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Presidential Activities June 2010

- 1 Preaching Engagements
- 6 Individual Consultations
- 1 Installation of a Pastor
- 2 Ordinations
- 1 Sunday Presiding for Holy
Communion at Unity
- 2 Congregational Meeting
- 9 District Meetings
- 1 Staff Meeting
- 1 KFUE—Guest Speaker
- 2 Meetings with Roger Sprengel
- 1 Day—Synod Floor Committee
Mtgs.
- 2 Conference Calls
- 3 Days Off

Treasures from the Treasury

The Treasury of Daily Prayer is a great resource published by CPH a couple of years ago. It provides for a simple but disciplined way of reading Scripture and gives one a good framework for prayer. I cannot claim to have used it every day, but that is my goal. I do keep it open on my desk so that when I come in to use the desk I have to begin with the Treasury or shove it out of the way.

Of late it has been interesting to pick up on the nuggets of gold in the Psalms and the Proverbs and connect them with the New Testament readings. Let me bring to you some of the precious words mined from this rich vein of gold.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name (Psalm 86:11).

Not my way, Lord Jesus, but your way. No matter how much I want my way, give me your way, because your way is the truth.

Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips. That your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today, even to you (Proverbs 22:17-19).

Even to you – even to me, God has revealed Himself in Christ Jesus, that our trust may be in Him. So incline your ear and listen. Here's life! Even for you! Even for me!

Every Word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him (Proverbs 30:5).

What God says is absolutely true – you can stake your life on it. In fact, every time we say in the creed, “I believe in the resurrection of the body,” we stake our lives on the Word of Christ, when He says, “*This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day*” (John 6:40). But then look at Proverbs 30:6 – “*Do not add to his words [God's words], lest He rebuke you and you be found to be a liar.*” O Lord, your way, not my way. Your Word, not mine. That's why Jesus also prayed, as we read June 18, “*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth*” (John 17:17).

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Couple that talk of truth with the New Testament readings in which John describes for us the crucifixion of God's Son in our place. At the end of it all, Jesus cries out, "*It is finished!*" which can also be translated, "Paid in full!" (John 19:30). Jesus paid all our debts in full.

That's the bottom line truth that gives life, as we read in the Writing for June 23, from the Smalcald Articles, "*The first and chief article is this: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification. He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and God has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all*" (Smalcald Articles II I, 1-2).

There are many ways to discipline yourself to be in the Word of God regularly – Treasury of Daily Prayer is one means I have found helpful. The point is that you are regularly drinking deeply from the water of "the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3), for, as John says, "*Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name*" (John 2:30-31).

May God renew and refresh also you with the water of salvation, and enrich your faith with the golden nuggets of His Word.

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

TRINITY, ANNA— Seminarian Gail Heimgartner (Ft. Wayne) placed by COP, ordained and installed June 20, 2010.

ZION, BETHALTO—Engaged in self study process to prepare to call Senior Pastor.

ST JOHN, CHESTER—Assistant Pastor, Seminarian Peter Ill, St. Louis will be ordained and installed August 1,2010.

EMMAUS, DORSEY—Pastor, Seminarian David Stratmann, St. Louis will be ordained and installed August 8, 2010.

TRINITY, EDWARDSVILLE—Associate Pastor, Seminarian John Shank, Fort Wayne was ordained and installed June 19, 2010.

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

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

OUR REDEEMER, GOLCONDA/FAITH MISSION, HARRISBURG/ELDORADO—Vicarage application not filled, considering options, possible call for seminary graduate.

ST. LUKE'S, OLMSTED—Rev. Paul Donner, Paducah, Ky. serving as Vacancy Pastor.

SID PASTOR'S CALLS RECEIVED/ACCEPTED/RETURNED

Rev. Tony Troup, Immanuel, Waterloo has received a Call from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wittenberg, WI. (Received and Declined)



PRAYERS:

For **Vicki Nicely**, wife of Chaplain Doug Nicely, also former secretary to Pres. Mueller and Pres. Kollmann, as she recovers from a broken wrist and a broken leg which she sustained when a car hit her while she was walking across a parking lot.

