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Presidential Activities May 2009

- 18 Individual Consultations
- 3 Meetings with Roger Sprengel
- 4 Congregational Meetings
- 6 District Meetings
- 4 Preaching/Speaking engagements
- 1 Synodical Meetings
- 1 Days Off
- 3 Days Vacation
- 1 Ordination and Installation
- 1 Day of Prison Ministry Workshop
- 5 Presidential Visits
- 1 KFUE "Ask The Pastor"

A Presidential Potpourri

Day of Spiritual Renewal – Tuesday, August 11

Get out your calendar and mark it right now for Tuesday, August 11, for our annual "Day of Spiritual Renewal" for church workers and spouses, this year at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville. Please note the new date! In years past, we have often brought in an outside speaker for this event. This year our program is "home-grown" with worship and Bible study in the morning (Pastor John Lukomski will lead us into Philippians 1), plus a presentation and discussion in the afternoon regarding the mission/evangelism potential of our schools. That's Tuesday, August 11, at Metro East.

Teachers Conference – October 1-2

Your principal will inform you of details, but you heard it here, too! Come to Belleville (and Shiloh) for the SID/CID Teachers Conference October 1-2.

Pastors Conference – October 5-7

Pastors – make sure you have it in your PC, your laptop, your "hand-held," your phone, or else written down in your "hand-held" CPH or Thrivent calendar book. Whatever means you use to remind yourself, the SID Fall Pastoral Conference will be held October 5-7 at Rend Lake Resort, near Benton, IL, just off I-57. We are lining up several speakers to help us discuss how the church can best speak to the culture in the public square. Registration is \$90.00 – forms, etc. will be sent soon.

Living in the Scriptures

What did the 3000 baptized on the first Pentecost then do? They were led by the apostles into those things that give life to the Church of all ages. *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers"* (Acts 2:42).

The Apostolic Teaching – we have it written down for us in the New Testament Scriptures, based on the Old Testament writings. This Word of God always points us back to Christ and all He does for us. In other words, the Word of God gives eternal fellowship with Christ.

The Apostolic Fellowship – have you noticed how those who are drifting from the fellowship then become easy targets for the enemy? More positively stated, who are those God has given you for fellowship? With whom do you have the Gospel in common? Beyond your family, there's your school staff (fellow

teachers), the leadership of your congregation, the brother pastors of your circuit and district, etc. These all are gifts of God to you. And when they don't much look like gifts to you, remember, you also are God's gift to them!

The Breaking of Bread – here is the most sublime fellowship this side of heaven, as we receive together the body and blood of Christ, our foretaste of eternal life. We are all in the fellowship of the forgiven.

The Prayers – Divine Service, as well as a deliberate, focused time of prayer, is what I believe is meant here, whether praying the offices of the church or simply concentrating on the task of lifting up to God specific needs and thanksgivings.

How is this going for you?

The flesh often becomes fatigued by spiritual disciplines, leading to weakness of faith and even doubt. A life of daily repentance and daily drinking from our Lord's rich supply of grace and forgiveness is the answer. And we have wonderful resources available to us for this!

I have grown to love CPH's new Treasury of Daily Prayer. My wife and I also use Today's Light and Bo Giertz, To Live With Christ, both also from CPH. There are many more wonderful resources out there. Use what leads you into Scripture and points you to Christ alone as Lord and Savior. Let your brothers and sisters hold you accountable in this. Just let them ask, as I have asked: how is this going for you? And I want you to ask me the same: Herb, how is your devotional life, in the "apostles' teaching and the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers"?

Peace to you in Jesus!

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

ZION, BETHALTO—Entering self study process to prepare to call Senior Pastor

OUR SAVIOR, CARM— Entering Call process, Rev. Dean Spooner of Henderson, KY serving as Vacancy Pastor.

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

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

IMMANUEL, OKAWVILLE—Pastor Darwin Schrader serving as interim.

ZION, PINCKNEYVILLE & TRINITY, CONANT—Entering Call Process.

ZION, STAUNTON— Entering Call process, Rev. Bill Gleason of Hamel, IL. is Vacancy Pastor.

