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SELC 2025 District Convention

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."

The 2025 SELC District Convention is being held January 16 - 19, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, Florida. The Convention begins with Opening Worship on Thursday evening at 7 PM, followed by a reception. Convention business will be conducted on Friday and Saturday. The Convention ends following worship on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Registration information was mailed to all Churches on August 1st and is posted on our website - www.selc.lcms.org.

Delegate Due Dates

September 8, 2024 - Make sure your congregation's Voter's meeting is scheduled no later than 9/8/2024. It is important that your Church Council or Church Board of Directors meet to identify potential people to fill the Lay Delegate role in your congregation. Once this is done, you will need to schedule a Voter's meeting **in August, no later than September 8th.**

September 15, 2024 - Submit your delegate information to SELC District Secretary Rev. John Telloni.

If you did not receive your Convention Official Notices and Forms packet and/or the registration information, please contact the District Office at selc.lcms@gmail.com or by telephone at 610-965-3265 and press 6.

Additional Deadlines

October 15, 2024 - Nominations due for District President and District Vice Presidents, Circuit Visitors, Proposed Resolutions

November 15, 2024 - Credentials to be submitted for Advisory Delegates and Nominations for District Board of Directors and Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees

December 16, 2024 - Registrations are due for the Convention.

December 26, 2024 - Hotel rooms must be reserved no later than 12/26/2024

We are looking for pictures from earlier conventions to feature in upcoming issues of the Beacon. If you have information about who is in the pictures, please include this information when sending the photos. Please email the photos to the District Office at selc.lcms@gmail.com

Pictured below is a picture from the 2025 Convention location -
Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, FL



***Please continue to share pictures from previous Conventions.
Thank You!***



New Free Stewardship Resources for Your 2024 Stewardship Emphasis

Start planning your 2024 stewardship emphasis today

Looking for some fresh resources and ideas for your Stewardship Emphasis this fall? The district Stewardship Committee is pleased to share three new resources provided by Ron Chewing. These resources have been developed by Ron Chewing, and are:

- Written by LCMS members & pastors
- Scripturally-based and grace-centered
- Focused on raising people, not just money, and
- FREE to SELC-LCMS congregations!

Please note, this material is licensed for the sole use of congregations of the SELC District. However, they may be purchased by contacting Ron Chewing at stewardshipadv@aol.com.

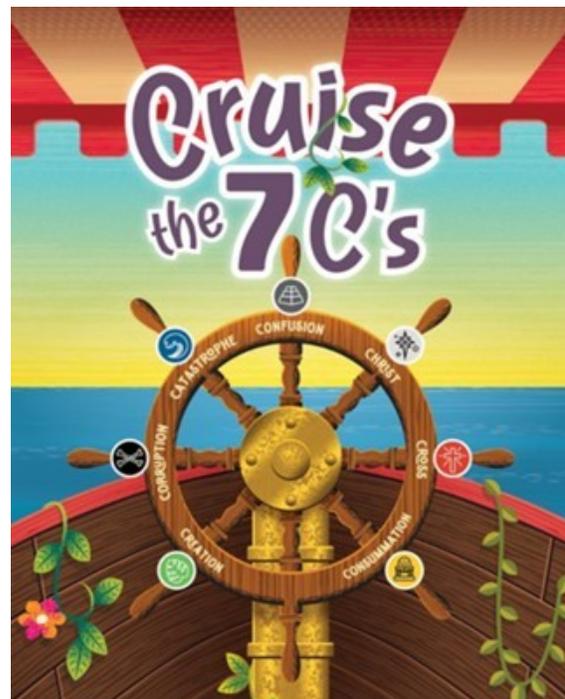
To view the content of this program, [click here](#) and start your planning today!

For help downloading or using these materials, contact Patti Smith at selc.lcms@gmail.org.



The Great Jungle Journey St. John Lutheran Church Cudahy, WI

St John's "Great Jungle Journey" Vacation Bible School was held the week of July 22-26, 2024. The VBS lessons which taught the children the 7 c's of the Bible (Creation, corruption, catastrophe, confusion, Christ and the Cross, followed by Consummation) through the jungle theme. 43 students attended VBS. The children brought over \$700 for the charity "Kids feeding Kids". The charity lesson to the children was even small things God can use to bring something big to another. Pictured below are some of the volunteers for the Vacation Bible School.





Family Bible Journey Podcast

Did you know that you are mentioned in the opening of Luke's gospel? Find your place in the gospel by listening to the episode, "Friend of God," only on familybiblejourney.com!

