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Rev. Miguel Torneire Accepts Call to be Church Planter in St. Louis

The SELC district is proud to announce that Rev. Miguel Torneire has accepted the Call from our Board of Directors to serve as a Hispanic Church Planter in the St. Louis area!

He has over 20 years of experience serving the Lord as a Lutheran Pastor and missionary across North, Central, and South America. Most recently, he served as the pastor of Nazareth Lutheran Church / Iglesia Luterana Nazaret in a largely Hispanic community in the Baltimore, Maryland. In this role, he ministered to the community by conducting Spanish language services, teaching Bible classes, running an English as a Second Language (ESL) program, being a Baltimore Police Chaplain, hosting community outreach events, and connecting newly arriving residents to the church and community.

Prior to serving in Baltimore, Pastor Miguel served as a missionary in Brazil, Argentina, Panamá, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize, and the USA, working with churches and para-churches to proclaim and demonstrate God's love. He has a Bachelor of Divinity and Theology degrees from Concordia Seminary and ULBRA, both in Brazil, a Master's degree in Christian outreach (MACO) from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, and is pursuing his PhD in Missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

Pastor Miguel was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He and his wife, Diane, a native St. Louisan, have two amazing children; Samuel (12) and Lucas (9). See photo below. The boys' activities keep the family on the move, but when he has the chance, he enjoys cheering for his favorite soccer team, Flamengo; a Rio de Janeiro-based soccer club, and practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Please keep Pastor Miguel and his family in your prayers as they seek God’s vision, strategy, and a place to plant a Lutheran Church among Hispanics in la Ciudad de St. Louis.



SELC 2025 District Convention

Have You Completed Your Convention Checklist?

Deadline for Registering for the Convention is 4 Weeks Away
December 16, 2024

Have you completed all the steps to attend the 2025 SELC District Convention? Review the checklist below. See below for the deadlines to submit forms and reserve your overnight rooms.

SELC District Convention Checklist

___ I registered for the Convention at www.selc.lcms.org/convention

___ I am a Delegate, Alternate Delegate, or an Advisory Delegate and I have submitted my forms to the SELC District Secretary Rev. John Telloni

_____ I have been nominated for a District Office and I have sent my acceptance or declination to Rev. John Telloni

_____ I am accepting the nomination and I have submitted the required bio form and photograph to the District Office at selc.lcms@gmail.com

_____ I have made my overnight room reservations at the hotels listed on the convention page of the website www.selc.lcms.org/convention

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.

Upcoming Deadlines

TODAY - 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

Please be sure to send in your delegate information to Rev. John Telloni if you have not yet done so.

Don't forget to submit your resolutions for consideration at the Convention!

Register for the SELC District Convention at this link on our website - www.selc.lcms.org/convention/



**Concordia Lutheran Church,
Macungie, PA
LWML Group
Visited The 6th Street Shelter**



About 10 of our women visited the 6th Street Shelter which is a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley. We learned about the shelter, its services and resources to assist families experiencing homelessness. The shelter helps families of all shapes and sizes to secure safe short-term housing through family-centered services, in-house programming and referrals to community resources, while advocating that affordable housing is a human right.

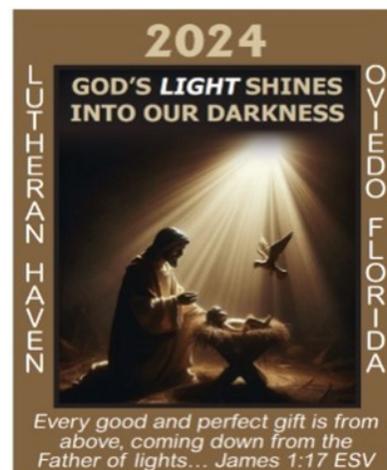


We made In-Kind donations of needed items, and we helped to clean up, organize, take inventory and shelve donations while we were there.



**Lutheran Haven's 78th Annual
Christmas Seals Have Been Mailed
*Did You Get Yours?***

What a marvelous thing to be the recipient of a gift, but often it's an even greater joy to be the giver of a gift when you know you have made a significant difference in a person's life...



Look for your seals in the mail. If you have not received seals, and you would like to, please contact Mary Ann McCunn at 407-706-1281 or via email at mmcunn@lutheranhaven.org.