SID PASTOR'S CALLS RECEIVED/ACCEPTED/RETURNED

Rev. Jon Smithley of Zion, Pinckneyville and Trinity, Conant to Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force by the Board of Mission Services, LCMS (Received and Accepted)

PRAYER REQUESTS



For the family of **Pastor Richard E. Watson**, emeritus, Carbondale, IL. Was called home to our heavenly Father on Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

For the family of **Marian Martens**, former SID Treasurer, who went home to our heavenly Father on Monday, May 18.

For **Pastor Steve MacDougall**, (Trinity, Red Bud) as he recovers from surgery.

For **Loraine Cramer**, wife of Les Cramer-member of Board of Congregational Support, as she heals and recovers from a broken bone in her ankle.

For **Pastor Tim Weiser**, Trinity Iuka, who recently has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is recovering at home following surgery.

For **Pastor David Kollmeyer**, Chaplain at Chester Mental Health Center) who will have medical tests in the near future.

For **Pastor Maurice Alms**, Emeritus, is recovering from an attack by a pit bull and is dealing with various problems associated with his move to Texas.

For the **Mission Efforts** going on in Harrisburg, Illinois.

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

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

For **Pfc. Adam Burch**, son of Mary Barnett, Holy Cross, Collinsville, serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq.

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 Georgia.

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

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 Ft. Benning, GA..

MM1 John Ponivas (son of Nancy Ponivas, teacher at Zion, Bethalto) will be deployed for 6 months on the USS Albuquerque.

Lt. Col. Robin Schultze (daughter-in-law of Shirley Schwartzkopf) is now at Fort McNair, DC. as a National Defense University Nurse.

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) has from Afghanistan and is now back at Ft. Campbell, KY.

Lt. Col. John Pepin (son-in-law of Pastor [Emeritus] and Lois Eckert) has returned from Iraq -Praise God.

A1C Steven Long (grandson of Pastor & Janet Kumm, Trinity, Millstadt) in now serving in the Air Force in Lake Hill, England.

Please call Donna at 618-234-4767 to add your prayer request, or update the information above.

PRAISE REPORTS:

Praise God that **Capt. Anthony Skeesick** has returned back to the United State from Afghanistan.

Praise God that both **Cathy Bevirt and Melissa Combs**, teachers from Holy Cross, Collinsville are doing very well now health wise.

PASTORS' ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

The following pastors celebrated anniversaries of their ordination into the Holy Ministry in **May** and received certificates. If you, or someone you know had an anniversary (20, 25, 30, 35, etc.) during the month of **May** 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.

May Rev. Carl Miller 35 Years May 28, 2009

Schools Calling for Teachers/Administrators

Bethalto, Zion	Early Childhood Director, Called Annalisa Roggow of Woodruff, S.C. (Accepted)
Collinsville, Good Shepherd	Teachers, Grades 1 and 7 designated Jasmine and Justine Biermann (CUW) – (Accepted) Called Sarah Schultz, Grade 8 (Accepted)
Columbia, St. Paul	E.C. Director (part-time) Contracted Becky Boerner, (Accepted)
Edwardsville-MELHS	Designated Zachary Schnare (Concordia, Seward) to teach Art
Evansville, Christ Our Savior LHS	Administrator—Called Glenn Rollins of Minneapolis, MN (Declined)
Godfrey, Faith	EC Director/DCE
Hamel, Trinity/St. Paul	Teacher, grade 1-2
Hoffman, Trinity	Principal/Teacher—Called Steven Burger, of Hartland, MI. (Accepted)
Jacob, Christ	Principal/Teacher—Called Daniel Burk of California (Declined)
Murphysboro, Immanuel	Teacher—grades 5/6
Nashville, Trinity/St. John	Associate Pastor/Principal—COP placed Russell Johnson, (Accepted)
Prairietown, St. Peter	Principal / Teacher grades 6-8— Contracted Joy Roberson of Edwardsville (Accepted) Teacher, grades 3-5—Called Sharon Zilm of Godfrey, IL. (Accepted)
St. John, Red Bud	Child Care Director
Staunton, Zion	3 Vacancies (new listing)
Steelville, St. Mark	Principal / Teacher—Called Rebecca Rowe of Florida, (Accepted)
Troy, St. Paul	Teacher, grades 7/8
Unity, East St. Louis	Teacher , grade 5—Contracted Lillie Hardiway Teacher, grade 6 —Called Mark Belli, of Trinity, Hoffman, (Accepted)



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! FOR UNITY LUTHERAN!

