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New Pastor SELC Orientation held at Holy Cross Lake Mary, Florida

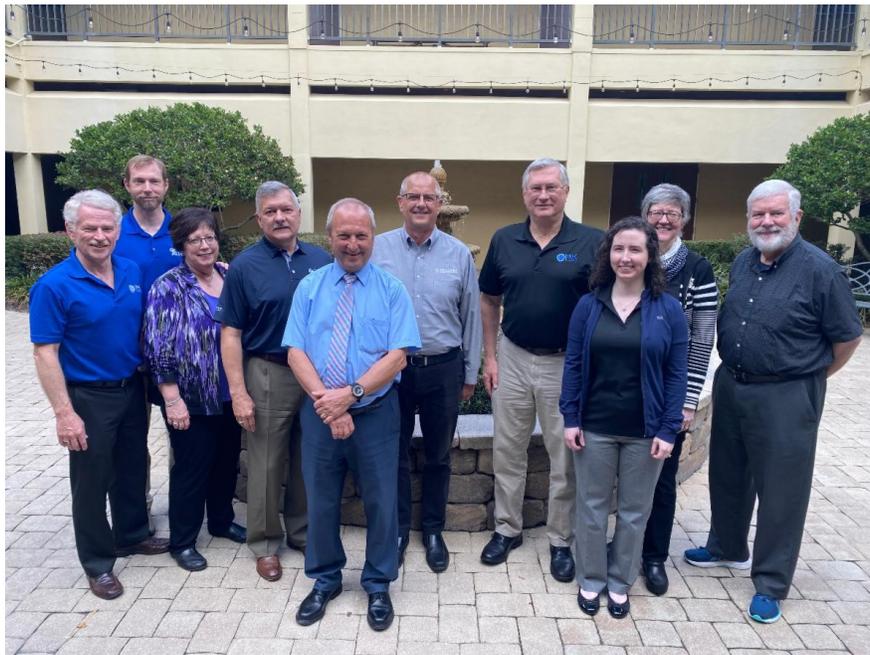
The SELC Board of Directors had the opportunity to meet with seven new SELC Pastors to share information with them about the SELC District and its history and mission. We are blessed that these seven men were able to come together with the SELC Board for education and fellowship.

Rev. Troy Countryman (Faith Viera, Rockledge, FL),
Rev. Phillip DeVries (St. John's, Cudahy, WI),
Rev. James Fernandez (Hope Viera, Melbourne, FL),
Rev. Landon Ledlow (Family of Christ, Tampa),
Rev. Gordon Naumann (St. John's, Hazleton, PA),
Rev. Jon Palmer (The Way, Columbia, IL) and
Rev. Samuel Shick (St. Luke's, Oviedo, FL)

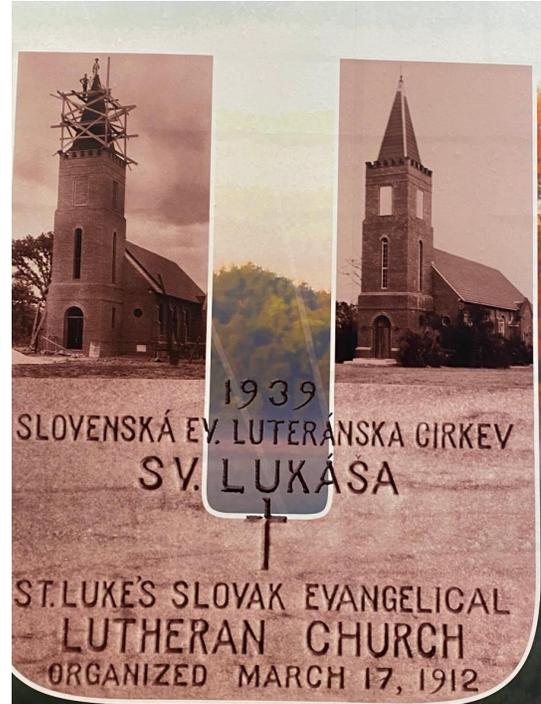
Second Vice President Rev. Chris Cahill gave the history of the SELC and our Slovak traditions. He also spoke to them about the importance of Ministerial Care and offered resources for them to use.

Rev. Dr. Mark Larson talked to the group about the mission work of the SELC and the Stewardship work that we are doing in our District, a District without borders. Pastor Larson spoke about current and future Church planting efforts in the SELC.

