



## Oklahoma District Updates: November 2021

Congratulations to Rev. Jonathan Schultz, celebrating his 10 year Ordination Anniversary on December 4!

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Messiah Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City, received 19 new members on Nov. 14, 2021.



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**Give Thanks by Graciously Sharing your Faith in Christ**



**Read** this month's Evangelism Message from Rev. Dwayne Schroeder.

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### **Camp Lutherhoma Journey In January – High School Winter Retreat – January 14-16, 2022**



Each January high school age youth and church youth group leaders come to Camp Lutherhoma for a weekend of growth and renewal. This will be the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Journey In January. A committee of high school youth is selected by the camp staff to plan this event. This committee develops the theme, writes the Bible studies, makes the schedule and lead all of the activities during the weekend. Registration opens in November.

All registrations are done online at [www.lutherhoma.com](http://www.lutherhoma.com) Register as a youth leader and youth group, or as individuals.

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### **Tell Congress Not to Exclude Faith-Based Providers from Pre-K & Childcare Bill**

Dear Colleagues in Christ,

Congress is considering legislation that would have an enormous impact on the delivery of pre-kindergarten and childcare services in this country. The Council of American Private Education (CAPE) has been working diligently to have Congress include faith-based providers in the Pre-K & Childcare Bill. Unfortunately, the bill as currently drafted would severely limit the ability of faith-based providers to participate. Please contact your U.S. representative and senators and tell them that they cannot expand access to pre-k and childcare by reducing the number of providers available to parents and families.

Please take a few moments and use this link to contact Congress about the pre-k/childcare legislation under consideration: [CAPE Legislative Action Center](#). Feel free to share this link with others. Thank you for your advocacy for Christ-centered Pre-K and Childcare for children.

*Submitted by David Birnbaum, District Education Executive*

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**Advent Worship Resources** are now available at [www.lcms.org/advent](http://www.lcms.org/advent). Find media kits, downloadable church art, bulletin inserts, and more!

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If you haven't yet read the **Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News** for November, find it [here](#).

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### Communications Task Force Offering Virtual Workshops

The **Website 101 Workshop** will include topics such as why churches need a website, how to build a church website, how to improve an existing church website, and how to improve your website's search engine performance. It will be a virtual workshop via Zoom. Registrants will be notified of proposed date(s) during the upcoming weeks. Church workers and others who wish to implement a new church website or improve an existing one are encouraged to register and attend. [Register here](#).

The **Social Media 201 Workshop** will review Social Media 101 (presented at the 2019 Fall Church Workers Conference) and incorporate new topics including "Facebook vs. Instagram", Promoting Events, Advertising, and Creative Tools. It will be a virtual workshop via Zoom. Registrants will be notified of proposed date(s) during the upcoming weeks. Church workers and others who support Social Media for their congregation are encouraged to register and attend. [Register here](#).

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