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The 50th Convention of the Oklahoma District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be held June 10 - 11, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Edmond, Oklahoma. The [convention workbook](https://www.oklahomalutherans.org/district_conventions) is now available https://www.oklahomalutherans.org/district_conventions.



Oklahoma Lutheran Schools Track and Academic Meet

450 students from 1st to 8th grade from seven of our eight Oklahoma Lutheran Schools attended the Ponca City Track and Academic meet on Friday - May 6. This event was cancelled the last two years due to COVID concerns and was rained out in 2019. The weather was cool and comfortable and the blessings of God were visible in the skills and talents of these young participants. Watch a quick video [here!](#)

The Oklahoma District Welcomes!



Jonathan Anderson, Vicar, Trinity, Norman



Kyle Nelson and Family, Pastor, First in Chickasha

Church Worker Anniversaries

Reverend Carlton Riemer – 55 years; June 25, 1967

Reverend William Schneider – 40 years; June 13, 1982

Reverend Ronald Christie – 35 years; June 21, 1987

Reverend Gary McClellan – 30 years; June 12, 1992

Reverend William Metz – 20 years; June 30, 2002

Reverend Scott Whittenburg – 15 years; June 10, 2007

Reverend Michael Monterastelli – 15 years; June 24, 2007

ALL PROFITS BENEFIT ZION LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP



OUTDOOR MARKET

Saturday, June 25, 2022
9am-3pm

Zion Lutheran Church
7701 W. Britton Rd
Oklahoma City, OK
73132

VENDORS WANTED

NEW and USED. CRAFT. ANTIQUE. FOOD.

10 x 20 booth \$25 each
Will include garage sale permit and advertising
8ft tables for rent-\$10 each
includes set up/take down and two chairs

To reserve a booth please email youthgroup.zionluthokc@gmail.com



The Oklahoma District Event at the National Youth Gathering will be held Sunday, July 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A, in Houston. [Learn](#) all about it!

LCMS International Mission has launched a new podcast, [5 Minutes with a Missionary](#). It's a window into missionary life. As our missionaries talk about their experiences, savor the uniqueness of the places in which God has called them to serve — while finding common ground with your own role and service. Each episode features an unfiltered take on life abroad for the sake of the Gospel in the time it takes to pick up your drive-thru order or empty the dishwasher. It's fun. It's personal. It's real. And it's always an adventure.



DISTRICT NEWS

OKLAHOMA



Ascension gifts



Spring blessings
Saints of Oklahomah!

The miser
I never knew her. She lived and died before I was born. But I often heard stories about her from my mother and from the old men who daily occupied the benches in front of our service station.

The woman lived with her husband on one of their farms outside of Okla. They were childless. She dressed in tattered clothing. During the winter she wrapped feed sacks around her well-worn boots to keep the chill from seeping to her feet. Her pitiful appearance, however, generated little sympathy from the town folk.

You see, people knew that she and her husband had large

land holdings and much livestock. But they were what people simply called "misers." They shared nothing and did not seem to enjoy their wealth. Since the Depression they did not trust banks, so it was speculated that they kept their money somewhere on their property. They hoarded everything they acquired, and then worried about losing it.

It was said that the old woman, dressed in her tattered clothing and feed-sack wrapped feet, would stand in the welfare line in Guthrie to receive free food supplies. After their death those cleaning out their house found money stuffed in mattresses and chairs, while boxes of money in the cellar were half-eaten by rats! This couple had vast financial resources but, unfortunately, they miserly hoarded their wealth and eventually lost it all.

Our wealth!
We have been given wealth too! On the 40th day after Easter, which this year is Thursday, May 26, we will observe "The Feast Day of the Ascension of Our Lord." Traditionally, the Ascension is looked on as one of the highest feast days of the Christian church, but sadly it is often called the "forgotten festival."

On this day we celebrate the victorious King Jesus, who defeated Satan, sin and death, gloriously returning for His coronation at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things in heaven and on earth. The disciples watched the action on the Mount of Olives.

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The latest Lutheran Witness Oklahoma District News is available [here](#).

