I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in-person this June. We will pray, study Scripture, build fellowship, experience life as a student at Concordia Seminary, and learn what it means to serve God's people through pastoral and diaconal ministry," said [Rev. Micah Glenn](#), director of Recruitment.

The deadline to register is June 5. Interested participants can learn more and sign up at csl.edu/vocatio.

Vocatio is one of many [visitation events for prospective students held throughout the year](#) that provide a preview of the Seminary's ministerial formation experience. Individual visits also can be scheduled. To learn more, contact the Seminary at 800-822-9545 or admit@csl.edu, or visit csl.edu/admissions.



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