

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.



Sept. 17th at Hailey Creek Park,
Broken Arrow

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DISTRICT NEWS
OKLAHOMA

You will be free indeed!


Rev. David Nehrenz
 District President

For a precious commodity.
 In the United States of America, we have freedoms that we treasure. We value liberty, justice, and freedom against all tyranny.

God's freedom, however, is different than spiritual freedom. A person may be free in society and daily life, yet may also lack spiritual freedom.

Jesus said:

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." JOHN 8:36

A person can be free by thinking. "I have never been enslaved to anyone, so why do I need to be 'set free'?"

Jesus said:

"If I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." JOHN 3:20

In other words, our sinful nature is like a bad seed that can only bring death and destruction toward another person. Why do we continue to do those things which we know are wrong?

We are enslaved to a sinful nature that loves itself before it loves God and others. The way to find freedom is

to trust in Jesus Christ.

On Reformation Day (Oct. 31), the Christian church rejoices that we are saved by grace and not by works. This is the good news of Jesus Christ alone which is revealed in the three "Solas" of the Reformation. These three "Solas" of the Reformation are printed on my Sola Gratia. Sola Scriptura. Sola Fide.

Many congregations celebrate Reformation Day by dressing up in costumes in our parking lots and having trick-or-treat for people from the community.

Rejoice! We have glorious freedom! Through the death and sacrifice and sacrifice on the cross, Jesus Christ, we have both. If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!

Welcome!

Tyning Broken Arrow, received nine new members on Oct. 20. From left, front row: Dennis and Christine Hock, Michael and Janet Funk, Janet Holmes, Loreen Wilke and Jesus and Lauren Robinson. Not pictured is William Flentren.

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 Fichenscher, 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 Lutherhoma'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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