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Presidential Activities July 2008

- 3 Individual Consultations
- 1 Staff Meeting
- 2 District Meetings
- 1 Meeting with Dan Roth
- 2 Congregational Meetings
- 7 Days—Writing Sabbatical
- 12 Days Vacation

You Are Invited!

To the

Installation

Of Our New

Schools and General Executive

Mr. Roger Sprengel

At 8:30 AM

On Wednesday, August 13, 2008

At

St. John's Lutheran Church

Red Bud, Illinois

At the

Opening Service for the

Day of Spiritual Renewal for

*Pastors and Teachers of the
Southern Illinois District*

August 2008 is a month of transitions for the Southern Illinois District, a month of both welcome and farewell. First of all, please know that if you are reading this, you are invited to the Installation of our new Schools and General Executive, Mr. Roger Sprengel, at 8:30 AM on August 13 at the opening service for the annual Day of

Spiritual Renewal for pastors and teachers, this year being held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Bud, Illinois. All pastors and teachers, all members of district boards and committees, all members of SID congregations, are invited to this service of celebration to welcome Roger into his new position with us.

Roger Sprengel comes to us fresh from serving eight years as principal of Concordia Lutheran School in Peoria, Illinois, but before that he served ten years as principal of Trinity Lutheran School in Edwardsville (1990-2000). That's why he is already well-known to our district.

Secondly, July 31 was also the last day for Dan Roth as Schools and General Executive, a position from which he is retiring after more than 23 years of service to the district. We recognized Dan's retirement with a special service of thanksgiving and praise to God and a farewell dinner on June 8. However, Dan is not really retiring. He is being "repositioned" to continue to work in the district office part time as Promotions Director for Lutheran Church Extension Fund under our District LCEF Vice President, Dennis Klussman. Dan began this new position on August 1. I'm sure we'll find a way to recognize this transition August 13 as well.

So, farewell to Dan (but not really) and welcome to Roger (Yes! Really!). We are very much looking forward to working with you.

See you all August 13 for the Day of Spiritual Renewal!

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

TRINITY, EDWARDSVILLE - Called Rev. Bruce Osborne, St. John Lutheran Church, Mattoon, IL
(Received and Declined)

ZION, FARMERSVILLE—(Rev. Walter Byerley is serving)

CHRIST, FAIRFIELD—(Served by seminary students, and profs)

BETHLEHEM, FERRIN— Called Seminarian, Scott Niermann. (Received)

HOLY CROSS, LIVINGSTON—Called Pastor Kevin Cook, St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Point, NE.
(Received and Accepted)

ST. PAUL, TROY—Entering Calling process.

SID PASTOR'S CALLS RECEIVED/ACCEPTED/RETURNED

Rev. John Palka, Troy, Candidate Status, to Christ Lutheran Church (Associate Pastor), La Mesa, CA.
(Received and Accepted)

PRAYER REQUESTS



For the family of **Howard W. MacDougall**, father of Pastor Steven MacDougall, Trinity, Red Bud) went home to be with Jesus on July 2.

For the family of **Darwin Stephan**, father of Steven and Lori Rockey, formerly of Christ, Jacob, went home to be with Jesus on July 16.

For **Marian Martens**, former SID Treasurer, who has been diagnosed with cancer and inclusive body myositis and has now moved into Rosewood Care Center in Swansea.

For **Cathy Bevirt and Melissa Combs**, teachers at Holy Cross, Collinsville, for strength and courage while both are fighting cancer.

Please keep our brothers and sisters serving our country in your prayers

Active duty Chaplains from the SID: **Lt. Col. Gary Brooks, Major Gregory Jans, CDR Gregory N. Todd, and LT. COL. David Wilshek.**

For Khotsi Tswaedi, son of Bishop David and Lucy Tswaedi, Southern Africa, in the U.S. Army, deployed to Iraq.

SPC Chris Willig (son of Mark and Paula Willig) is back in the United States. **Praise God**

Lt. Commander Craig Muehler (brother of Cindy Nebel) US Navy Chaplain now serving in Iraq.

Lt. Carl Muehler (brother of Cindy Nebel) US Navy Chaplain now serving at Camp Fuji, Japan.

Sgt. Aaron Richardson (son of Faith Richardson, (Immediate Past President of the SID LWML & member of the Southern Africa Mission Task Force) has returned from Baghdad and is safely home, **Praise God**

Capt. Joshua Henschen (son of Ron and Ellen Henschen, teachers in Edwardsville) at Ft. Hood, TX.

