



# *This Ministry That We Share*

*Southern District - LCMS  
October 1, 2014*



## **GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS**

***"... for His steadfast love endures for ever!"  
(Psalm 106:1b)***

In the month of October we celebrate the Reformation. Many have often wondered what enabled Dr. Martin Luther to be the driving force he came to be during the Reformation. The answer can be found in our verse this month. Dr. Luther knew the security of God's love. Sharing in that security of God's love is the heart of our heritage of faith. It is firm and sure, an immovable rock on which to build, and an anchor to cling to in stormy seas. Vastly different from human love, it is not based on chemistry, feelings, like-mindedness or performance. We can trust in His love no matter what we do or what happens to us. He simply, but profoundly, loves us.



Rev. Kurtus Schultz, President

God's faithfulness is not measured by the instability and fickleness of man's soul. God's love is based on His nature, and on His faithfulness to Himself. In His love, He made an unilateral, unbreakable covenant with His people, no matter what they say or how they act. There are consequences for their choices; but, He does not stop loving them, nor does He renege on the covenant. God has a plan to bless and fulfill all of His people. He is faithful to that plan, whether or not individuals refuse or reject His desired blessing for them.

At the foot of Mount Sinai the people of Israel quickly turned aside from the way of Yahweh, created other gods, and spent their time eating, drinking and playing. When in His wrath God turned away from them, Moses appealed to Him, "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants, to whom Thou didst swear by Thine own self " (Exodus 32:13). Psalm 106 recounts Israel's rebellion, murmuring, provoking, and serving idols. Consequences were inevitable, but God never left them.

When the invited guests refused to come to the wedding feast, making light of the invitation and following the gods of labor and business, the ultimate blessing was not dependent upon their reaction. God continued with His perfect plan to save and bless His people by inviting others. The feast was held and continues to be held, because it is His will that it be so. It is by His steadfast love that we participate. Thanks be to God!

***Prayer: We rejoice, Father, in your faithfulness and steadfast love for us. Help us to grow in that love, that we may reflect it to a troubled and unstable world. Amen.***

## PRIORITY MAIL!!! MUST READ!!!

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**THANK YOU!**

	<b>DATES FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS OF 2014</b>	
October 3-5	"Build Up the Walls" Gathering	St. Paul Lutheran Church-Burgundy-New Orleans, LA
October 11	Memorial Service for Kenneth Buth	Trinity Lutheran Church Sulphur, Louisiana
October 14-15	Black Churchmen's Conference	St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Annette-New Orleans, LA
October 26	95th Anniversary St. Matthew - Gulfport, MS	St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Gulfport, MS
November 9	90th Anniversary Trinity - Selma, AL	Trinity Lutheran Church Selma, AL
November 7-9	Junior High Youth Gathering	Blue Lake Camp Andalusia, Alabama
November 14-16	Junior High Youth Gathering	Tall Timbers Camp Forest Hill, Louisiana
November 23-26	Southern District Annual Commissioned Ministers Conference	Atonement Lutheran Ch. Metairie, LA
November 27	Thanksgiving	The Mission Center is closed.

## IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOU!

~click on event for more information~

[Southern District 74th Convention](#)



June 4-5, 2015 at Concordia College,  
Alabama in Selma, Alabama

"BUILD UP THE WALLS" Gathering  
Based upon the Book of Nehemiah  
Sponsored by the Association of Downtown Lutheran Churches  
Friday, October 3-Sunday, October 5, 2014  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
2624 Burgundy St., New Orleans, LA 70117  
504-945-3741  
Pastor Host: The Rev. Kevin Kieschnick  
[www.downtownchurches@aol.com](mailto:www.downtownchurches@aol.com)  
[www.downtownchurches.org](http://www.downtownchurches.org)

### THE ROSA J. YOUNG FILM PROJECT



Rosa J. Young (1890-1971) is known as the mother of Black Lutheranism in Central Alabama. She was a strong advocate for the education of rural children.

Synod's Department of Communications with Mrs. Susan Hill and Mrs. Kaye Wolff will be filming scripts for the Rosa J. Young film "THE FIRST ROSA" in the area. The film project is based on the book: Light in The Dark Belt written by Dr. Young. [Click on this link](#) and read the history of Dr. Young written by our own **Rev. Thomas R. Noon** of Birmingham.

*Contributions to help fund the film may be made online at <https://lcms.org/givenow/thefirstrosa> or may be mailed to The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 790089, St. Louis, MO 63179-9901. Please make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod" and write "First Rosa Film Project" on the memo line.*

### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

celebrating the ministry of pastor and people.

