



# The Beacon Online

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## The Beacon Online is the communication source for the SELC District.

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## SELC 2025 District Convention

The 2025 SELC District Convention is being held January 16 - 19, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, Florida. The program schedule and hotel information will be sent out soon. The Convention theme is based on this Bible verse - **Acts 13:47: *For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles [nations, ethne], that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."***



Pictured left is the convention photo from the 1961 SELC District Convention at St. Lucas Lutheran church in St. Louis, Missouri.

This was also the site of our 2022 Convention.



## Presentation of LWML SELC Community Outreach and Evangelism Mission Grant

On May 4, 2024, at Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, Pennsylvania, the 18th Biennial LWML SELC District Convention delegates voted unanimously to approve St. Lucas's Mission Grant application for Community Outreach and Evangelism. This 2024-2026 \$1,500 grant will provide Christ centered materials for our Christmas and Easter Outreach ministries.

The over 250 LWML SELC District women generously fund these Mission Grants through their Mite Box contributions. The mites advance the Gospel, either locally and/or abroad. Important mission work is accomplished through generous and consistent Mite contributions to the LWML SELC District. All 4 of the 2024-2026 Mission Grant applications submitted were granted and fully funded up to \$1,500.

Visit <https://www.lwml.org> to learn more about the LWML Mission Grants you are supporting.

Serve the Lord with gladness,  
Carol A. Miksad  
LWML SELC District President

Pictured below is LWML SELC President Carol Miksad and Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Pastor at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in St. Louis.





**St. John Lutheran Church Celebrates  
Rev. Dr. Carl Krueger  
50th Anniversary of His Ordination**  
St. John Lutheran Church Cudahy, WI



Today is a great day to hold fast to what is taught to us in Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice". On the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month of June, Rev. Dr. Carl Krueger will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination into the Holy Ministry. It is a ministry that has been filled with service in the parish, in the Air Force as a Chaplain, and as the District President of the SELC!

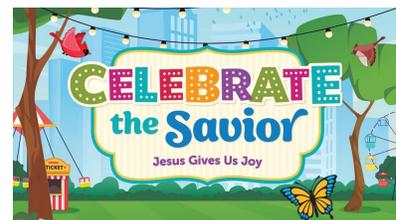
It is not often that we in the church are able to celebrate such a milestone! It is a time to give praise and honor to the Lord for the many years of blessings given to Pastor Krueger. It is also a time to thank the Lord for the blessings we have received from Pastor Krueger's many years of service to our Congregation and our Synod, for his encouragements, his leadership, his love and his care for so many people which continues to be so clearly seen even today with a smile, a handshake, or a hug!

Thank you, Pastor, for your many years of dedicated service to the Lord and His Church and thank you also to your wife Dianne for her support through all the ups and downs of Ministry in the Lord's Service.



**Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie, PA  
Holds Vacation Bible School**

Concordia Lutheran Church hosted Celebrate the Savior Vacation Bible School this week. Sixty children attended VBS and there were 24 Adult volunteers and 13 Youth volunteers who helped. It was a great week for everyone! The week was capped off with a VBS picnic today.







## **Do You have a Church Member who is Preparing for Full-time Church work?**

The Student Financial Aid Committee was organized by the SELC District to assist young men and women preparing for full-time professional ministry or church work within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This includes deaconess, lay ministry programs, as well as clergy preparation. Professional church workers who are working toward advanced degrees are not eligible for aid from the SELC District Student Aid Committee. Please see the SELC website for an application and more information by going to this link - <https://selc.lcms.org/docs/> and choose Resources, Documents, Student Aid.



## **SELC Youth Facebook Group**

The SELC District has a Youth Facebook Group.

The link to join the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/971304450583030/>

As we get closer to the National Youth Gathering next July, it is important to keep up with everything being planned for the Youth of the SELC District. A survey will be sent out to all Churches in the District on Monday asking for information to help Rachel Larson, the Youth Coordinator for the District, to plan for the District.



