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The SELC District Convention is being held from May 12 - 15, 2022 in St. Louis at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church. Watch for more information in future issues of the Beacon Online.



A New Basin and Towel Podcast

Here's the latest episode on SELC District Ministerial Care Coordinator Chris Cahill's "The Basin and Towel" podcast, titled "Soul Care: From One Weary Leader to Another": <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1387516/8888574>

You can also find this episode and more at the Basin and Towel website (www.basinandtowel.org), and at <https://thebasinandtowel.buzzsprout.com>

You can follow SELC District Ministerial Care Coordinator Chris Cahill's podcast "The Basin and Towel" on your favorite podcast service like PocketCasts, or on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, and Amazon Music.



Successful E-Cycling Event!

On Saturday, July 10, St. Lucas sponsored an electronics recycling community service event, sponsored by Thrivent. There were people waiting for it to open at 10 a.m. and people came in until it ended at noon. There were approximately 55 cars bringing their used electrical "stuff" which filled 8 pallets for a total weight of 6,213 pounds, which will NOT be going into a landfill! Almost everyone who came was so happy that we sponsored this event and were very appreciative.

A big thank you to those who gave up a Saturday morning to help! Pastor Larson, Phil & Carol Miksad, Stan Shurmantine, Jane Townsend (who had the idea in the first place), Dennis Lee, Art Matia, and Steve Kulifay. Thanks to Laurie Riley, who will put photos of the event on our Facebook page and Kathy Christopher for advertising the event.





Student financial Aid Applications due **August 1, 2021**

The application for student financial aid can be found on our District website at www.selc.lcms.org The applications are due *August 1, 2021*. Applications can be mailed to the Student Aid Chair, Pastor John Telloni at the address below. You can also email Pastor Telloni your application to jlt3750@aol.com

**Student Aid Committee
LCMS - SELC District
Rev. John L. Telloni
1900 Wales Road N. E.
Massillon, Ohio 44646**



Request for Church Constitution and Bylaws due **August 2, 2021**

The SELC District Board meet in late June. At that meeting, the request was made to get a copy of each Church's current constitution and bylaws. They can be emailed to the District office using the selc.lcms@gmail.com email address or to Patti at pgsmith@ptd.net You may also mail them to the District Office at the address below. Please send them to the District Office by **August 2, 2021**. Thank you!

**SELC District Office
2623 Brookside Road
Macungie, PA 18062**



Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) unveils new website

Dear LCMS LERT members and friends,

Follow the link below to read the article about our new LERT volunteer system. We know that this will greatly benefit our efforts to serve our neighbors with the love of Christ during times of disaster and during more ordinary days.

Click the link to read the article: [LCMS Reporter - LCMS LERT article](#)

If you are a trained LERT member, go to www.lcms-lert.org and login/signup to your account. You can see all the Training and Deployment information for your District. (Don't forget to "Fan" you District so you get all the latest LERT news.) The peace of the Lord be with you!

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Pre-retirement webinars: readiness to retirement income

Make your retirement plan a reality

Retirement without a plan is just a wish – but you can make the retirement you’ve always pictured a reality!

CPS Financial Educators want to help you plan for your retirement. From your Concordia Plans benefits to general planning tips, they will provide you with information you need to build your personal retirement plan and make it everything you’ve pictured.

The Pre-retirement webinars will be held on July 29 with **Session One** at 10 a.m., and **Session Two** at 1 p.m. CT. Each part is approximately 90 minutes long, which includes time for questions. Can’t make a live session? Register for the webinars and we’ll send you a link to the recorded session.



Third CSL/CUW online course set to begin Sept. 14

Course explores leadership styles

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis is again partnering with **Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon (CUW)** for a third online continuing education course for ordained pastors, commissioned church workers and lay leaders.

The course, “Four Leadership Approaches Every Leader Should Know and Use,” will run Sept. 14 through Oct. 26. The course will be taught by **Dr. Benjamin Haupt**, associate provost and associate professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary; **Dr. Luke Schnake**, pastor emeritus of **Christ Lincoln Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb.**; and **Dr. Ryan Peterson**, vice president of administration at **Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich.**

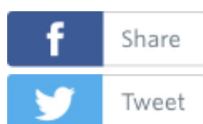
“If you are in a leadership role of any kind, this continuing education opportunity is for you,” said Erika Bennett, director of Continuing Education at Concordia Seminary. “This course will give participants a broader view of all they are asked to do in their leadership roles and provide them with new tools for their various calls to service.”

The course will include a leadership assessment and cover topics on leading through the frame of human resources, symbolism, structure and politics. The course will conclude with ways to reframe a person's leadership style.

The course is fully online and features six modules over six weeks, with video lectures, optional readings, recommended assignments and peer discussion activities to enhance the learning experience. Each class will begin with a live Zoom discussion between the presenters and students. Each session will be recorded so students can view it later if they are unable to attend.

The course costs \$99, which includes six Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits per course for pastors. Registration closes Sept. 10, 2021. To register, complete **CUW's online application**.

For more information, contact Concordia Seminary's Continuing Education department at **ce@csf.edu** or 314-505-7286, or contact CUW's Continuing and Distance Education department at **continuing.education@cuw.edu** or 262-243-2027.



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