**95th ~ St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Gulfport, MS - Oct. 26, 2014**  
Reformation Sunday  
**Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Dukeman, Pastor**

**90th ~ Trinity Lutheran Church in Selma, AL - November 9, 2014.**  
**Rev. Steven Washington, Pastor**

**175th ~ St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Orleans, LA - 2015**  
**Rev. Kevin Kieschnick, Pastor**

### 2014 SPM EDUCATIONAL EVENT/RETREAT

Pastoral Care in Pluralistic Contexts is the theme of the upcoming SPM Education Event/Retreat scheduled for October 28-30, 2014 at Mercy Retreat Center in St. Louis, MO. Those who serve in Specialized Pastoral Ministry (SPM) will find this interesting and informative. This event is free and travel scholarships are being offered. For additional information and registration, go to the website [www.lcms.org/spm](http://www.lcms.org/spm).

**THIS IS THE YEAR. THIS IS YOUR TIME TO STAND!**



*Please join us January 22-24 in Washington, D.C.*

We're taking a stand, speaking out on behalf of the 2,900 children who are aborted every day right here in America. And we're counting on you to stand with us by attending the 2015 LCMS Life Conference. [click on this link](#)



## **Unity | Knowledge | Focus**

**Wisdom. What is it? Where does it come from? How should we use it?**

- **WE WILL DISCUSS** what wisdom looks like in a culture that glorifies shallow thinking, immature behavior, and selfishness.
- **WE WILL SEE** how Christ becomes not only the center of our faith, but the very beginning of wisdom.

### **Scripture - Proverbs 2:6:**

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

### **Gathering Locations and Dates:**

**Camp Blue Lake, Andalusia, AL - November 7 - 9**

**Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center, Woodworth, LA - November 14 - 16**

**Registration Costs (Includes Lodging, Meals & Program):**

**Regular registration: \$105 - September 16 - October 20**

**REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 20**

**\*\*\*\*\* ALL Registration is ON LINE and MUST Be Paid In Full Prior to the Gathering \*\*\*\*\***

**Go to [www.Southernlcms.org](http://www.Southernlcms.org). Click on the Youth Tab.**

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## CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE (CHI)

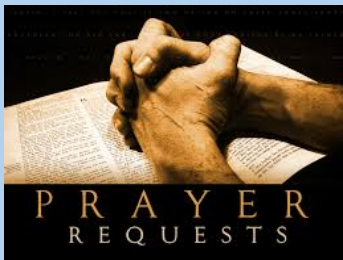


If you enjoy history, you may just enjoy membership in the CHI and the bonus of receiving the *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly (CHIQ)*. The mission of CHI is to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to serve the members of His church by promoting an interest in, appreciation for, and an understanding of the history of Lutheranism in America. The Institute has a vast collection about the history of Lutheranism, especially the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and makes that information available to congregations. They also can assist congregations in the safekeeping and preservation of their church records and documents. Brigitte Conkling is the new associate for Donor & Guest Relations and encourages individuals and congregations to join CHI and further your interest in history through their publications and historical collections. CHI is located in St. Louis, MO and can be accessed through their website: [www.concordiahistoricalinstitute.org](http://www.concordiahistoricalinstitute.org).

### news around town

- **KFUO's "His Time"** will be broadcasting a sermon by **Rev. Samuel E. McPeck** on Oct. 15. Rev. McPeck will also be part of the Daily Lectionary (Bible Study Segment) on the same date at 8 AM CST. Be sure to listen to what is sure to be an inspirational message by Rev. McPeck!!
- **Rev. Samuel McPeck** also wrote an article for the Sept. - Oct. edition of **"The Lutheran Layman"** in which he details his research of Oswald Hoffman. Look for that informative article. Rev. McPeck serves **Faith Lutheran** in **Lafayette, LA**.
- **St. Paul's LCMSU** campus ministry group at **Southeastern University in Hammond, Louisiana** invites all student members from Southern District LCMS churches to join them on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of every month in the War Memorial Student Union (gather by the pool tables!) from 12-1 pm. It's a time for fellowship, food, and sharing as we pray for and with each other and grow in God's Word. **Rev. Louis Boldt** serves **St. Paul Lutheran** in **Hammond**.
- **University Lutheran Church** in **Tuscaloosa, Alabama**, is jumpstarting the new school year at UAB by advertising themselves as "Your Lutheran Connection on Campus." Posters and postcards were prepared to invite any student for fellowship. The congregation will host a *Student Supper* every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. (You can never go wrong offering food to college students!) **Marie Parsons**, a member of University Lutheran, is the driving force in recognizing the mission field of a campus and "thinking outside the box" in developing relationships. **Rev. Charles Pieplow** serves University as their Interim Pastor.