## **LWML SELC Monthly Bible Study**

The next Bible Study is "Giving and Receiving", the last one in the spring "Lutheran Women's Quarterly" magazine and is on July 18th. Each month, the Bible Study is held on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM Eastern time.

You can Zoom or come in person at Christ the King Lutheran Church of Lodi, 8080 Lafayette Road, Lodi, OH 44254

LWML Woman's Bible Study - Thursday, July 18th at 10:30 am EST and this month is "Giving and Receiving" the last one in the Spring edition of the LWQ. Please click on the link below and then enter the password when prompted.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?pwd=V2t5a1BPQjFnUzJGRzRiS1ZVVVJsQT09>



## Concordia Center for the Family

### New Resources Available

Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann

Concordia Center for the Family (CCF) is a Family Life Education program located in Ann Arbor Michigan. Our program educates students in family ministry. Concordia Center for the Family also does research and provides resources, events and training for Family Life Professionals at work in congregations and professional settings. You can view the CCF website here - <http://concordiacenterforthefamily.org/>

Every Friday, the Concordia Center for Family is releasing a new Blog. You can listen here each Friday <https://concordiacenterforthefamily.org/blog>

There are several "Resources" available for free or a fee on our website. Many are already downloading and using these. <https://www.concordiafamilystore.org/>

We have information posted about what it is to be a "CCF Facilitator" - <https://concordiacenterforthefamily.org/CCF-Facilitator-Information> Pastors, DCE's, Deaconesses, teachers, and other family leaders in the SELC to consider signing up for this training.



## SELC District Disaster Response

As our country continues to see damage from tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, we encourage all of our churches to be ready to respond. LCMS Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through districts and congregations, LCMS Disaster Response responds to needs with Christian mercy. The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LCMS church workers and members, and other resources. Learn more at [lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response](http://lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response)

A LERT certification training is scheduled at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo FL on Saturday, August 24. To learn more and to register, visit [lcms-lert.org](http://lcms-lert.org). If you have any questions about LERT training for your area, contact the SELC District Disaster Relief Coordinator Steve Lehenbauer at [slehenbauer@slcs.org](mailto:slehenbauer@slcs.org)



# Who do we serve?

In short, we serve Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries and church workers.

We invite LCMS Lutherans—whether church workers or lay members—like you to invest with us. We then use those investments to help support the work of LCMS individuals, schools and organizations through low-cost loans and other strategic ministry resources.

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## Prayer Requests

**Rev. Brian Roberts**, St. Luke's in Oviedo, FL is back on Florida. Please pray for him to regain the weight he has lost and to regain his strength.

**Rev. Gary Schuschke**, who was discharged from the hospital in Germany and is now in rehab. Please pray that he gains his strength back following his illness.

**Rev. John Telloni**, St. John in Massillon, OH as he is working and continuing to regain his strength as he has returned to work.

**Rev. and Mrs. Panzigrau**, John Huss in Arnold, PA

**Rev. Tom Soltis**, Parma, OH

**Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ballas**, Parma, OH. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Rev. Alan Mercer** in Galloway, NJ for his ongoing health struggles.

**Megan Skelton** in Oviedo, FL Please continue to pray for her and her doctors to find

pain relief solutions for her jaw pain and severe headaches following her surgery.

**Laura Bergmann**, Munster, IN, please pray for relief of her pain in her hands, feet, back, and legs.

**Deacon Jim Hurst**, Parma, OH who is recovering from foot surgery.

**Cheryl Poppe**, Lakewood, OH the Preschool Director at Grace Lutheran, who had hip replacement surgery.

We ask you to keep the **family of Paul Kowalczyk**, husband of LWML SELC Grant chair Karen Ann Kowalczyk who was called to God's heavenly arms this week, in your prayers. The funeral service was held today.

*If you have people you would like to be included in the prayer list, please send the information to [selc.lcms@gmail.com](mailto:selc.lcms@gmail.com) or call the District Office at 610-965-3265 and press 6.*



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