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Rev. Jonathan Moyer Installed as Associate Pastor at Faith *Viera* in Rockledge, FL

Rev. Jonathan Moyer was installed as the Associate Pastor at Faith *Viera* Church on Sunday, January 19th. Pastor Moyer's father participated in the service. Rev. Andrew Johnson a friend of Pastor Moyer's from Michigan preached at the service.



Pictured from left to right **front row**: Rev. Charles St-Onge, Rev. James Fernandez, Rev. Tom Moyer, Jonathan's father, Rev. Jonathan Moyer, President Vinovskis, Rev. Steve Schafer, and Rev. Greg LaSieur **back row**: Rev. Troy Countryman, Rev. Andrew Johnson, Rev. Ron Meyr, and Rev. Paul Deterding.

Pictured below on the right is the Moyer family with President Vinovskis



This is the Heart of the Haven – Our People!

As our Board of Trustees were gathering at Lutheran Haven on January 14th, one of the Haven's staff members reported: *"The house 2 doors down from mine caught fire. Thankfully, the young couple (who just moved in) along with their 3 little ones got out safely but with only the clothing they were wearing. After gathering the clothing sizes of the parents and kids, several of our residents gathered 2 boxes of clothing for this sweet family from our flea market items. It's just one more reminder HOW AMAZING OUR PEOPLE ARE!"*



Spring 2025 Vicarage and Call documents Deadline Announced

The deadline for all **vicarage and call docs for Spring 2025** placements must be received in the District Office no later than **February 28, 2025** to ensure that they are ready for submission to the Synod in time. Please contact Patti at the District office with any questions at selc.lcms@gmail.com or 610-965-3265, press 6.



2025 Convention Follow up

The SELC District would like to thank Holy Cross Lutheran Church for hosting the 20th SELC District Convention. We appreciate the work of Rebekah Fana, Rev. Ben Hoyer, and Dennis McGavock who served on the planning committee. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped out throughout the convention - we appreciate all you did to help the convention run smoothly.

Convention Offering

We are excited to announce that \$2389 was received for the Convention Offering for Mission work in India! Thank you to everyone who gave to support the work being done in India. If you would like to contribute toward this project, checks should be payable to the SELC District, with the memo "Convention Offering" and mailed to the District Office at the address below. For any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. Mark Larson at markclarson0341@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you to everyone who gave a gift to the Convention offering!

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Thank you to all the exhibitors who were at the Convention. We are so glad they were able to join us in Florida!

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The Sharing Center

We also want to thank Pastor Kevin McLeod who made SELC coasters for all the Convention attendees. See the photo below. He also made the convention banner that was hung in the Church.



Thank you to the SELC District Convention Sponsors

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St John Lutheran Church, Bound Brook, NJ*



Nominate Young Musicians for Lutheran Summer Music



Enrollment is filling up fast for the LSM 2025! Students come together in an immersive musical community that connects the pursuit of musical growth with the joy of Lutheran church music traditions. LSM welcomes musicians of all kinds: brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion, piano, organ, voice, harp, guitar, handbells, and more. Know a young person (grades 8-12) who would benefit from this life-giving and joyful musical community? Nominate them for LSM today at LSMacademy.org/nominate. LSM 2025 takes place at Valparaiso University from June 22-July 20 (Half Session through July 6). Standard Enrollment is open now through March 1.



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Prayer Requests

Rev. Brian Roberts, Orlando, FL. Please pray for him to regain the weight he has lost and to regain his strength as he faces continued health struggles.

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.

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

Rev. Kevin Duff, Hilton Head, SC, formerly a Pastor at Faith *Viera*, who is recovering from brain surgery. Please pray for his wife, his young family, and his caregivers.

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.

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.

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

Rev. Kenneth Ballas, EM

Over the years Lois and I have learned that, strictly speaking, there may be no such thing as "Christian giving." Rather as undeserving recipients of His grace we have only been granted the worshipful privilege of cheerfully *returning* to our loving Lord as a kind of "spiritual re-cycling" in His kingdom a portion of what He has graciously entrusted to our care or given us to manage to His glory as faithful stewards of His varied gifts of time, talents and treasure (or money) throughout our earthly pilgrimage as His eternally redeemed covenant people.

"For you know the grace of our (living) Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich Thanks be to God for His inexpressible Gift!"



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