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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.



## **Let's Celebrate**

**Today in 1902** the organizational meeting of the [Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church](#) was held at Connellsville, Pennsylvania (through September 4).



## Installation of Rev. Landon Ledlow

Rev. Landon Ledlow was installed as Senior Pastor at Family Of Christ Lutheran Church in Tampa, Florida on August 29, 2021. President Waldemar Vinovskis installed Pastor Ledlow who joins Pastor Dave Haara Founding Pastor of Family of Christ. Several local Pastors participated in the installation service. We welcome Pastor Ledlow and his family to the SELC!



Left to right: Pastors Haara, Ledlow, and Vinovskis





Pastor Landon Ledlow and his wife Rebecca, daughters Noa and Eve (left to right)



Back row: Rev. Kurt Steinbrueck, Rev. Danlias Howe, Rev. Daniel Prugh, and Rev. Mark Adrian  
Middle row: Rev. James Guelzow, Rev. Landon Ledlow, Rev. David Haara, and Rev. Justin Pahl  
Front row: Rev. Gil Kuehn President Vinovskis, Rev. Paul Hoyer, Rev. Ben Hoyer, and Rev. Adam Barcott



## A Mayo Clinic Moment

In light of the resurgence of the COVID virus and its variants, this link is from the Mayo Clinic. It is worth the read. This pandemic is not over yet. Precautions are still highly recommended.

<https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/8-11-ready-to-schedule-mayo-clinic-qa-podcast-its-like-a-code-red-hospital-alert/>



## Basin and Towel Podcast



**September is Suicide Prevention month**, so in the latest episode of his Basin and Towel podcast at <https://thebasinandtowel.buzzsprout.com/1387516/9005965> our SELC District Ministerial Care Coordinator Pastor Chris Cahill has reviewed and suggested some good resources that may be helpful if you consider addressing this issue from the pulpit, in Bible class, or in your newsletter. Here are live links to those resources:

- [LookUpIndiana.org](http://LookUpIndiana.org)
- [\*\*"Suicide Prevention Competencies for Faith Leaders: Supporting Life Before, During, and After a Suicidal Crisis"\*\*](#)
- [\*\*"5 Ways Churches Protect Against Suicide"\*\*](#) with Dr. Karen Mason
- [\*\*"Suicide Prevention Communication Aids: Flyers, Bulletin Inserts, Posters, and Other Graphical Art"\*\*](#)
- Karen Mason's book "Preventing Suicide: A Handbook for Pastors, Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors" is available on Amazon [HERE>>](#)
- Karen Mason and Scott Gibson's book "Preaching Hope in Darkness: Help for Pastors in Addressing Suicide from the Pulpit" is available on Amazon [HERE>>](#)
- You can find out more information on the FREE online **Clinician's Suicide Prevention Summit** on September 9-10, and a registration link, [HERE>>](#)

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Here are more mental health resources and links for events coming soon:

- DOXOLOGY (The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel) in partnership with the LCMS Office of National Mission is offering a series of **"Take Heart Respite Retreats"** FREE to all LCMS pastors. Coming retreats

that may be easily accessible to some SELC pastors include Bolivar PA (Sept 20-22), Plymouth IN (Sept 27-29), and Columbia IL (Oct 5-7)

- The **Church Mental Health Summit** - September 10 - is a one-day virtual event equipping the church to support mental health in their communities, featuring industry leaders, pastors and clinicians from around the globe.
- **"Living Works Faith: Empowering Faith Leaders to Save Lives from Suicide"** free webinar from the Lutheran Foundation of Fort Wayne, September 30, Noon-1 pm
- **"Marriage and Mental Health Leadership Summit"** virtual event on October 2, 2021 Noon-3 pm EDT. "Early-bird" registration discounts and book bundles available.



## **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Installations**

On August 27, 2021 Dr. Thomas J. Egger was installed as the 11th President of Concordia Seminary. Additionally, new faculty members were installed during the service, as well as one new staff member, and four current professors will be installed into new positions. Dr. Joel Elowsky was installed as Dean of Advanced Studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In addition to this new position, Dr. Elowsky is a professor of Historical Theology, coordinator of International Seminary Exchange Programs, and Director of the Seminary's Center for the Study of Early Christian Texts.

Deaconess Rebekah Lukas was installed as a Communications Specialist at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Rebekah did her Deaconess Internship at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School in Oviedo, Florida.

District President Vinovskis attended the installation service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



District President Vinovskis with Dr. Joel Elowsky



Concordia St. Louis President Dr. Thomas Egger and SELC President Vinovskis



Rebekah Lukas and President Vinovskis



From left to right: Hayden, Rebekah, and Oswald Lukas and President Vinovskis

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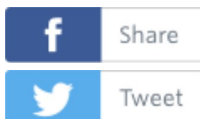
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