Capt. Warren Kostencki, (son of Dan and Jean Kostencki, Dan is principal at Metro East Lutheran High School), is back home. **Praise God**

Capt. Drew Ponivas (son of Nancy Ponivas, teacher at Faith, Godfrey) is stationed in Bagdad, Iraq.

MM1 John Ponivas (son of Nancy Ponivas, teacher at Faith, Godfrey) is assigned to the USS Albuquerque.

Lt. Col. Robin Schultze (daughter-in-law of Shirley Schwartzkopf) is now at Fort McNair, DC. for additional training.

Sgt. Matthew Kasten (son of Steve and Marge Kasten, Hoyleton, IL.) U.S. Army has returned to Baghdad for 18 mp.

Capt. Anthony Skeesick (son of Pastor Dale and Kathy Skeesick, St. Peter, Prairietown) serving in the US Air Force and rejoicing over his return back to the United States following three years in England. In August he will report to Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he will serve with the 101st Airborne.

Lt. Col. John Pepin (son-in-law of Pastor [Emeritus] and Lois Eckert) is now serving in Iraq.

Capt. Keith GeRue has returned home. Praise God.

Please call Donna at 618-234-4767 to add your prayer request to our monthly newsletter.

SID professional Workers (Active and Retired)

Don't miss the annual **Day of Spiritual Growth**

Wednesday, August 13

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

104 East South Sixth Street

Red Bud, Illinois

Speaker: Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Divine Redeemer, Bronx, NY

"Holy Space for Holy People"

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT- LCMS Fall Pastoral Conference Schedule *October 6-8, 2008*

Pere Marquette Lodge, near Grafton, Illinois

“Preaching – Law and Gospel and Narrative Sermons”

Dr. Carl Fickenscher (Concordia, Fort Wayne) and Dr. Glenn Nielsen (Concordia, St. Louis)

Monday, October 6, 2008

- 12:30 p.m. Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Devotion – Matthew 22:1-14
- 1:15 p.m. Session I – “Matthew 22:1-14 – Two Homiletic Approaches”
(Drs. Nielsen and Fickenscher)
(10 minute homily plus 30 minutes explanation each; Discussion with Moderator – 25 minutes]
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Discussion and Review of Proposals for the Changes in Synod’s Structure
(President Herbert Mueller)
- 5:00 p.m. Opportunity for Confession/Absolution
- 5:30 p.m. Divine Service
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own, followed by Gemuetlichkeit at the Lodge (9:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at the Lodge
- 8:30 a.m. Matins
- 9:15 a.m. Session II – Sermon Preparation and Structure *(Drs. Nielsen and Fickenscher)*
[40 minutes each; Moderated Discussion 25 minutes]
- 11:00 a.m. District Business – Conference Committee Elections
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:55 p.m. Noon Suffrages
- 1:00 p.m. Session III – Sermon Delivery and Reception *(Drs. Nielsen and Fickenscher)*
[40 minutes each; Moderated Discussion 25 minutes]
- 2:45 p.m. Recreation
- 7:00 p.m. BBQ Banquet – Todd Wilken, Banquet Speaker
- 8:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 8:30 p.m. Gemuetlichkeit/Reading of letters of excuse

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Matins
- 9:15 a.m. Session IV – Responders: Pastor John Lukomski on Walther (20 minutes)
Pastors Holle & Curtis on Forde (20 minutes)
- 10:00 a.m. Q/A Panel Discussion with Presenters and Responders
- 11:00 a.m. District Business
- 11:30 a.m. Itinerarium

PASTORS' ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

The following pastors celebrated anniversaries of their ordination into the Holy Ministry in **July** and received certificates. If you, or someone you know had an anniversary (20, 25, 30, 35, etc.) during the month of **July** and their name is not on this list, please call Donna at the District Office so this can be taken care of right away. Thank you.

Rev. James Liedholdt	June 29	50 years
Rev. Herbert Grieves	July 3	40 years
Rev. Clifford Hunt	July 7	45 years
Rev. John Lukowski	July 3	30 years
Rev. Walter Meyer	July 15	60 years
Rev. Perry Schefelker	July 29	35 years

Retired Pastors, Teachers & Church Workers You are invited....

To our annual gathering for dinner and fellowship
on
Thursday, September 18, 2008
at
Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course and Country Club
1500 N. Waterworks Road
Okawville, IL.