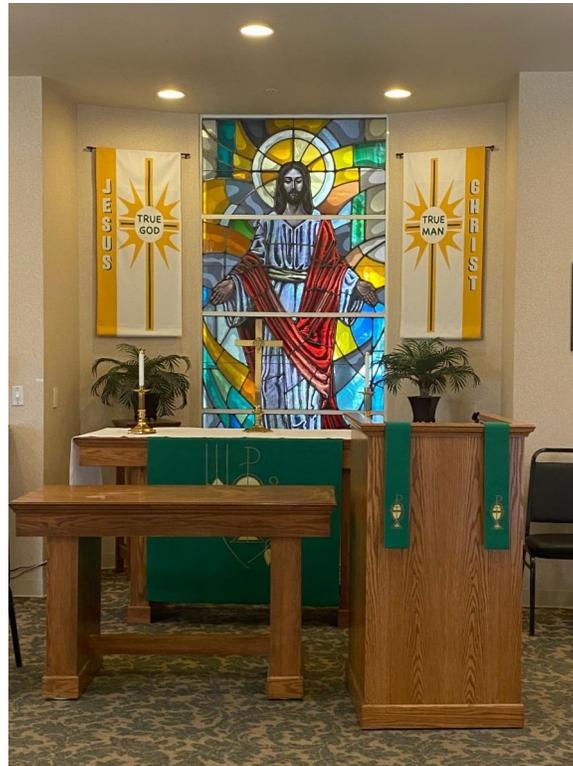
The Board and the new Pastors, along with several wives, joined together for dinner and fellowship after the orientation session. The next day the new Pastors toured St. Luke's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Haven in Oviedo, Florida.



From left to right: Rev. Mark Larson, Rev. Dan Lepley, Patti Smith, Rev. Wally Vinovskis, Rev. Ron Meyr, Rev. Wally Arp, Larry Schultz, Grace Killian, Deb St-Onge, Rev. Chris Cahill



Left Photo: The small chapel at St. Luke's Lutheran Church Photo on the right: One panel in the history mural at St. Luke's.



One of the Chapel spaces at the Lutheran Haven



Register for Vocatio, June 24-July 1 For high school students considering a church work career

Vocatio is a free, faith-filled and fun opportunity for high school students entering grades ninth through 12th to explore God's calling and direction for them. During this weeklong retreat, students will be encouraged in their faith and the calling for their lives through many Seminary experiences including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and some fun and recreation!

Share this email with a student you know who might be considering becoming a pastor or deaconess! **Click here to learn more about Concordia Seminary.**

The deadline to register is **May 27**. Interested participants can **learn more** and sign up below.

Register here!