Easter Eggstravaganza and Baptism Bash

Holy Trinity celebrated their Easter Eggstravaganza and Baptism bash on Saturday, April 16th. Over 100 kids attended and 11 individuals were Baptized!



At least 10 tables of 8 filled Knippa Hall at Grace Lutheran Church in Tulsa on Friday, April 29th for several rounds of Trivia. The fundraising event was hosted by the Youth who served tacos and desserts. As shown in the picture, the participants at the winning table each received a genuine plastic trophy. Beth Delancy submitted the winning salsa and was awarded a margarita mix kit. A beautiful bookcase quilt sewn by Sue Valliere (long time member of

Grace who passed away recently) was auctioned and brought a very satisfactory return. It was donated to Sue's family who tearfully accepted Sue's last quilt. Funds for the event totaled in excess of \$4700 and will be used to assist the Youth as they travel to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this July!



Barbara Storm (good friend and fellow seamstress), Daughters Kim Dill & Linda Valliere took home the bookcase quilt sewn by their mother, Sue Valliere.



Everyone at the winning table received a Smarty Pants Trophy.

[Read](#) the May Issue of the **LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter**.



Stewards of Sacred Space



**The failed steward
is tasked with stewarding a
sacred promise that is the Gospel.**

Throughout the Bible we hear stories of sacred space. When the Lord spoke His all-powerful Word into the chaos of pre-creation, we are told the result is very good. It was just the way He made it. Perfect. Holy. Sacred. Adam and Eve were given stewardship of this sacred space to work it as kingdom priests and to guard it like vigilant soldiers. Genesis 1:26–28 creates the office of steward. Genesis 2:15

gives the steward his marching orders. From these paradise-rooted beginnings stewards have always been stewards of sacred space.

Fallen-yet-promised stewards

But this stewardship has not always been faithful. The first stewardship crisis of Genesis 3 highlights the failure of the first stewards. This sin introduced conflict between Creator

and steward, between man and woman, and between man and creation. That conflict led to anything but sacredness as the story tells of hiding from God, pain in childbirth, and toil which leads to death. The sacred space of the Garden is shattered by the unfaithful shenanigans of the failed stewards.

But man is never relieved of his office of steward. The failed steward is tasked with stewarding a sacred promise that is the Gospel. The promise of a Savior was stewardship for generations. This promise was of the sacred bursting into the common. The Scriptures are replete with examples of the stewardship of the sacred within the mundane.

While the classic location of this stewardship of sacred space is the Tabernacle and later the Temple, there are so many more examples of fallen-yet-promised stewards at work stewarding sacred space. Noah stewarded sacred space as he built an ark in the middle of the desert. Abraham stewarded sacred space multiple times as he left Haran on the way to the Promised Land. Moses was a steward of sacred space at the Burning Bush. Jacob did it both at the ladder to heaven and as he wrestled with God. The nation of Israel did it as they heaped Jordan stones before the conquest.

These stewards were at work in the stewardship of sacred space that wasn't Temple. These spaces were sacred not because they said they were sacred. They were sacred because the Lord made them

Watch the highlights reel from the Oklahoma LWML Convention!



Dear Oklahoma District Members,

LCEF has been blessed to be able to offer **Outreach Ministry Grants** for the past several years to congregations, schools, and other LCMS organizations in Kansas and Oklahoma that are interested in conducting a specific local outreach/evangelism program, activity, or event.

The grant period for 2022 Outreach Ministry Grants is now OPEN. Grants will be awarded in amounts of \$250, \$500, \$750, and \$1000. Matching funds and cooperative efforts with other groups are highly desirable in this effort.

To apply, review the application letter and grant guidelines at this link- [LCEF Oklahoma Grants](#) and **submit an application by June 15, 2022**. Applications should reflect the goals of the LCEF mission statement, which reads as follows: To support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of the LCMS, ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future.

Blessings,

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LCEF'S INVESTMENTS AND LOANS PLEASE CALL YOUR DVP JEFFREY MALTZ AT 785-230-4112/jeffrey.maltz@lcef.org OR VISIT [LCEF.ORG](https://lcef.org).

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