For **Janet Kumm**, wife of Pastor Michael Kumm (Trinity, Millstadt), as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

For **Karen Kern**, wife of Pastor David Kern (St. Paul, West Frankfort), as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

For **Bart Anderson**, father of Faith Mueller, who suffered a heart attach May 24th and is receiving treatment in Dothan, Alabama.

For the mission efforts going on in **Saline County**, for **Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School**, for the **Freed In Christ** program, and ALL the other mission efforts throughout the Southern Illinois District.

Please keep our brothers and sisters serving our country in the military in your prayers:

Active duty Chaplains from the SID: **Lt. Col. Gregory Jans**, **Capt. Gregory N. Todd**, **Lt. Col. David Wilshek**, and **Capt. Jon Smithley**.

For **Pfc. Adam Burch**, son of Mary Barnett, Holy Cross, Collinsville, has returned from Iraq, is now at Ft. Leonard Wood.

For **Khotsi Tswaedi**, son of Bishop David and Lucy Tswaedi, Southern Africa, in the U.S. Army, has returned to the US and serving in Dothan, Alabama.

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

Lt. Carl Muehler (brother of Cindy Nebel) US Navy Chaplain now serving at Norfolk, VA.

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

Capt. Drew Ponivas (son of Nancy Ponivas, teacher at Zion, Bethalto) is stationed at Camp Carroll in Daegu, S. Korea.

MM1 John Ponivas (son of Nancy Ponivas, teacher at Zion, Bethalto) is now on the USS Nautilus, Groton, CT.

Lt. Col. Robin Schultze (daughter-in-law of Shirley Schwartzkopf) promoted to Col. effective July 2010 and being transferred to Travis AFB

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

Capt. Anthony Skeesick (son of Pastor Dale and Kathy Skeesick, St. Peter, Prairietown) is now back at Ft. Campbell, KY.

Lt. Col. John Pepin (son-in-law of Pastor [Emeritus] and Lois Eckert) is now serving at Scott AFB, IL.

Please call Donna at 618-234-4767 or email to: sidexecsecretary@sidlms.org to add your prayer request, or update the information above.

PRAISE PRAYERS:

PASTORS' ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

The following pastors celebrated anniversaries of their ordination into the Holy Ministry in **June** and received certificates. If you, or someone you know had an anniversary (20, 25, 30, 35, etc.) during the month of **June** 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. Dennis Brandt	25 Years	June 23
Rev. Charles Campbell	35 Years	June 1
Rev. James Hoppes	45 Years	June 10
Rev. Thomas Moyer	25 Years	June 23
Rev. William Schmidt	45 Years	June 13

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD – PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

No doubt you may even be tired by now of hearing about the Synod Convention next month in Houston, July 10-17, 2010. At this point I am simply writing to encourage prayer. Pray for the leaders of our Synod, whether you agree with them or not. Pray for the candidates for president and other offices. Pray for the delegates, that God would grant wisdom and discernment. Pray that as the delegates consider various options and proposals that God's name would be glorified, God's people blessed, and many more come to know God's love in Jesus. Pray that our leaders and our delegates (and each of us) be kept faithful to the Word of God and the confessions of our church.

Please also pray for me (Pr. Herb Mueller) as my name has been placed on the ballot. Pray that I continue to see and to place everything in God's hands. Pray that His will be done, for His will for us is always good. Pray that God leads us forward, trusting only His Word. Pray for the leaders of your district, that we might serve faithfully. Most of all, pray for those who do not yet know Christ that they may hear His Word clearly. Pray for the pastors, teachers, DCEs, Deaconesses and other workers of our district that we may bring the Word of God into the lives of our people with passion and God's power. Pray that Christ crucified and risen from the dead would be lifted up in all we say and do. Thanks and God bless!

LCMS 64th Reg. Convention Houston, Texas July 10-17, 2010

One People - Forgiven

Pray for God's will to be done and for safe travel for everyone traveling to Houston.

Mission Opportunity!

