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Advent Evening Prayer service set for Nov. 29

Concert Series continues with "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

The **Concordia Seminary Concert Series** continues with **"Wake Awake, for Night Is Flying: A Service of Evening Prayer for Advent,"** slated for 7 p.m. CT Tuesday, Nov. 29. The service will be held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the campus of **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.**

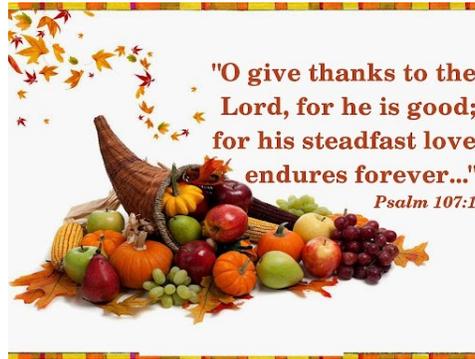
The service is free and open to the public. All are invited to join in-person or via live stream at csl.edu/live.

The Nov. 29 service will feature Laudamus, the premier choir at Concordia Seminary, and the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale. The event will include a beautiful selection of hymns, psalms, readings, choral selections and prayers.

"The season of Advent is such a beautiful time of year as we look forward to the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," said Dean of Chapel **Dr. Jon Vieker**, officiant for the service. "Our choirs and musicians have prepared a wonderful service of devotional music and Scripture to prepare our hearts for Christmas."

For more details and a complete series schedule, visit **Concordia Seminary Concert Series.**





"THE BEST WAY TO LIVE: MEDITATIONS FOR A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE"

by Pastor John Telloni
St. John, Massillon, Ohio

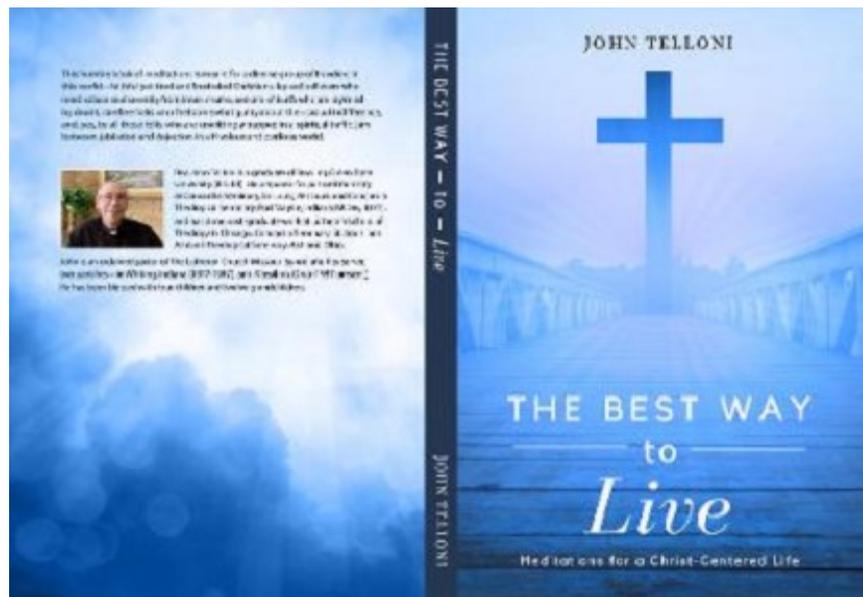
"This humble book of meditations is meant for a diverse group of travelers in this world – faithful yet tired and frustrated Christians, lapsed believers who need solace and serenity from inner shame, seekers of truth who are stymied by doubt, carefree folks who feel somewhat guilty about their casual indifference – and yes, by all those folks who are unwittingly trapped in a spiritual traffic jam between jubilation and dejection within a frivolous and perilous world." — Excerpt from Pastor Telloni's Preface

Looking for an appropriate gift for a loved one or friend this Christmas? Or desiring to be strengthened in your own spiritual life? *"The Best Way to Live: Meditations for a Christ-Centered Life"* is just what you need and desire.

[This book will be available soon!](#)
[More information to come!](#)

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An informal inter-generational Bible study

"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 how to order a meal in an Athenian restaurant, will introduce you to keys/tools that will unlock deeper understanding of the written Word of God. Intended for families or individuals of all ages, kindly sign up locally or indicate possible interest by mail or by phoning us at 440 886-6462. If you are outside NE Ohio, we promise to find a way to work with you also!



Paying Respect to Carolyn Cahill's family

Several daughters of SELC District Pastors attended the visitation on November 17th to support the family of Carolyn Cahill, mother to Pastor Chris Cahill.

Below from left to right are:

Deb Bajus Pelger (Rev. Luther and Ann Bajus, Norridge IL)
Katy Cahill Gill (Rev. Chris and Bev Cahill, Lodi OH)
Debi Hayas Albrecht (Rev. Don and Joan Hayas)
Lois Marcis (Rev. Albert and Sylvia Marcis)





Divine Call

Rev. Joel Dieterichs has accepted a call to Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot, PA. Pastor Dieterichs will preach, teach, and provide pastoral care as one of the Associate Chaplains at Concordia Lutheran Ministries. We pray for Pastor Dieterichs and his family as they begin this new call.



Digital ministry is focus of new online CSL, CUWAA partner course

Six-week course helps pastors, lay leaders navigate digital world

With an ever-increasing number of churches embracing hybrid services, video conferencing and other digital means, it's important for pastors and ministry leaders to think through the benefits and limitations of online ministry. That topic will be explored in a new six-week online continuing education course, "**Making Sense of Ministry in a Digital World**," offered in partnership by **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** with **Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor (CUWAA)**.