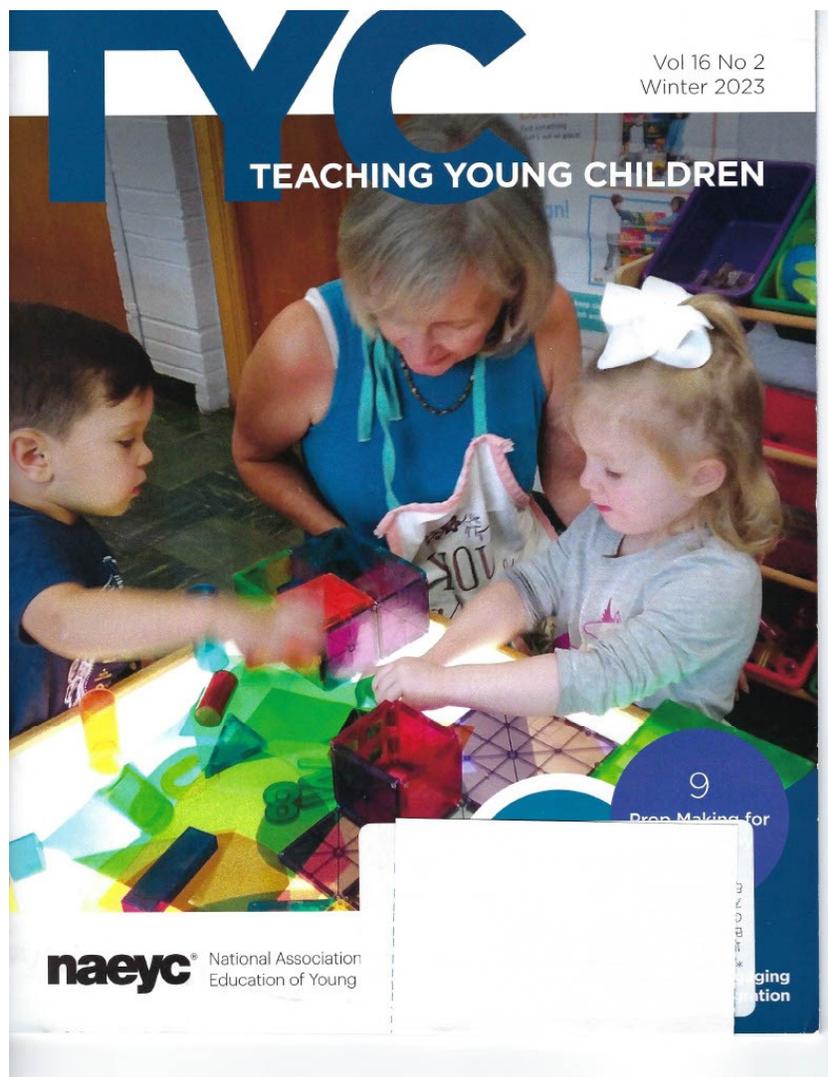


Bonnie Sears Featured in *Teaching Young Children Magazine*

The National Association for the Education of Young Children featured Bonnie Sears in their Winter 2023 magazine *Teaching Young Children*. Bonnie is the lead teacher at Grace Preschool on Madison Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio. An early childhood educator for 25 years, she has served the families of Lakewood for the past 15 years at Grace Lutheran Church.

One of Bonnie's greatest accomplishments that she wrote about is having had the privilege of mentoring interns (pre-service teachers). Currently Grace Preschool has two interns from Cuyahoga Community College associate degree program working with our staff.

Grace Lutheran Church through the Lutheran Development Ministry of Lakewood is blessed to be able to offer this opportunity for early childhood education to the families in Lakewood and beyond. We are grateful to the many families who have entrusted their children to us and have become part of our family over the last 42 years. We look forward to continuing to meet the needs of God's precious little ones.



Feature Teacher

Bonnie Sears is director and lead teacher at Grace Preschool in Lakewood, Ohio. She has been an early childhood educator for 25 years.



My teaching style is . . .

relational, play-based, and focused on hands-on engagement where children learn through using all their senses. I believe that learning happens everywhere and that everyday moments offer opportunities for discovery and learning.

I am a NAEYC member because . . .

being part of the NAEYC community has helped bring a level of professionalism to my teaching and has equipped me to be a better teacher and a better mentor to preservice teachers.

What is your proudest accomplishment as an educator?

I've been privileged to work with several wonderful preservice teachers. It's been a joy to be part of their teaching journeys. I've especially found it meaningful when I've been able to help them expand on a concept and think beyond their original idea. For example, one teacher candidate wanted to do an outside art activity. We brainstormed different options and decided to use a large piece of hard plastic. (I had purchased it at a very low cost when an area craft store closed.) We set it up as a vertical surface for the children to fingerpaint on and captured prints by laying a sheet of paper over the finger paintings. Children really immersed themselves in the project.

How does playful, engaging arts integration connect to your work with young children?

When I think of the arts, I think of acting, music, and artistic creations with paint and playdough. I especially enjoy when children become actors and use simple props. One time, a preservice teacher and I encouraged children to make props for the story of "The Three Little Pigs." The children acted out the story using puppets and their newly created props. We also discussed aspects of managing a show, including selling tickets, having snacks, and being a responsive audience. The children were wonderful actors. Children have acted out a variety of stories and created their own performances of nursery rhymes and songs. I have seen these opportunities bring out a child's inner star.



To learn more about Bonnie Sears, continue reading online at [NAEYC.org/tyc/winter2023](https://naeyc.org/tyc/winter2023).

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SELCLWML Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for a SELCLWML meeting to be held on March 4, 2023 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA. More details will follow in future issues.



Vicarage Applications and Call documents for Seminary Graduates

If you plan to submit call documents for a Vicar or for a Seminary Graduate, please get them to the SELC District office as soon as possible. They can be sent to the District Office for a review before the District Office submits them to the Pastoral education Office at the Synod. These documents need to be sent to the District Office not to the Synod.

