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**Congratulations to the Spomers!** Dr. Spomer's retirement was celebrated on January 8th at Ablaze.



### Spring Church Workers Conference

The Spring 2023 Oklahoma District Professional Church Workers' Conference, "Preaching and Teaching the Fullness of the Resurrection" will be held March 6-7 at the Woodward Convention Center. Agenda, Registration form, and other information may be found [here](#).

### Christ the Redeemer Dedication

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, Christ the Redeemer in Tulsa, OK hosted a Dedication Service for their newly renovated sanctuary, building, and new construction. Learn all about it and view photos [here](#).

Congratulations!



Rev. Michael Monterastelli was installed as Associate Pastor at St. Paul's, Wellston, on January 15.



Rev. Adam Ellison was ordained and installed at Pastor as Faith, Oklahoma City, on January 22.



Ava Schweninger was commissioned and installed as DCE at Holy Trinity, Edmond on January 22.



Rev. Myron Harms (right) completed all his course work for Concordia Seminary's Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program and was honored at Messiah Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City, on 1/15/23. SMP is a four-year state of the art distance education program that prepares men for specific pastoral ministries in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Also pictured is Rev. Adam Ellison, who reached the half-way milestone in the SMP Program.



This Lent I am pleased to offer a devotion centered on hope using the songs of Lent as our guide. Please share this with others as an offering for their Lent devotions. God bless. Rev. Daniel Ross, Evangelism Executive. [Click here](#) to access.

### Read the [Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News](#)

A thumbnail image of the February 2023 issue of the Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News. It features a blue header with "DISTRICT NEWS" and "OKLAHOMA". Below the header is a graphic with a cross and the text "IT IS WRITTEN" and "Jesus denies temptation for us 'Fallen Adams'". The main article is titled "In Jesus' case, after His baptism and the 40-day temptation by the devil, He chose to command the Devil to leave. What does really happen? For the first Adams in the Garden of Eden did give to the three temptations of the devil, but the second Adams, Jesus in the desert, defeated the three temptations of the devil." It includes a photo of Rev. Daniel Ross and a sidebar with a quote from the article.

### Oklahoma District 100th Anniversary Planning Begins

The Oklahoma District LCMS constitution was signed at St. John's in Okarche in May of 1924 (convention photo below). Planning has begun for a 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Oklahoma District LCMS at St. John's Okarche on Sunday May 19, 2024. Save the date!



### LWML Retreat - Save the Date

[LWML Oklahoma District](#) will host **“The Greatest of These is Love”** a Christ centered LWML retreat for those who wish to relax, refresh, recharge and renew in the fellowship of Oklahoma Lutheran women and

others. The event will take place October 21, 2023 in the Family Life Center at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Claremore. The program will include Bible Study, Music, Quiet Time Activities, Teen and Young Women Activities and more! Childcare will be available. Save the date and plan now to attend!

### Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Updates (<https://pubsearch.lhfmissions.org/>): In Africa, in particular, we are translating the "What About" series from Dr. Barry in the late 1990s. Two years ago, we had a Lutheran pastor in Malawi ask about the abortion article as his nation was considering a more liberal abortion law. Since then, we have been translating many of these topics in the languages of Africa, including Amharic (as you can see from the link provided above).

Pastor Robert Rahn's Gospel tract Jesus Never Fails, is being shared with Ukrainian medics and soldiers on the front lines of the Ukrainian-Russian war.

A Danish Lutheran theologian, Hans Erik Nissen, put together a good set of devotions for the year, which we have now published in Turkish.

We also utilize CPH's recent resources, like Matthew Richard's Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? 12 False Christs, now in Latvian! Our Latvian team is also looking for timely books on topics that could open the eyes of post-Christian Europeans.

My First Catechism is also out in Japanese now, a laborious process to get into Japanese, both for those residing in the U.S. as well as Japan.

There are many more, and our Dinku Bato can share about that (as well as Ted NaThalang) at the Multi-Ethnic Conference at Concordia Seminary in early May.

Submitted by Rev. Mark Wescoatt



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