Sessions begin Jan. 17 and will be taught by Jamie Crustals, curriculum design and development specialist at Concordia Seminary; Thomas Davila, adjunct professor for CUWAA and instructional designer with Sargento; and Rev. Trevor Sutton, senior pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Haslett, Mich., and Ph.D. candidate at Concordia Seminary.

"We are excited to offer our fourth course in partnership with Concordia University Wisconsin," said Erika Bennett, director of Continuing Education at Concordia Seminary. "This course was created based on feedback from our past students and is very timely in this post-pandemic environment."

Six live sessions will be taught Tuesdays through Feb. 21 via Zoom:

- Digital world versus the analog world
- Evangelism and engagement
- Teaching and Bible study
- Pastoral care and relationships
- Worship and proclamation
- Community and congregation

The fee for the course is \$99, which includes one Continuing Education Unit (CEU). **Register** by Jan. 10, 2023. For more information, contact Concordia Seminary's Continuing Education department at ce@csl.edu or 314-505-7286.



Vicarage Applications and Call documents for Seminary Graduates 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.

If you are interested in calling a Seminary Graduate, please contact Patti Smith at the District Office for more information.

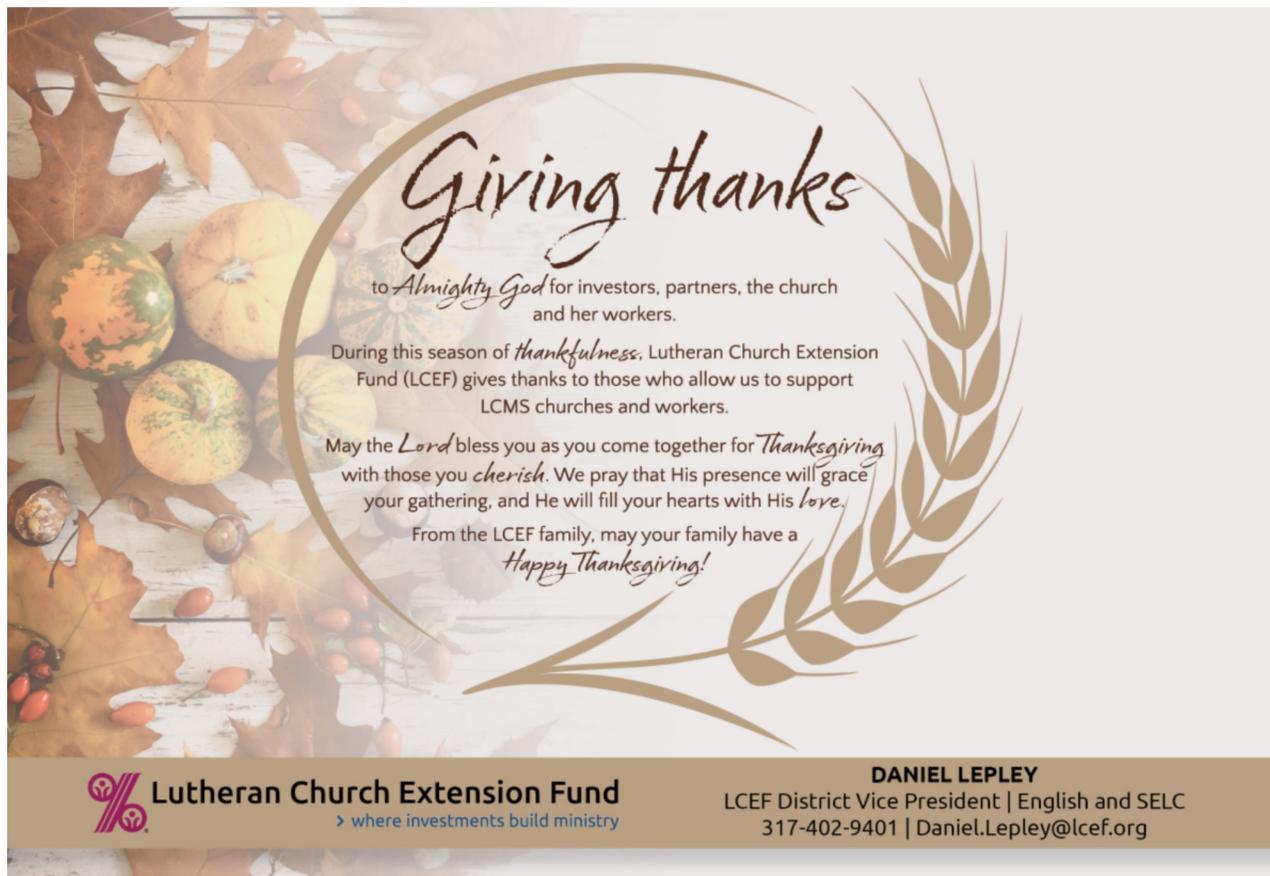


Evangelism Grants in the SELC Apply by December 9

Our district wants each of our congregations to be involved in evangelism and outreach to the communities where they live. In order to encourage this ministry, a limited number of one-year grants are available. Grant request should clearly demonstrate how the project will connect the hearers to the Gospel of Christ. Up to \$2,000.00 may be requested and should be matched with an equal or greater amount from the congregation. The outreach grant form may be [accessed here](#).

For questions,
please contact Pastor Mark Larson at markclarson0341@gmail.com





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Psalm 100

A psalm for giving grateful praise

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.





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