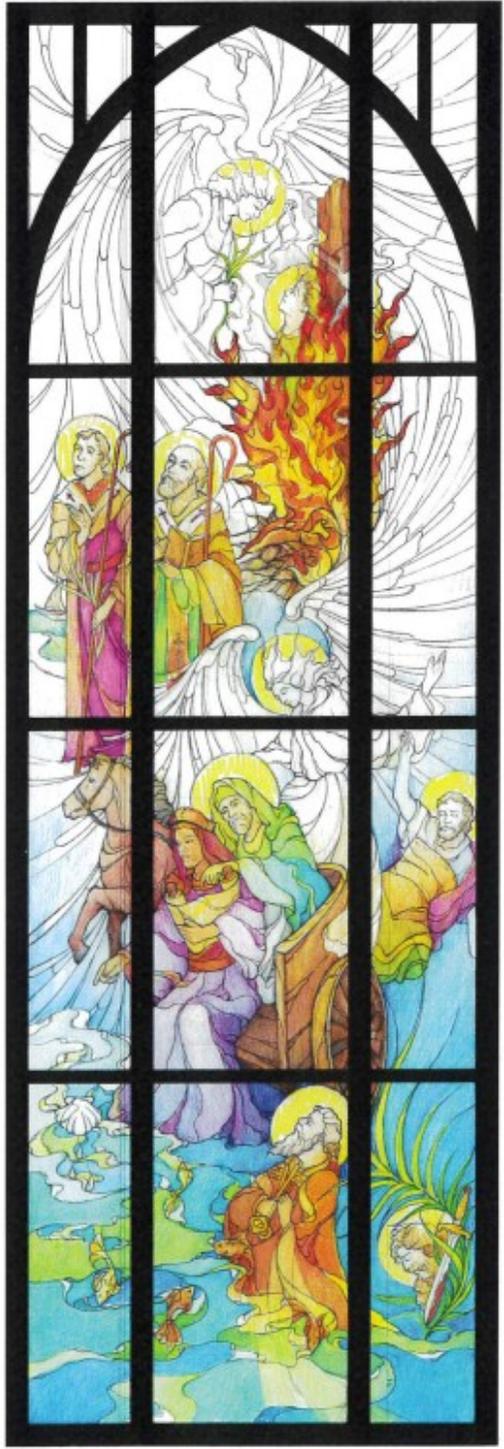
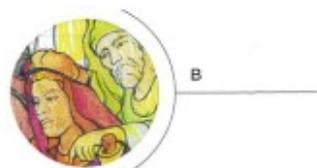
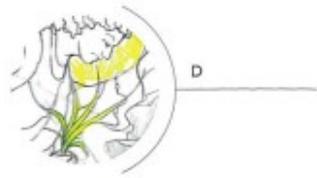
Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Stained Glass Windows Concordia Seminary St. Louis

The windows of the Chapel divide the worship space into two main areas: the nave and the chancel and transepts. In the nave, the windows celebrate the *Te Deum's* opening emphasis on the praise of God by all creation in heaven and on earth. The transept and chancel windows lead worshipers into the *Te Deum's* closing emphasis on the ministry and work of Christ, tracing His life, death, resurrection, and enthronement until His return to judge the living and the dead.

The Middle North Nave windows tell the story of the apostles and martyrs whose lives gave praise to God. The bottom of the window portrays John the Baptist and the confession to St. Peter who received the keys to the Kingdom from Jesus.

In the second pane from the bottom the waters of our Baptism are seen as the Ethiopian eunuch asks to be baptized by Philip as noted in the detail B. The apostle Paul falls back as he is blinded on the road while Titus and Timothy look forward to the return of Christ in detail C. These Saints are for whom the Chapel is named and remind worshipers about the mission and ministry of Concordia Seminary.

The top pane shows the fires of martyrdom burning brightly. You can see an angel offering a palm branch to a martyr. This palm branch symbolizes the assurance of God's victory over death as His people continue to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith today.





Concordia Lutheran Preschool in Macungie, PA Celebrates Lutheran School Week



Hat day



Pajama Day



Church members and Preschool teachers who helped serve over 250 spaghetti dinners to families from the Church, preschool, and the community.

4%

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2023 Second Friday Home Bible Fellowship Schedule: One Use of Church Year Lectionary (Series A)

by Pastor Ken Ballas, EM

Jan. 13 Matthew 1 and 2 (Emmanuel's genealogy, Eastern Magi, Egypt etc.)

Feb. 10 Matthew 3, 4, and 17 (Jesus' baptism, temptation and transfiguration)

Litany Prayer

Mar. 10 Matthew 26 and 27 (Our Lord's selfless sacrificial death and burial)

Apr. 14 Matthew 28; 1 Cor. 15 (Promised bodily resurrection of our Lord Christ)

May 12 Acts 1 and 2 (Ascension of our Lord and first Christian Pentecost)

June 9 Matthew 5 - 7 (Beatitudes, Our Father, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount)

July 14 Matthew 8 and 9 (14-16) (Ten messianic -miracles of our Lord and more)

Summer Picnic at 6 p.m.?

Aug. 11 Matthew 10 - 12 (Mission of the twelve; Jesus' student discipleship)

Sept. 8 Matthew 13, 18, 20-23 (Proper dealing with Jesus' parables)
Oct. 13 Matthew *passim* ("Righteousness of God" in Matthew; Reformation)
Nov. 10 Matthew 24 and 25 (Law and Gospel; eschatology or "the last things")
Friday Dec. 8 6:00 P.M. "POT-BLESSED" CHRISTMAS PARTY

Likely also caroling or "picking up a few omitted pieces" (class members choice)

ALL are welcome to join us, Lord willing, at 12965 W. Linden Lane, Parma at 7 p.m. on the *second Friday* of each month. Bring a Bible and/or a friend

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"MY WORD... shall not return to Me empty, but shall accomplish what I purpose and prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Is. 55:11)



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