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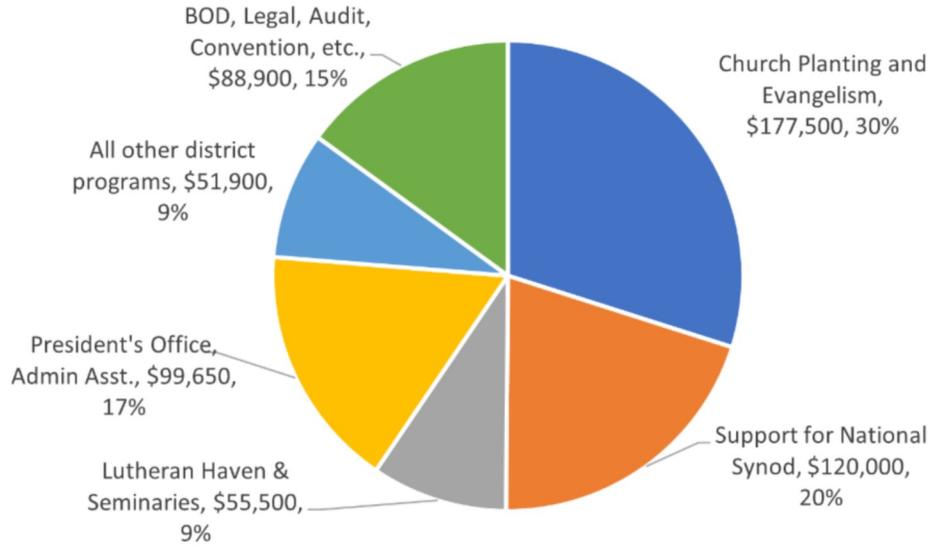
Again this year, we are asking congregations to partner with the district to financially support our ministry together for the expansion of the Kingdom of God. Letters were mailed last week to each congregation requesting your response for 2023.

How are our offerings to the district invested?

The SELC is unique among LCMS districts. Its non-geographical nature allows it to do ministry in any part of the country. Its lean structure—no office building or full-time staff—means that dollars invested by congregations directly support more Gospel proclamation through our mission and ministry. Sixty percent (60%) of the district's budget supports work beyond our current congregations (church planting and evangelism, support for national Synod, Lutheran Haven, and seminaries). The balance provides care, supports SELC congregations in their ministries, and sustains the district.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Mission Advancement Director at markclarson0341@gmail.com.

SELCDISTRICT EXPENDITURES



Three Generations represented at Zion Confirmation Service

On October 23rd, Zion Lutheran Church in Clark, New Jersey had a special confirmation service that included multiple generations of the confirmands' families. Two grandfathers confirmed their grandsons! Not only that, Benjamin's father was his Confirmation teacher and Patrick's mother is the head of Christian Education at Zion.



From left to right: The Brand Family - Pastor Donald Brand, Son Timothy Brand, Grandson Benjamin Brand and The Dzurovcik Family - Grandson Patrick McDevitt, Daughter Faith Dzurovcik and Pastor Andrew Dzurovcik



Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary

The Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul in Toronto, Canada will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary on October 30, 2022. The service will be held at 11 am followed by a lunch in their banquet hall. Rev. Ladislav Kozak will lead this service and Bishop Ivan Elko will visit St. Paul Lutheran Church in Toronto for the Reformation and St Paul's 80th Anniversary.

The St. Luke's Concert Series

Presents

The UCF Symphony Orchestra

Friday, November 18th, at 7:00 PM

"Apotheosis of the Dance"

under the direction of Rebecca Burkhardt
This concert is free and open to the public.

WATCH ONLINE

[Click Here for Season Preview](#)





Rev. Gordon Naumann to be installed on November 5th at St. John's Lutheran Church

Rev. Gordon Naumann will be installed at St. John's in Hazleton, PA on November 5th at 10 am. We welcome Rev. Naumann to the SELC District and pray for God's blessings on him, his family, and the congregation of St. John's.



Vicarage Applications are due to the SELC District Office by February 1, 2023

Vicarage applications are due to the SELC District Office by **February 1, 2023**. This is to ensure that your applications are submitted to the Synod before the deadline. We are accepting applications. The earlier your applications are submitted is appreciated! You can contact the District Office for directions on how to access the required documents.

Vicarages are assigned in late April or early May and the vicarages normally start in mid-July. Please contact the District Office with any questions.