ALL MEMBERS OF ALL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS ARE
INVITED TO HELP WITH THE

HAWTHORNE SCHOOL CLEAN UP!

WE NEED AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO HELP GET THE BUILDING READY FOR
OUR DISTRICT MISSION SCHOOL.

MAJOR WORK DAYS

July 11
July 18
July 25
August 1



MOVING DAY

August 8

We need lots of painters, cleaners, and movers.

If you can only come during the week, that's ok, too!

Call Paul Miller to let us know when you're coming and
how many you're bringing.

It may look like painting, cleaning, and moving,
but it's really MISSION WORK!

St. Salvator/St. Peter—Venedy/New Memphis Ordain and Install Arthur Eichhorn



Pictured above are the pastors gathered for the ordination and installation of Rev. Arthur Eichhorn at St. Salvator and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches at Venedy and New Memphis on May 17, 2009.

From Left to Right (rear) - Rev. Hans Trinklein, Pastor at Olive Branch Lutheran Church, Okawville; Rev. Paul Philp, Admissions Counselor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Rev. Darwin Schrader, Interim Pastor, Immanuel, Okawville; Rev. Tim Mueller, Pastor, St. John and St. Luke's Lutheran Churches, New Minden and Covington; Rev. Tim Scharr, Pastor, Trinity, Nashville;

Dr. David Wollenburg, Professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Rev. Perry Schefelker, Associate Pastor, Trinity, Centralia; From Left to Right (front), President Herbert Mueller, Rev. Josh Theilen, Pastor, Trinity, Hoyleton; Rev. Eichhorn; Rev. Tim Seban, Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Des Peres, MO; Rev. David Fletcher, retiring Pastor of St. Salvator and St. Peter's; Rev. William Wilson, Associate Pastor, Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO.

TEN COMMANDMENTS RADIO SERIES...

Do the Ten Commandments still apply to us today? Do you keep any of them? What does it mean to fear, love and trust God above all things? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, will air an in-depth series on the Ten Commandments throughout the month of June. You can listen to this series anytime you want at www.issuesetc.org.

If you have any questions, send us an email at talkback@issuesetc.org.



WIU Campus Ministry To Celebrate 40th, Seeks Alumni

The 40th Anniversary of The Lutheran Student Center at Western Illinois University will be celebrated on October 18, 2009. The theme for the special 10am Divine Service will be “*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*,” based upon Ephesians 2:19-22.

All alumni are invited to Macomb for this Homecoming Weekend celebration. “We’re eager to celebrate the history of LCMS campus ministry at Western, and to look ahead to the important mission this will continue to be,” says Pastor Mike Burdick. “As a 1984 graduate of WIU and a former student leader here, I’m increasingly convinced that it is crucial to proclaim the pure Gospel of Christ crucified and raised for and with students.”

The staff and students of Immanuel Lutheran Student Center are seeking names and contact information for all alumni who have been associated with the Center, whether or not they are able to attend the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Names and addresses (including email, if possible) can be sent to Pastor Mike Burdick, 303 N. Clay Street, Macomb, IL. 61455 or to lutheran@macomb.com.

Volunteers Needed

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois is seeking volunteers at it downtown Belleville “Nice Twice Resale Shop”. All proceeds from this retail operation are contributed to local programs (Camp Wartburg, Fathers’ Center, Clinical Counseling and Adoption). Interested individuals may volunteer at anytime desired (full days, half days, etc). Cashiers and Lead Day Managers are needed at this time. However, other opportunities do exist. For specific information please contact the Store Manager, Ina at 618.233.9895.

