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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.



Rev. Ryan Schnake installed at Concordia Ev. Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA

Rev. Ryan Schnake was installed as the Associate Pastor at Concordia Ev. Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA. Fourteen Pastors participated in the installation service which was led by District President Waldemar Vinovskis.





Back row left to right – Pastors Douthwaite, Haentfling, Grewe, Dzurovcik, Hoffmeister, Wiedemann, Scamman
Middle row – Pastors Yergey, Reichel, Mueller, Schnake, Vinovskis
Front Row – Pastors DeMara, Seifferlein, and Malec



The SELC Shop is open!

The new SELC Shop is open! You can buy SELC merchandise on our website at this link - [SELC Shop](#) Currently, there are men's and women's short-sleeved polo shirts in white, blue, and black, long-sleeved oxford shirts in light and dark blue, face masks, and drink-ware available on the website. If you have suggestions for other items, please contact the District Office at selc.lcms@gmail.com





Divine Calls

Rev. Zachary Zehnder has accepted a call to King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska

Esther Dunlop, Clare Griffin, and Sara Pfenning have accepted calls to teach at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School in Oveido, FL.



Call to Glory

Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Jones
+July 29, 2021+

The SELC District mourns the passing of Rev Dr. Ronald W. Jones. Ron was the husband of Katherine Jones (née Suelflow), and father to Matthew and Stephen.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Pastor Jones did his undergraduate studies at Concordia College, Austin, Texas and graduated from Concordia Senior College in 1966. He received his M.Div from Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri in 1970 and his STM in 1978. Additionally, he completed an MA at Washington University in St. Louis and his Doctorate of Education at Texas Tech University.

Rev. Jones combined his ministry in the church serving in colleges, schools and RSOs along with service in the parish spanning over 45 years of active ministry to our Lord and his Church. He served at Concordia College, Bronxville, New York (twice), Concordia College, Austin, Texas, Concordia College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and The Dakota Boys Ranch Foundation, along with service in congregations including: Hope Lutheran, High Ridge, Missouri, Trinity Lutheran, Bronx, New York, University Lutheran, Lubbock, Texas. He finished the last 18 years of his ministry in the SELC District as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Raritan, New Jersey from 2002-2015, and remained active among the brotherhood of pastors in the Eastern Circuit of the SELC during his years of retirement. Ron celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination in 2020.

We give thanks to God for this faithful pastor, gracious scholar and patient servant of God's people. We will miss his thoughtful theological insights and his dry wit and humor. His quiet spirit and his long-suffering patience serve as an example to us all. Our hope is in Jesus and in the promise of Ron's baptism into Christ.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." – 1 Thess. 4:14



Alumni Reunion set for Oct. 14-15

Special welcome extended to jubilarian class of 1971

The annual **Alumni Reunion** for graduates of **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** will be held Oct. 14-15, 2021, on campus. This year's reunion extends a special welcome to members of the jubilarian class of 1971 and graduates, spouses and widows of class years ending in "1" or "6."

The reunion provides an opportunity for alumni and spouses to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate. It also offers time for alumni to reacquaint themselves with the beautiful Concordia Seminary campus and the global ministry taking place at their alma mater.

"It is always a great day on the campus of Concordia Seminary when our alumni are 'in the house!'" said Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement and Chief Communications Officer Vicki Biggs. "We look forward to being together with our alumni in fellowship and to the connections and friendships that will be strengthened as we gather for worship, learning, dining together and simply catching up!"

Highlights for this year's reunion include:

- Recognition of the jubilarian class and all alumni in chapel
- Special plenary delivered by new Seminary President **Dr. Thomas J. Egger**
- Informative session presented by **Dr. Mark Schuler** ('81, '88, 91'), professor of theology, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., featuring highlights of his archaeological research in the Holy Land
- Ample time for class gatherings over the course of the two-day event
- Closing banquet featuring a performance by **Laudamus**, the Seminary's select choir of seminarians

Registration is \$125 per person for two days or \$70 per person for one day. Registration may be made **online** or by mail addressed to Alumni Relations at the Seminary. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Sept. 22.

A limited number of rooms for lodging are available at the nearby **Cheshire-Saint Louis** with a special group rate of \$117/per night, available through Monday, Sept. 13. Reservations may be made online at **travelclick.com** or by calling 314-647-7300. Be sure and refer to the Concordia Alumni Block.

Alumni interested in connecting with their classmates through individual class gatherings may contact Alumni Relations for assistance with arrangements. For more information, call 314-505-7626 or write to **alumni@csl.edu**.



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
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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!

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Ohio District Conference

The Ohio District is planning a fall conference, October 11-13, 2021 in the Columbus Ohio area and would like to extend an invitation to the SELC pastors in the area. Details and registration information can be found on the [Fall Conference page](#) of our website.

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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.**

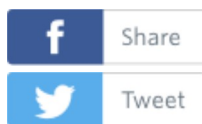
"If you are in a leadership role of any kind, this continuing education opportunity is for you," said Erika Bennett, director of Continuing Education at Concordia Seminary. "This course will give participants a broader view of all they are asked to do in their leadership roles and provide them with new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