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2022 SELC District Convention Registration is open

We are pleased to announce that registration is open for the SELC District Convention that is being held from May 12 - 15, 2022 at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. **Please share this information with your delegates.**

The Opening Worship Service begins at 7 PM on Thursday, May 12, 2022. We are honored to have the LCMS Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, at the Opening Worship Service. The Convention ends by noon following the 9 am worship service and brunch on Sunday.

The Convention brochure and registration forms are located on the SELC District website. The overnight rooms are located at the River City Casino and Hotel in St. Louis. You must book your room no later than April 25, 2022 to be included in the room block.

Convention registration is online and can be completed on the SELC District website at this link - **www.selc.lcms.org/convention**

You can reserve your overnight room at this link - **River City Reservation Website** and refer to the promo code **SELD22A**.

The Convention Workbook will be posted online no later than April 1, 2022. There will be a link that you can click on to download the Workbook.

If you have any questions, please either call the SELC District Office at 610-966-3265 or email us at **selc.lcms@gmail.com**

A Way to Say Thank You to St. Lucas
for Hosting the 2022 SELC District Convention

Feed My People

The SELC District would like to support St. Lucas by helping with a local food bank in St. Louis called ***Feed My People***. They touch the lives of 1200 people in their area. The SELC District would like to thank St. Lucas for being the host of the 2022 District Convention by helping them stock their shelves. We are asking you to bring personal care items with you to the Convention or stop and purchase some to bring with you when you arrive in St. Louis. If you cannot bring items to the food and would like to donate, they would appreciate monetary donations to help purchase these items for their food bank.

Year End Congregational Statistics
Deadline for Submission Extended

The LCMS Department of Rosters and Statistics sent out their annual request for the 2021 Congregational statistics. These statistics are to be filed by **March 31st.**
If you do not have your congregation's login information, please contact **rosters.stats@lcms.org** or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.

Holy Land Familiarization Trip
January 2023

The 2023 tour to Israel has now been opened to all called "Ministers of Religion!" This will allow many more called workers and spouses to come to Israel at a deeply discounted rate, less than half the cost of most Israel trips. Join SELC District President Wally Vinovskis, Indiana District Vice President TJ Mattick, and English/SELC District Vice President Dan Lepley to learn about Lower Galilee and this tour opportunity at one of the ZOOM meetings.

The monthly Bible Study sessions are held once a month at two different times. The March sessions are listed below.

- March 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time
  - Link - **https://lcef.zoom.us/j/86918272687**

- March 15, 2022 at 9:00 PM Eastern Time
  - Link - **https://lcef.zoom.us/j/82169088112**

To view more about this amazing trip, please go to this website for more information

http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/fh23010423l52755#.YaaF51XMLX4

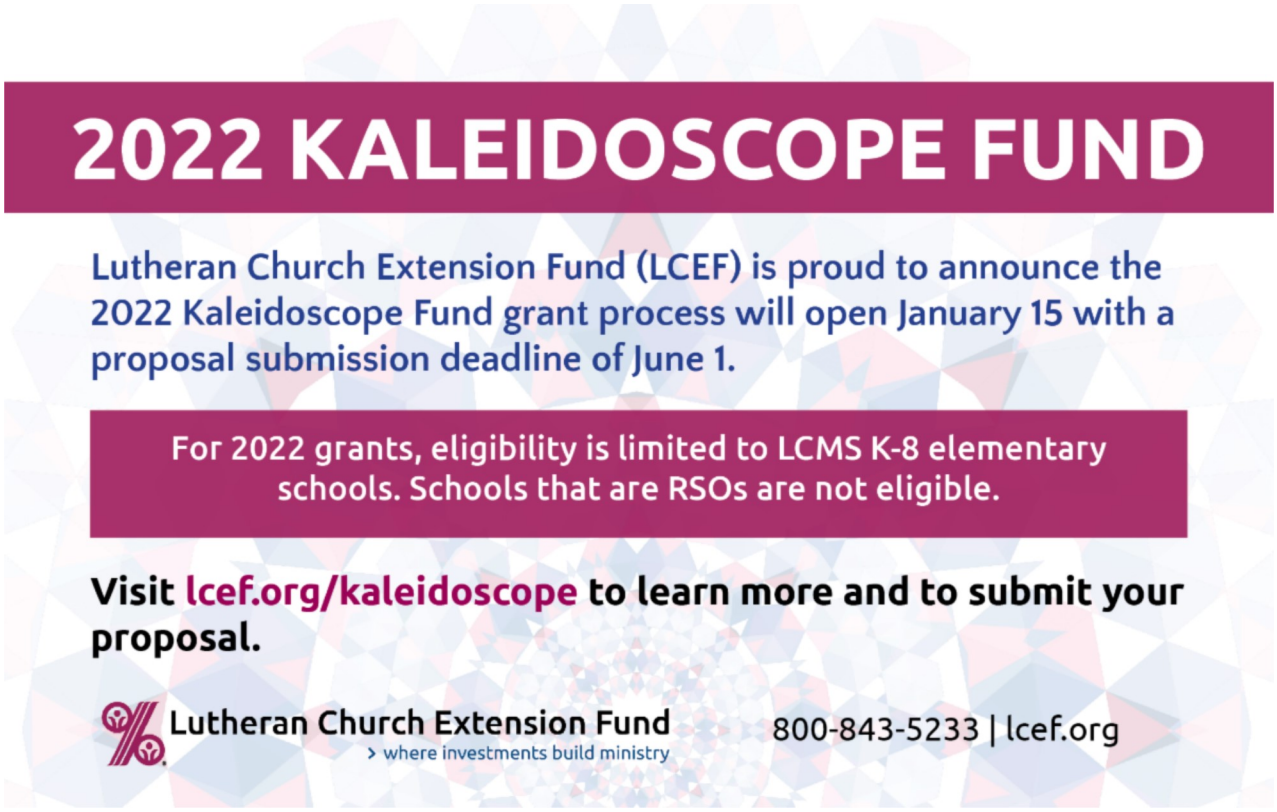
National Youth Gathering
July 9–13, 2022, in Houston, Texas

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, Texas and the SELC will be there. If you would like to know more please check out **www.lcmsgathering.com**. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Gathering please contact Deacon Jim Hurst at **deacon@calvaryparma.org**.

Asleep in Jesus
Donald Eicholtz

Don Eicholtz was born on June 9, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan and was baptized as a baby at Zion Lutheran Church. After going to public grade school for several years, he attended Atonement Lutheran School in 8th grade where his teacher encouraged him to become a Lutheran school teacher. Don went to Detroit Lutheran High School and then attended Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois where he met another student Betty Kosfeld from St. Louis, whom the Lord had chosen for him to be his wife on July 7, 1956. They were blessed through the years with three children: Debbie, Mark, and Tim. Later in 1960 Don obtained his Master's degree in Curriculum and Educational Supervision from Kansas State University while teaching in Alma, Kansas. During 42 years, Don served as principal and teacher at various Lutheran schools. He retired from his ministry at St. Luke's Lutheran School, Oviedo, Florida in 1996. Don is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Betty Eicholtz; their daughter Debbie, sons Mark (Anna), and Tim (Saxonie); 5 grandchildren and their spouses and 4 great grandchildren.

A memorial service is being held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, Florida.



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