WLI Announces 3rd Biennial National Conf– April 16-18, 2010

The Women’s Leadership Institute of Concordia University Wisconsin will host its third biennial national conference April 16-18, 2010, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Participants will explore various aspects of communication under the theme **LISTENING, LINKING, LEADING: FROM WORDS TO ACTION** based on Exodus 4:12. “*Now go. I will help you speak and I will teach you what to say.*”

Featured speakers will include Dr. Jean Garton, Benton, AR, as keynoter, along with plenary speakers Dr. Bernard Bull from Concordia University Wisconsin and Dr. Carol McDaniel from Concordia University Irvine, CA. Karen Lippert, a parish coordinator of women’s ministries, will lead the Bible studies, and Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry, President of Concordia University Wisconsin, will conduct the Sunday worship. In addition, 15 sectional presentations will explore a variety of topics related to leadership, communication and priorities.

A new feature of the 2010 Conference will be pre-conference schools for in-depth, personalized training in speaking and writing. The Speakers and Writers Schools, under the leadership of noted speaker Ruth Koch, Denver, CO, and highly respected author and editor, Dr. Jane Fryar, St. Louis, MO, will be offered April 13-16, 2010 at the conference site. Conference registration will open in June 2009. Consult the WLI website (www.wlicuw.org) in the weeks ahead for additional information or contact Bonnie Treloar, Operations Coordinator, at bonnie.treloar@cuw.edu or 262-243-4422.



Southern Illinois District Golf Scramble

- WHEN:** Monday, June 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM
- WHERE:** Oakbrook Golf Club
9157 Fruit Road
Edwardsville, IL
- FOR WHOM:** Pastors, teachers, lay members of SID Boards & Committees,
spouses, your high school/college age children.
- COST:** **\$23 with a cart for everyone**
- LUNCH** Provided by Thrivent

Our District Office Executive Staff has decided to hold just one golf scramble this year instead of two. It was difficult for some teachers to play on the first Monday of June because of post school faculty meetings and the first Monday in August didn't work well either because of home visits to students and faculty meetings. So let's try one scramble in June.

Come and meet some new golfers! Come and have a good time! Teams will be chosen by drawing names from a hat.

SID GOLF SCRAMBLE

A change is taking place. In the past we held two golf scrambles. The first one was held on the first Monday of June and the second one on the first Monday of August. Both of these dates seemed to cause some difficulty especially with teachers who still were involved with post school workshops in June or in August they were making home visits to their students or involved in preparation for the start of a new school year. It also seems like our attendance is getting less and less at these two golf scrambles. That might be because there are many opportunities to play golf now days and a lot of us are getting older too.

So, the District Office Executive Staff decided a change was in order. In 2009 we will only have one SID golf scramble. We have chosen **Monday, June 22 as the date**. Why a June date? July seems to be the month when many take vacations. August can be quite hot. The June date is also the same week as the Metro East Lutheran High School Golf Tournament, so if you are entered in that event, you can use our golf scramble as a tune up.

The scramble will take place at **Oakbrook Golf Club in Edwardsville**. Why in Edwardsville? The Okawville course is under new management and they will not allow Thrivent to cook lunch for us while Edwardsville will. **Tee time is 9:00 A.M.** The cost for all players will be **\$23**, which includes the use of a golf cart.

Who is eligible to play in the SID Golf Scramble? Professional church workers, spouses, lay members of SID Boards & Committees, and your high school/college age children.

How will teams be formed? We will draw names from a hat to form the teams. This gives you the opportunity to meet some golfers you might now know.

How about lunch? Once again Thrivent financial reps will provide your lunch (probably brats, hot dogs, chips, drink) after you have completed the first nine holes. In order to have some idea how much food to prepare, please call our District Office, 618-234-4767 and let Donna or Ruby know that you will be playing in the golf scramble.

Will there be prizes? The Lutheran Church Extension Fund of the Southern Illinois District will give each player a sleeve of balls. The winning team will receive the famous SID trophies. We might be able to provide some additional prizes for closest to the pin on several holes.

Men will tee off using the white tee blocks, men 65 and older can use the golf tee blocks and women tee off from the red tee blocks.

This golf scramble is for fellowship and fun, so come on out and join us!

Mount Olive man recognized for volunteer service

Thrivent Financial honors Daniel McCarthy with
Volunteer Excellence Award

MINNEAPOLIS (May 7, 2009) – Daniel McCarthy, Mount Olive, Ill., recently received a Volunteer Excellence Award (youth/young adult category) from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. McCarthy was one of just 12 individuals nationwide to be selected for this award from among Thrivent Financial's 2.6 million members. Thrivent Financial selected McCarthy based on his dedication to helping others through volunteerism and serviceusing Thrivent Financial programs and resources in 2008.