Hurricane Ian Relief

Thank you to all the congregations and members who have helped those impacted by Hurricane Ian. There is still a lot of work to do in the Fort Myers FL area, so please consider any or all of the following:

- Pray for those impacted that the Lord blesses their recovery. [**This album has pictures from St. Luke's Oviedo and the Fort Myers area.**](#)
- [**Buy supplies from this Amazon list.**](#) Choose the Zion Lutheran address and they will ship directly there. If you are a Thrivent member, you can [**apply for an Action Grant**](#) and use your \$250 to buy these supplies! (Use Promo code: SouthHurricane2022). These items are in especially low supply right now: Diapers - sizes 4, 5 and 6, shampoo (both normal and travel size), deodorant (both normal and travel size).
- Sign up at [**lcms-lert.org**](http://lcms-lert.org) and volunteer to go to Zion Lutheran, Fort Myers and help! There is onsite LERT training so all are welcome!



**'Last Call' for Nominations for the 68th Regular Convention
of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Nominations due October 29, 2022**

The 2023 Committee for Convention Nominations has now been fully constituted by district conventions, but the committee continues to need nominations for the 69

influential officer, board, and commission positions to be elected by the 2023 Synod convention. [Details can be found here](#). Nominations may yet be submitted by:

- Agencies and officers of the Synod
- Congregational and individual members of the Synod
- Laypersons of the congregations of the Synod

With 69 offices to be filled by the convention and less than three months of the nominating period to go, the Secretary's office is in receipt of nominations (including incumbents) for only 72 ordained and 22 commissioned ministers and 49 laypersons — not all of whom will let their names stand. (Last convention, for comparison, the committee had 163 ordained, 45 commissioned, and 139 lay names to consider.) Please, therefore, consider where the needs of the offices to be filled match the giftedness of those LCMS congregation members and ordained and commissioned ministers that you know, and submit their names for consideration.

Nominations must be received by **Oct. 29, 2022**, but are desired as soon as possible, given that each nomination then must be augmented with the responses of nominees and evaluators.

The nomination process is open to every member of every Synod congregation. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather up the great diversity of human gifts in our pews to see how they may be put to the common good in Synod offices, boards, and commissions. Congregations are urged to make their membership aware of the website above and to encourage their members to take up this task, together or individually, with zeal.

The nomination form is available for download at [lcms.org/convention/2023-nomination-form](https://www.lcms.org/convention/2023-nomination-form). It can be downloaded, filled out electronically, and then emailed to the Office of the Secretary at ccn@lcms.org. Electronic submission, according to the accompanying instructions, will expedite processing. With your affirmation and contact information on the form, including your return email address, there is no longer a need to send a hard copy by U.S. mail.

Information on the distinct, and newly electronic, nomination process for Synod president, first vice-president, and regional vice-presidents will be mailed to nominating member congregations beginning in October 2022.

[**View Nomination Form**](#)

Student Art Contest

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Create an art piece that shows what "Only Jesus—No Other Name" means to you!

Terms and Conditions

The winners of the contest will be notified by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Artwork is subject to being displayed at the 2023 synodical convention and/or the LCMS International Center and/or LCEF headquarters.

Shipping of artwork is the responsibility of the participant. LCEF is not responsible for loss or damage during mailing. You also will not receive your art piece back. LCEF reserves the right to keep and distribute artwork as necessary for display.

If the contestant misrepresents any information, LCEF reserves the right to revoke the submission.

TYPES OF ENTRIES:

- drawings, paintings, collages, graphic designs, posters, banners, sculptures, pottery, leather crafts, metal art, beads, baskets, etc.

SUBMISSION LEVELS:

- Kindergarten–5th Grade: \$50 LCEF gift card
- 6th–12th Grade: \$100 LCEF gift card
- College: \$200 LCEF gift card

All submissions must be postmarked by **December 1, 2022**. For more information, visit lcef.org/art-contest.



"It's Greek To Me!"

(A Fun Course on Basics of **New Testament** Greek for Lay People!)

7 pm Fridays, November 11 to December 16, 2022

(Unless determined otherwise, at the home of Lois and Ken Ballas, 12965 W. Linden Ln., Parma, OH, 44130 or KenLoB4455@aol.com)



Based on John 3:16, these six sessions, while *not* designed to teach you how to order a meal in an Athenian restaurant, *will* introduce you to keys/ tools that unlock deeper understanding of the written Word of God. Intended for families or individuals of all ages, kindly sign up locally or indicate your possible interest by mail or by phone at (440) 886-6462 (if residing outside NE Ohio, we promise to find a way to learn with you also!).



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