Jamie Endorf, a Spanish teacher at Metro-East Lutheran High School for the past 5 years, will be leaving MELHS and working as a GEO (Globally Engaged in Outreach) missionary through LCMS World Mission in the mountains southeast of Lima, Peru beginning in September. She will act as the Service Coordinator there. This means her primary responsibility will be identifying physical and spiritual needs in the community and arranging for American short-term mission teams to come and fill those needs. Additionally, she will be doing outreach in the community, and the goal of her mission team (herself, a teacher, a full-time missionary, and a called Pastor) is to plant a Lutheran church in the small Peruvian communities where they will live.

LCMS mission work in Peru began in 2007 when these communities, Lunahuana and Lucomo, experienced severe damage from an earthquake. LCMS World Relief sent help, and after building relationships with the people there, realized that there was a need for the Gospel. LCMS World Mission called a Pastor to serve along with a Service Coordinator, but the Pastor turned down the call. As a result, only one service coordinator has been working there for two years. This will be the first year that that a full team will serve the community.

Jamie has made an initial 11-month commitment to this work. She needs to raise support for herself before she can go to this mission field, as all missionaries do. It is estimated that the amount she will need for 11 months is just over \$22,000. Please prayerfully consider partnering in this mission by financially supporting her and this mission field in Peru. Also, please keep the mission team and those they will minister to in your prayers.

If you would like to make a gift, you may do so online at <http://www.lcms.org/ca/mission/prayercards/index-v1.5.asp>. You may also call LCMS World Mission at 800-433-3954. Feel free to contact Jamie for additional information via email Jamie.endorf@lcms.org or phone 618-978-1443. She would be happy to share more about this exciting opportunity!

In addition to partnering in this mission work through financial support and prayers, the work in Peru would be blessed if the church would plan a short-term mission trip to Peru to see how God has been using their money and prayers. If you would like to plan a trip, please contact Jamie to make arrangements.



On June 20, 2010, the people of God at Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna, Illinois rejoiced to see the ordination and installation of their new Pastor, Rev. Gail Robert Heimgartner, a 2010 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Participating in the ordination and installation were these pastors (front, left to right) – Pastor Mark Willig, Senior Pastor, St. John’s, Chester (Rev. Heimgartner’s vicarage supervisor); Pastor David Kern, St. Paul, West Frankfort; Rev. Heimgartner; Pastor E. James Rivett, Our Redeemer, Golconda (Rev. Heimgartner’s pastor when he entered seminary); Pastor Ken Young, Emeritus, Chester; (back, left to right) –

Pastor Royal Boeder, Maeystown (Vacancy Pastor for Trinity); Pastor Carl Miller, Chaplain, Tamms Prison, Tamms; Prof. George Lange, Emeritus, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN; Pastor Ted Mayes, Immanuel, Murphysboro (Circuit Counselor); Pastor C. Fred Campbell, Emeritus, Chester; President Herbert Mueller, Southern Illinois District President, Waterloo.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT 2010

JULY

- 1 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10-17 LCMS Convention in Texas
- 17-21 Youth Gathering in New Orleans
- 22-25 LLL Convention in Omaha
- 22 Finance Committee, 5:15 p.m.
- 31 SID Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m.

AUGUST

- 5 Board of Congregational Support, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Day of Spiritual Renewal at Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, 8:00 a.m.
- 11 Lutheran Older Adult - 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 30 Board of Spiritual Care and Supervision, 9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Labor Day Holiday—District Office closed
- 9 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Mission Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Fund Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 24-25 LWML Convention—Carlyle and Centralia

OCTOBER

- 4-5 SID Fall Pastor's Conference—Pere Marquette
- 7 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9-11 Jr. High Youth Retreat at Camp Wartburg
- 21 SID LWML Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 SID Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Lutheran Older Adult Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Prison Ministry Workshop—Camp Wartburg
- 4 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Mission Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 19-21 LCEF Fall Leadership Conference-Nashville, TN
- 21 Unity Lutheran Elementary School Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day—District Office Closed
- 26 District Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 2 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.