“Daniel embodies Thrivent Financial's mission of compassion and caring,” said Brad Hewitt, senior executive vice president and chief operating officer for Thrivent Financial. “We applaud his generosity, commitment and dedication to the mission of Thrivent Financial. He is most deserving of this recognition.” McCarthy has always been open to trying new things to help his Thrivent chapter multiply the good done by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. And it shows.

As a graduate student, McCarthy has already served four years as a chapter leader and is likely one of the youngest to have reached the end of his term. He served as the chapter's financial director the past two years. Previously, he was communications director and congregational service team director.

His commitment to volunteering and spreading awareness of Thrivent Financial has been a true inspiration to other volunteers and his chapter leaders. McCarthy participates in a wide variety of activities and programs with his church and in his community of Mount Olive, Ill.—many utilizing his technical skills. He volunteers as a technician at Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he installed and maintained computer software and hardware and now serves as the church's website administrator. He also volunteers at the local library, serving as technology and security administrator and consultant.

As a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in Accountancy at the University of Illinois at Springfield, McCarthy also serves his collegiate community. McCarthy helps at the Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center, volunteering as an accounting and IT consultant. The center helps people get back on their feet emotionally, mentally and financially.

He is a council member for the Women's Center at the University of Illinois at Springfield, helping to educate the campus community about gender-related issues and address issues of concern to women. McCarthy also serves on the Business College Curriculum Committee as a volunteer student representative.

The spectrum of McCarthy's interests is wide. His concern for the well-being of others is equally as encompassing.

Thrivent Financial members are organized into local groups called chapters that meet regularly to participate in volunteering, educational activities and social events.

Locally, the Macoupin County Thrivent Chapter manages the organization's Care Abounds in Communities program, which supports service projects and fund-raising activities to benefit families in need and qualified nonprofit organizations.

In addition to receiving a 2009 Volunteer Excellence Award plaque, McCarthy was given \$2,000 to donate to the nonprofit organizations of his choice. McCarthy elected to donate \$1,000 to Mount Olive Public Library and \$1,000 to Mount Olive Immanuel Lutheran Church.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a Fortune 500 financial services membership organization helping approximately 2.6 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their communities. Thrivent Financial and its affiliates offer a broad range of financial products. As a not-for-profit organization, Thrivent Financial sponsors national outreach programs and activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT 2009

JUNE

- 3 Pastor's Conference Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 4 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Training for Freed in Christ Volunteers, 9:00 am
- 10 Lutheran School Accreditation .Commission, 8:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
- 12-13 Senior H.S. Youth Gathering—Carlinville
- 16 NLSA Training Meeting, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- 20 Board of Missions, 9:00 a.m. at Unity, E. St. Louis
- 20 Special Board of Directors Meeting at Unity, E. St. Louis, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 SID Golf Scramble, Oakbrooke, Edwardsville, 9:00 a.m.
- 23 Scholarship Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), 6:30 p.m. at Zion, Belleville

JULY

- 2 Board of Congregational Support—5:30 p.m.
- 2 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 LWML District Board of Directors. 9:30 a.m.
- 25 SID Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m.

AUGUST

- 5-6 Midwest Stewardship Conference—Concordia Seminary
- 6 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Day of Spiritual Renewal—Metro East Lutheran High School –**Note change of date!**
- 24 Board of Spiritual Care & Supervision, 9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 CID/SID Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Board of Missions, 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 1-2 S.I.D./C.I.D. Teacher's Conference—Belleville/O'Fallon, Il.
- 1 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 5-7 Pastor's Fall Conference
- 10-12 Junior H.S. Youth Gathering—Camp Wartburg
- 15 LWML District Board of Directors, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 SID Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 2 Board of Spiritual Care & Supervision, 9:00 a.m.
- 5 SID Prison Ministry Workshop at Camp Wartburg, 8:45 a.m.– 2:45 p.m.
- 5 S.A.M.T.F. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Board of Missions, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 SID Office closed