



# The Beacon Online

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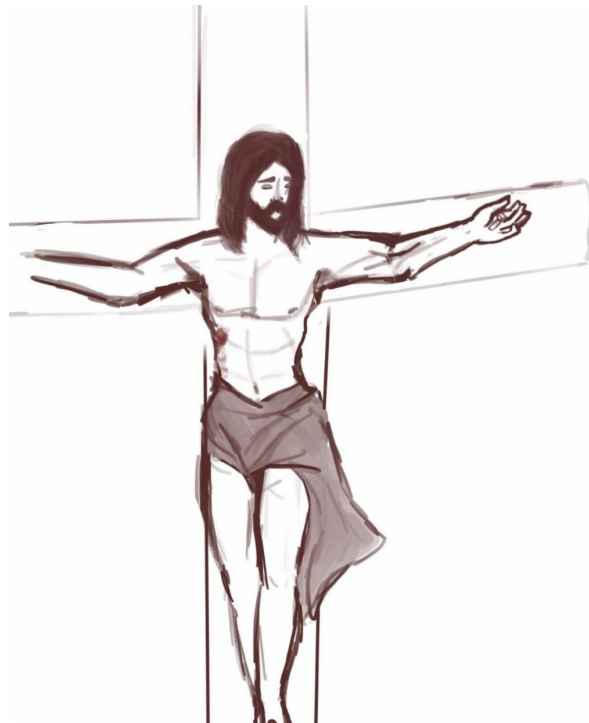
## **Faith Lutheran Church in Wesley Chapel, Florida**

Faith in Wesley Chapel, FL had a very active Lenten season. Below are some pictures of their activities and other things going on at Faith.





The top picture is from the Maundy Thursday service. Their regular worship location wasn't available, so a member offered to hold the service at their home. The bottom photo is from their Easter social media challenge.

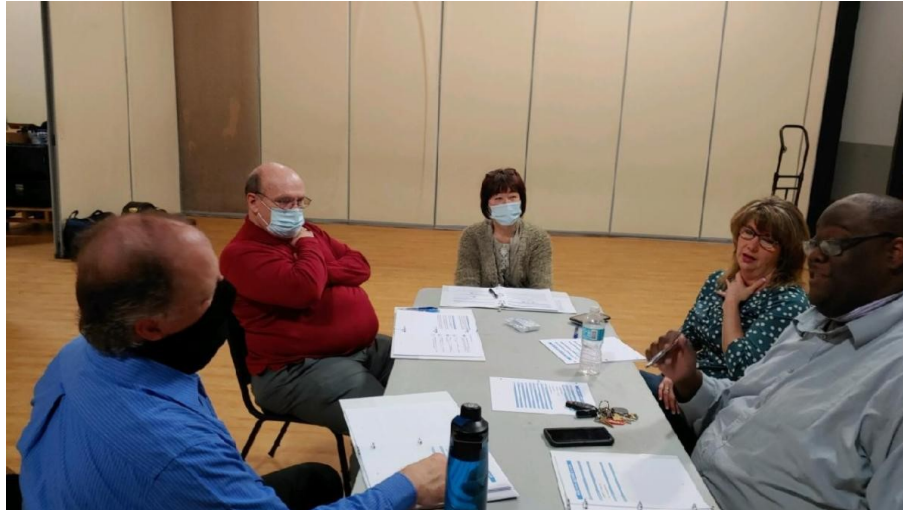




These are two drawings sketched and painted by Ryleigh, a middle school student at Faith. They are amazing! Faith is blessed to have such a talented middle school artist.



The Youth Group visited an Escape Room



This is Faith's most recent Belong class (New Members Class)



## **Installation Rev. David Corson**

*Please join us for the Installation of  
The Reverend David Corson  
as Chaplain serving Laclede Groves*

*Worship will take place at  
Concordia Lutheran Church Maplewood  
7291 Sarah Street St. Louis, MO 63143  
Saturday May 22, 2021 at 11:00 am*

*There will be a light reception immediately following the Service  
Face masks are required*

**Please RSVP**  
via email to [Lisa.Hamby@LSSLiving.org](mailto:Lisa.Hamby@LSSLiving.org)  
or by phone at 314-446-2580



## Basin and Towel Podcast

Rev. Chris Cahill's Ministerial Care podcast "The Basin and Towel" has been on hiatus for the month of April as he recovers from surgery. Meanwhile, because May is "Mental Health Awareness Month" Pastor Cahill suggests and recommends that you consider joining this interactive webcast on May 12, 2021, from 11:30 am to 1 pm EDT. "WiredX / Remedy Live" often partner with the Lutheran Foundation of Fort Wayne for excellent programs about how the church can understand and minister to people with mental health issues. Note: Don't click the words "Register Here" on the image below; instead click this link to register:

<https://www.remedylive.com/northwesternmutualmay122021>

**WIREDx**  
Remedy  
LIVE

Free Interactive Streaming Event  
May 12, 2021 | 11:30am - 1:00pm ET  
powered by Northwestern Mutual

#breakthestigma  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Host: Clinton Faupel  
Guest: Randy Lehman  
Guest: Pam Ruble

Anonymous Polling

Remedy  
LIVE  
INTERACTIVE



## CCM Attorney Vacancy Nomination

There is a vacancy in an **attorney position** on the Commission on Constitutional Matters Committee for the Council of Presidents. The position is to fill a term from 2016 - 2023. Since this term is less than half of a full term, the appointee would be able to serve two subsequent, full six-year terms if successively reappointed.

The Commission on Constitutional Matters exists to interpret the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the governing instruments of

the Synod and its agencies are in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod. The responsibilities of the Commission need to have an attorney who has knowledge of church governance, logic, and language, as well as familiarity with the policy and structure of the synod, as well as the personal qualities necessary to contribute in a deliberative body. There is a significant time commitment that needs to be available. The Commission meets on a quarterly basis that requires intense preparation.

Nominations are by **District President only**. If you have a suggestion for District President Vinovskis, please notify the SELC District Office by July 1, 2021 so that the submission deadline can be met. The email address and the mailing address are available at the end of this issue.



## **A Personal Message from Pastor Chris Cahill**

"Thank you all for your continuing prayers for me and my wife during April. I had surgery to repair a perforated diverticulitis on Good Friday, stayed in the hospital over the weekend, and have been recuperating under the watchful eyes of my wife Bev and members of our congregation. Christ the King folks stepped up to keep everything on track, and we were all back on track by May 2. I still have some follow up appointments, but I'm feeling well and know that the Lord has been good to me and my wife in so many ways this month. God bless us everyone!"



## **LCMS Council of Presidents Extends Congregational Statistics Report Due Date to May 31, 2021**

The LCMS has extended the deadline to return your congregational statistics. The new deadline is **May 31, 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](mailto:Rosters.Stats@lcms.org) or call them at 314-996-1366.

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## **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.

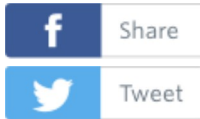
During this retreat, participants will engage in theological conversation, hear from Seminary professors and attend a virtual Concordia University System college fair. Group sessions will focus on thoughtful conversation about the Lutheran faith, aspects of vocation and the call to pastoral or diaconal 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](http://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](mailto:admit@csl.edu), or visit [csl.edu/admissions](http://csl.edu/admissions).



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