

## OKLAHOMA LUTHERANS



## District Updates: June 15, 2021

### June/July 2021 Oklahoma News

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A **celebration** was held June 6, 2021 at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa to honor Rev. Bruce Cottrell and his wife Edie on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Cottrell's Ordination. Congratulations!

### Notable Upcoming Ordination Anniversaries, Congratulations to:

Reverend Fred Muenchow, Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC – 60 years; August 13, 1961

Reverend Bruce Cottrell, Messiah Lutheran Church, Vinita – 50 years; July 1, 1971

Reverend Gary Rohwer, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bethany - 35 years; June 12, 1986

Reverend Timothy Dreier, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Tulsa – 35 years; July 13, 1986

Reverend Mark Hein, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Garber – 35 years; July 13, 1986

Reverend Gregory Brown, Trinity Lutheran Church, Woodward – 30 years; July 21, 1991

Reverend Ron Rafferty, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cushing – 30 years; July 7, 1991

Reverend David Owens, Christ Lutheran, Mustang – 15 years; July 2, 2006

Reverend Todd Harrison, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grove – 10 years; July 10, 2011

Reverend Jay Hobson, Shepherd of the Hills, Skiatook – 10 years; August 7, 2011

Reverend Mark Mozeik, St. John's, Blackwell and Newkirk – 10 years; August 1, 2011

Reverend Daniel Ross, Christ Lutheran Church, Mustang – 10 years; July 24, 2011

Reverend Matthew Tassey, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Shawnee – 10 years; July 31, 2011

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### **Upcoming Ordinations and Installations**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Okmulgee. Richard Dailey will be ordained and installed as Pastor on Sunday, June 20 at 4 PM.

First Lutheran Church, Ponca City. Joseph Highley will be ordained and installed as Pastor on Saturday, June 26 @ 3PM.

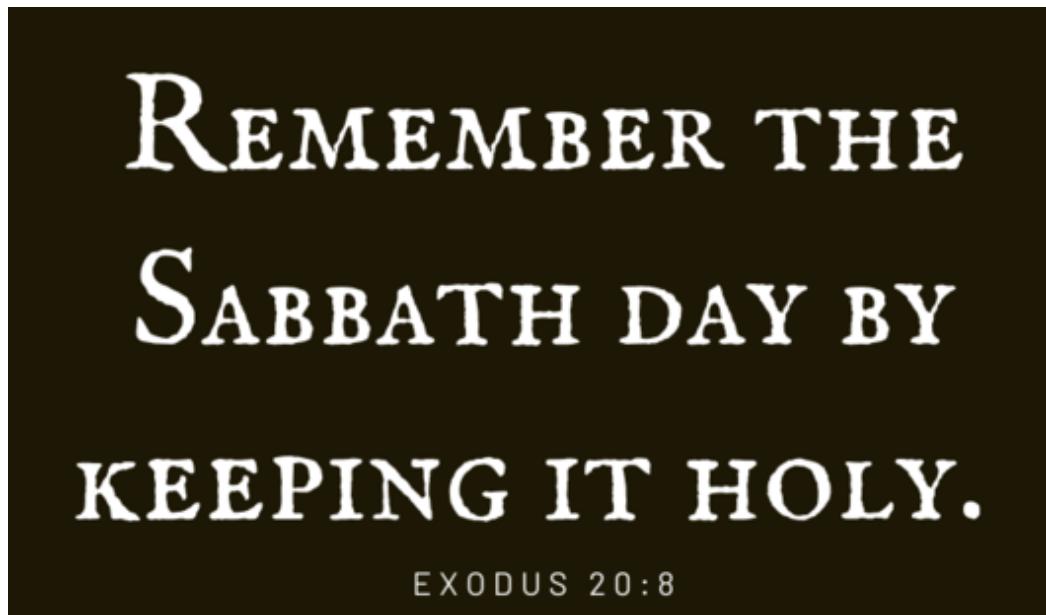
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond. Justin Bangert will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor on Sunday, June 27 @ 3 PM.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City. Myron Harms will be ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor-Discipleship and Family Ministry on Sunday, August 29 @ 3 PM.

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Messiah Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City extended two calls at its May 23, 2021 Voter's Meeting. DCE and Vicar at Messiah, Myron Harms, (currently in the SMP program at the St. Louis Seminary), was called and accepted the call to be Assistant Pastor-Discipleship and Family Ministry. Also a call was issued and accepted by Rachel Schelen to be Teacher at Messiah Lutheran School. She will be installed on Aug. 15th at the 10:45 worship service. Learn more [here](#).

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**Read** a new article by District Evangelism Executive, Rev. Dwayne Schroeder, entitled "If the Sabbath is rejected, what happens to the Sabbath?"

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## Of Basketballs, Eggs, and Men: How Fellow Basketball Players Joined a Pastor for an Easter Service in the Gym

Relationships that are built over time can lead to something special because trust has been built. That is what Pastor Tim Dreier of Our Savior Lutheran Church Tulsa found out when he asked the guys he plays basketball with if they would consider coming to an Easter service in the gym where they play. [Read the story!](#)



### NEW INVESTMENT! Church Worker StewardAccount

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### Warning re: Recent email Scams

Some of our District Leaders have been experiencing emails going out under their name requesting people buy gift cards for various reasons, including claiming to be to honor workers for meritorious service. If you receive an email from a District Leader asking for money or gift cards, please beware. If you look closely, the email address is probably not precisely that of the leader, and the subject line is probably something vague like "Do you have a minute" or "Can you help me". These are typical signs of a scam. And please note that our leaders never ask for money or gift cards to be sent directly to them. So please ignore such emails if you receive them - they are not from our District Leaders.



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Expand kids' worldview with an interesting, age-appropriate introduction to LCMS International Mission. This series of five video-based sessions is designed for 1st through 6th grade students, and can be adapted for younger children as well. [Learn more!](#)



In 1924, the first convention of the Oklahoma District was held. Until 1924, the LCMS congregations in Oklahoma were part of the Kansas District. [Learn more](#) about the history of the Oklahoma District!

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