## **WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER. . . .**

### **These brothers and sisters in Christ coping with cancer:**

- Rev. Jack Betz (Emeritus - Miramar Beach, FL)
- Rev. Jerry Conley (Emeritus - Marianna, FL)
- Mrs. Gloria Moritz, wife of Rev. Victor Moritz (Emeritus - Metairie, LA)
- Rev. Sidney Ponseti (Emeritus - Baton Rouge, LA)
- Rev. Ed Rogers (Emeritus - Ozark, AL)
- Mrs. Doris Taglauer, wife of Rev. Jim Taglauer (Emeritus - Folsom, LA)
- Mrs. Evy Weier, wife of Rev. Gary Weier (Emeritus - Gulfport, MS)
- Rev. Bill Wise (Emeritus - Destin, FL)

### **These brothers and sisters in Christ coping with various health issues:**

- Rev. and Mrs. Perry Culver - Christ - Shreveport, LA
- Rev. Rory Hermann - Good Shepherd - Gulf Breeze, FL
- Rev. P.J. Moore - Trinity - Gadsden, AL
- Mrs. Melodie Rupp, wife of Rev. Bob Rupp (Emeritus - Pensacola, FL)

***May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed. Thessalonians 2: 16-17 (NIV)***



## **SPECIAL OFFER!!**

CVLI is continuing its 3-month introductory License Offer to churches without a Church Video License. The 3-month special is priced according to church size, and is only \$75 for churches up to a membership of 499.

Following the release of the popular movie "Heaven Is For Real" and other media available, this offer allows for viewing in a church setting without copyright infringement.

## **CALLS AND VACANCIES**

### **CONGREGATIONS IN THE CALLING PROCESS FOR A PASTOR**

#### **ALABAMA**

First - Birmingham  
Our Redeemer - Florence  
University - Tuscaloosa  
Grace - Mobile  
**MISSISSIPPI**  
Christ - Pascagoula

#### **LOUISIANA**

Atonement - Metairie  
Lamb of God - Slidell  
Holy Trinity - Covington  
**FLORIDA**  
Jehovah - Pensacola



## LOOKING FOR BARGAINS? LOOK NO MORE! CPH SALE!

CPH's Annual Warehouse Sale CPH is now online! It will take place November 3-10, 2014. Customers will be able to access the sale by visiting [cph.org](http://cph.org).

### NEW AT CPH!!

CPH now has available Donna Pyle's latest book, **Quenched: Christ's Living Water for a Thirsty Soul**. Donna Pyle points readers to the Gospel message of forgiveness and salvation with both humor and honesty. She emphasizes that it is only Christ and His grace that quench the parched soul. *Quenched* is available at [cph.org](http://cph.org).

Also available at CPH is **Hello, My Name is Single** by Adriane Dorr Heins. Being single does not mean you are alone. The author emphasizes that as children of God, whether we are single, divorced, widowed--whatever our stage in life--we are never without the love of Christ. The book engages single people in Christ-centered content, providing insight and understanding for issues facing those who are single.

And one more to add to your list! **Christian Concepts for Care** by Dr. David J. Ludwig and Dr. Mary R. Jacob examines the spiritual basis in the development of mental and emotional disorders. It's not a textbook, but a powerful tool for pastors and congregations offering guidelines and strategies to help the congregational community.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

At the September 19, 2014 Personnel Committee Meeting, the "Unadjusted Base Salary" for professional church workers was decided for 2015. The change in salary guidelines will be on the 2015 Salary Guidelines on the Southern District website.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF HIS RESOURCES

District and Synod Mission Support Trends	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Budget	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Budgeted Income through 9/15	\$ 733,333	\$ 733,333	\$ 733,333
Actual Income through 9/15	\$ 685,088	\$ 674,952	\$ 604,217

## THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY-Electronic Giving



A definition of generous includes this phrase:  
*freely sharing valuable things. Freely sharing . . .no strings attached. . .no tit for tat. . .nothing expected in return. Valuable things: your child. What is more valuable than a life of someone you love beyond measure?*

As we reflect on this message, remember *Those Who Don't Yet Know Jesus*. Your continued support for the mission and ministry of the Southern District is requested.

If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to look into our electronic online giving options.

Visit [here](#) or contact Ronnie Giaise at the Southern District office for more information --- [r.giaise@southernlcms.org](mailto:r.giaise@southernlcms.org).

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