Listen at familybiblejourney.com or scan the QR code on the right.



Join the journey
of journaling through the Bible.



Re-watch Lutheran Summer Music 2024 in the LSM Livestream Archives

Did you miss LSM 2024? Don't worry! You are invited to revisit over 30 concerts, recitals, and worship services from LSM 2024 on demand in LSM's Livestream Archive: LSMacademy.org/24archive. With so many great performances and inspiring services, you don't want to miss out.



Joint Vacation Bible School held in Wilkes Barre, PA

St. John's Lutheran Church hosted a joint Vacation Bible School with our brothers and sisters in Christ from our sister churches in Wilkes Barre, St. Peter's & St. Matthew's. Our VBS theme was: "I am created. I am saved. I am inspired.", and it was just that; a time to learn all about how we are fearfully and wonderfully made, redeemed, and motivated to sing and give praise to our God for His many blessings of life and its abundant fruit. We worshiped together, studied the Word together; from the creation narrative, to Jesus saving Peter from drowning, to the parable of the Prodigal Son and how we have a great heavenly Father Who inspires us to be families that live with forgiveness ourselves. We put together related crafts as another way to repeat the stories; we ate together, played together, and overall had a great time being with other like-minded Christians to share fellowship and enjoy each other's company, whilst showing the neighborhood that we're always getting up to something. Worship is just one of the many things we do together as the family of God. If you're ever in Hazleton, come join us one day!

Pictured below is a group during craft time





Pictured above left are two groups during lesson time. Pictured above right is the painting of the soles of the feet to make the banner below.





IMC Seeks to Hire Executive Director

The LCMS Interim Ministry Conference (IMC) seeks to contract a part-time Executive Director to help carry out the regularly occurring functions of their Board of Directors. The IMC promotes and coordinates the health and development of transitional interim ministry in the LCMS in coordination with the Council of Presidents. The Position Description is available **HERE**. To apply, send a resume and two professional references to Mark Koch at **revmkoch@gmail.com**

Are **you** eligible for this
exclusive opportunity?

If you are a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod rostered or lay church worker, then Lutheran Church Extension Fund's **Church Worker StewardAccount®** is for you.

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Scholarship Funds are Available

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.

The deadline for applications has been extended to August 31, 2024.

To access the application, please **[click here](#)**



Women's Bible Study

The monthly Women's Bible study is held on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM Eastern time. The August session will be held on August 15th in person or via a zoom session.

The topic is "**Speak the Truth**" the first one in the Summer edition of the LWQ

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

Please click on the link below and then enter the password when prompted.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?pwd=V2t5a1BPQjFnUzJGRzRiS1ZVVVJsQT09)

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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 in Florida. Please pray as he works to regain his strength 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.

Cheryl Poppe, Grace Preschool in Lakewood, OH who is recovering from hip surgery.

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

Calling all Lutherans!

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE
HARRISBURG, PA | SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

CALLING ALL LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Gather with your pro-life Lutheran brothers and sisters prior to the 2024 PA March for Life at:
**THE HILTON HARRISBURG
ONE N. 2ND STREET
HARRISBURG, PA 17101**

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Meet and Greet with Full Breakfast

10:00 AM
Welcome, and Keynote Speakers:
"Life in the Darkness" Scott Licht, Lutherans for Life
and Legislative Update, Maria Gallagher PA Pro-Life Federation

10:30 AM
Walk to the Capitol Steps for the Rally

12:00 PM
March Begins

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Pastor Christopher Seifferlein of Mount Calvary Lutheran in Lititz
at (920) 918-7200 or email pamarchforlife@lancasterlutheran.com

Visit marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania for event details

Full Breakfast graciously provided free of charge by the English District of the LCMS

Gather with pro-life Lutherans prior to the 2024 PA March for Life at The Hilton in Harrisburg, One N. 2nd St. in Harrisburg to be encouraged and take a stand for mothers, fathers, and their children born and unborn. A full breakfast, free of charge, (graciously provided by a grant from the English District of the LCMS) will be served from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Speakers Scott Licht of Lutherans for Life, and Maria Gallagher from the PA Pro-Life Federation will briefly address us. We will walk together to the Capitol steps for the 11:00 AM Rally and 12:00 PM March. For more information or to RSVP your attendance, contact Pastor Christopher Seifferlein of Mount Calvary Lutheran in Lititz at (920) 918-7200 or email pamarchforlife@lancasterlutheran.com.

Visit marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania for event details about the PA March for Life. Join us for this inaugural event for Lutherans, the first of its kind in PA!



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