

Oklahoma District LCMS Updates: September 2023

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The Oklahoma District pastors' wives retreat was held September 29-30, 2023 at St. Crispin's Conference Center and Camp in Wewoka, OK. Seven circuits were represented by those in attendance. Dr. Beverly Yahnke and Rev. David Fleming of DOXOLOGY provided presentations to equip, sustain, renew, and encourage the wives. Topics included Promoting Peace in the Church and Parsonage, The Cost of Caring: A Quiet Epidemic, and Prayer, Meditation, and Lament, among others. The ladies were fed in Word and Sacrament with Divine Service and other prayer offices throughout the weekend. Beautiful retreat facilities provided space to rest, relax, and connect with one another. The retreat was supported by an LWML Oklahoma District Mission Grant.



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'You will be free indeed!'

Rev. David Nehrenz
District President

What is the truth?
Jesus is the truth. He is God's truth in human flesh. To know Jesus is to know that He is our kind Heavenly Father.

Where is the proof that He is kind and loving? In the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus lived the holy life for us, which we could not live. Jesus died our death as our substitute and sacrifice on the cross. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and has

bring us eternal life. In Him is truth, love and life!

On Reformation Day (Oct. 31), the Christian church rejoices that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, which is revealed in Scripture alone. The three "Solae" of the Lutheran church are printed on our hymn wall. *Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia.*

Many congregations celebrate the Reformation with carnivals and parties. We even get dressed up in costumes in our parish and have trunk-or-treat in our parking lot. That's a fun event that brings in people from the community.

So rejoice! We have glorious freedom! True freedom for our bodies and souls. In Jesus Christ, we have hope. If He sets you free, you will be free indeed!

Welcome!
Twenty, Broken Arrow, welcomed new members on Aug. 20. From left (front row) Duane and Carolyn Hock, Nathan and Janet Fork, Janet Holmes, Lane Hall (back row) Rev. John Miller and Pastor and Lauren Robinson. Not pictured is William Fitchner.

Read the October Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News!

This issue includes:

'You will be Free Indeed' by Rev. David Nehrenz

Immanuel Youth Serving in Poland

Oklahoma Lutherans' Anniversaries and Birthdays

Mercy for Ukrainian Refugees

Holy Trinity School National Award and more!

Upcoming Events

LWML Oklahoma District Fall Retreat, October 21, Redeemer, Claremore. For more information, click [here](#).

Fall Church Workers Conference at Redeemer, Shawnee, on October 16-17. The Rev. Dr. Carl Fichenschner, Fort Wayne, will speak on Looking Forward to Sunday Morning: Preparing for Worship by Previewing the Propers.

A special worship service celebrating the **75th anniversary of Trinity, McAlester**, is set for Oct. 29th at 4:00 pm. Rev. Roger Theimer (second in the list of called pastors) will be the Preacher. After the service, a free catered dinner will be served at the His Place Community Center at the entrance to Trinity's property. For those wishing to spend more time with the Theimer's, a meet and greet reception at His Place Community Center on Saturday from 7:00-8:30 pm will have Hors D'oeuvres and refreshments.

Trinity, Broken Arrow, 40 Year Celebration on October 29th. There will be a special worship service at 9:00 am followed by Sunday School. At noon there will be a Potluck Dinner and brief program featuring former Pastors, past and present members.

Camp Lutheroma's Fall Force Retreat Nov 17-19 for 8 to 12 year old campers. Find more information at [here](#).

First Lutheran Church and School, Ponca City, will host the **12th annual Christmas Market Oklahoma Festival** on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 9am-4pm. There will be a wide variety of vendors selling their arts and crafts, Christmas decorations for your home and office, activities for the children and many more things for your enjoyment.

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