We plan to meet at the country club about 11:00 a.m., have lunch at 11:30 a.m. and visit and share until about 2:00 p.m. with old and new friends. We can share about our activities and trips since last year and welcome any new retirees.

Please contact **Rev. C. F. Campbell** at **618-826-3605** as soon as possible if you are planning to attend so we can confirm the number of meals with the fantastic cooks at Roland Barkau Country Club.

Rev. Charles F. Campbell
110 Allan Street
Chester, IL. 62233



On June 22, 2008 Rev. Stephan Manz was ordained into the holy ministry and installed as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Anna. Present for this celebration: Back row, L-R: Rev. Kevin Koester, Owensville, MO; Rev. Ted Mayes, Immanuel, Mruphysboro; Rev. Michael Grieve, Golden, IL; Rev. Dustin Anderson, Marseilles, IL; Rev. John Grieve, Algonquin, IL; Front row, L-R: Rev. Robert Gray, Our Savior, Carbondale; Rev. David Kuhfel, Neligh, NE; Pastor Manz; Rev. Carl Miller, St. Luke, Olmsted; Rev. Mark Surburg, Good Shepherd, Marion; Rev. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr. President, Southern Illinois District.



On July 13, 2008 Rev. Joshua Theilen was ordained into the holy ministry and installed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoyleton. Present for this celebration: Front row L-R: Rev. Steven Sommer, Messiah, Carlyle; Rev. Joel Fritsche, Concordia Seminary; Pastor Theilen; Rev. Joe Lecke, Faith, Mt. Vernon; Rev. Tim Mueller, St. John-New Minden and St. Luke, Covington. Back row L-R: Rev. Michael Koschmann, Immanuel, Riverton, IL; Rev. Stephen Krenz, Trinity, Hoffman; Rev. Mark Nebel, St. John, Red Bud; Rev. Tim Scharr, officiant, Trinity, Nashville; Rev. Darwin Schrader, Interim at Bethlehem, Ferrin; Rev. Perry Schefelker, Trinity, Centralia; and Rev. Paul Philp, St. Louis.

Remember Your Congregation In Your Gift Plan

If you are like most Christians, your local congregaton is the place where your Christian faith is nurtured and strengthened. It is there that you were baptized, confirmed, married and will have your funeral. The Holy Spirit works there through the preaching of god's Word and the Lord's Supper to keep you in the one true faith until you reach your heavenly home.

Out of love for what Christ has done, would you be willing to consider including a gift to your church or the endowment fund in your will, trust, life insurance, or other qualified fund?

This information is provided to help you create a *Lifetime Plan for Giving* that provides for the people you love and ministries you care about.

Contact Kirk Mueller today to learn more about making a deferred gift to your congregation.



- I would like more information about how I can bless my family and my church for generations to come.
- I would like more information about how I can support a Illinois District ministry.
 - I would like to have someone review my current will or estate plan.
- Please help my congregation learn more about the benefits of a Ministry Endowment Fund.
 - Send information on: Gift annuities Family gift funds Endowments
 - Charitable trusts Christian will preambles Bequests
 - Other _____

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT 2008

August

- 4 District Golf Scramble, Edwardsville, 9:00 a.m.
- 6 Older Adult Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Board of Congregational Support, 4:15 p.m.
- 7 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 SID Convention Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Day of Spiritual Growth, St. John-Red Bud, 8:30 a.m.
- 25 Board of Spiritual Care and Supervision, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Youth Advisory Committee, Zion-Belleville, 6:30 pm

September

- 4 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Mission Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 19-20 LWML Convention, Good Shepherd-Collinsville
- 25 Youth Advisory Committee, Zion-Belleville, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Mission Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

October

- 2 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 2-3 Teachers Conference in Springfield, IL.
- 6-8 SID Fall Pastoral Conference, Pere Marquette
- 13 SID Convention Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Finance Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 16 LWML District Board, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Fund Advisory, 4:30 p.m.
- 23 Board of Congregational Support, 4:15 p.m.
- 25 SID Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 Mission Staff, 9:30 a.m.

November

- 3 Board of Spiritual Care and Supervision, 9:00 a.m.
- 5 Older Adult Advisory Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- 6 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 "Carload" Conference, St. Mark, Steeleville
- 15 SID Mission Board, 9:00 a.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day—District Office closed
- 28 District Office Closed