Registration is Open for the 2025 Youth Gathering

Registration is open for the National youth Gathering being held July 19 - 23, 2025 in New Orleans, LA. To register click on this link - [Youth Gathering Registration](#)

The theme Endure is based on this Hebrews passage from Hebrews 12:1-3

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."



LWML Bible Study

LWML Woman's Bible Study - Thursday, November 21st at 10:30 am EST and this month is "The Lord, My Helper, Keeps Me" the second one in the Fall edition of the LWQ. (Note: Since the first Bible Study in the Fall issue is so short, we will do the 2nd and 3rd ones in November and December. Please feel free to do the first one with your groups or by yourself!)

That will bring us to the first Winter LWQ Bible Study in January. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about this. We wanted to give you a BIG heads up because of our proposed change.

[Click here](#) to join the Bible Study each month.

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

[Click here](#) for the link to the LWQ article for November



Three Youth Confirmed at St. John's in Hazleton, PA

Three families of St. John's are sharing their joy in confirming three of their youth this All Saints Day observed, including Pastor and Mrs. Naumann's oldest son, Vaughn. Now, they get to join our youth club and continue their learning and devotional life through the church that way. Each father of the confirmands sat in every class and also received a token of recognition for their involvement and support. We are very proud of our families. To God be the glory.

Pictured on the right are the three confirmands.

Pictured below left are the three during the Confirmation service and below right are the confirmands with their fathers.



Family Bible Podcast

Last week in the Family Bible Journey podcast we heard how Jesus dealt with rejection.

Next week, we will learn what makes a person great in the kingdom of heaven.

Listen and learn more at familybiblejourney.com!



Nominate Students for Lutheran Summer Music 2025

You're invited to **nominate a student** for LSM 2025! Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students (grades 8-12) who come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in musical excellence and build an intentional, supportive, and FUN community. LSM 2025 takes place at Valparaiso University in Indiana from June 22-July 20 (Full Session) or June 22-July 6 (Half Session). Priority Enrollment is open now through December 1. Nominate students at LSMacademy.org/nominate, and watch and share this **LSM Experience Video** to learn more!

Health Savings Account

Many employers offer the health coverage option of a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) that can be paired with a Health Savings Account (HSA). HSAs offer investors the opportunity to use their funds to pay for qualifying medical expenses. Lutheran Church Extension Fund's (LCEF) HSA FlexPlus Certificate earns interest while allowing easy access to funds.

Need to know more
about HSAs?

Visit lcef.org/hsa
today!



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

Rev. Tom Soltis, Parma, OH for God's loving care.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ballas, Parma, OH. Please keep them in your prayers. Please also pray for Mrs. Ballas' twin sister, Luella Williams, who is experiencing health concerns.

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 her as she injured her knee and is receiving inpatient treatment to help with her recovery.

Rev. Phil Miksad, St. Louis, MO, who is home. Please pray for his recovery and rebuilding of his physical strength as he recovers.

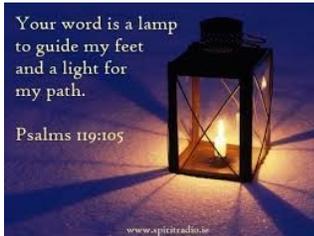
Nita Huffines, St. Louis, MO, wife of Rev. Warren Huffines who is five-year survivor of colon cancer, has begun a new round of treatments. Please pray for her as she receives her treatment.

Lillie Ekong, Youngstown, OH, wife of Rev. Hosea Ekong, who is recovering at home.

Rev. John Milligan, Newburgh Heights, OH, who injured his knee. Please pray for his healing.

Rev. John Mashek, Akron, OH who was hospitalized last week. He is home and is being evaluated by his physicians. Please pray that his physicians diagnose his condition and that He brings comfort and care to Pastor Mashek.

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.



Closing Thoughts Everlasting Fall Prevention!

Rev. Ken Ballas, EM

In theory,
if not in actual practice,
we may be able to
acknowledge the
critical importance of "fall prevention" for people of all ages.
Universally recognized especially by those not blessed with
the gift of sight, this logical truth often becomes a matter of
life or death. Whether or not we or loved ones are physically
blind or, equally serious, temporarily experiencing *blind spot*
in our earthly pilgrimage, these ancient words
can apply to any life situation:

**"Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for
for my path!"**

(Psalm 119:105)

life-saving advice

still well – worth

contemplating indeed.

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***Showing Everyone Life in Christ, by Showing
Everyone Love in Christ***



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