

Church Simple: A deep sensitivity for unity

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore” (Ps. 133).

By the Spirit’s prompting, David expresses a theological truth: How pleasant it is when God’s people are in unity with Him and each other! The Hebrew word for “pleasant” means “sweet, lovely, agreeable.” This word describes David as “the sweet psalmist of Israel” (2 Sam. 23:1).

David’s psalms are *sweet* only because they present Jesus Christ, the Father’s provision for sin. For consciences seared by sin and afflicted and attacked by the devil, only the Father’s chosen Messiah and His *sweet* work of saving supplies the balm for hurting souls.

David’s proclamation of the goodness of the Church’s unity indicates how hurtful it is when the opposite exists. Strife, discord, brokenness within the Church and the family—how bitter this is! Many of you who are reading this right now suddenly have vivid memories of church fights or family disputes, present or in the past. They hurt. And, if the church where you belong is split into factions, how damaging this is. Bitterness, slander, accusations. Unconfessed sin is a poison that infects the whole body!

Arguments and quarrels happen in God’s Church. We must not, however, let them divide the unity given and worked by the Spirit through the Word. If the disagreement does not deal with God’s honor and His intent to save everyone, love must abide.

C.F.W. Walther writes:

Alas, dear brethren, how often do we not get into arguments and quarrels! Therefore, when I notice that if I carry the fight out to its bitter end, our whole communion will suffer as a result, then—unless God’s honor and the salvation of souls are at stake—I should say, “Let’s drop this subject. It is clear that we can’t reach any agreement. Let us not destroy our precious fraternal harmony” (*At Home in the House of My Fathers*, p. 318).

And again from Walther:

You see, the devil’s greatest craftiness is that if he cannot plunge a church group into false doctrine nor destroy their unity in confession, he then tries [to destroy it] through their lives. He creates divisions among the members. One person offends another, perhaps without wishing to do so. The second person then becomes angry and imputes malice to him. And if the offense was great enough, perhaps even intentional, then true brotherly fellowship has been destroyed, and the result is that there is no longer any real joy of standing in confessional fellowship with the offender. And that is precisely what the devil wants! (Ibid., p. 315).

Therefore, the Spirit’s work of unity is one of the greatest gifts from God and should be of the highest concern for those in the body of Christ. If one even detects the smallest crack, it is incumbent upon the whole body to set aside everything else for the sake of the unity of the fellowship.

Some time ago, one pastor said this: “I remember when we used to get together for a smoke and beer. It seemed we got along much better than these days! Oh, we had our fights, but we never let it divide us.”

Doctrinal unity and peace in the parish is nothing else but a gift, a *sweet* gift, from God. It is such a precious gift that it requires a continual watchfulness to keep it, for God’s honor and for the salvation of souls.



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in JPEG format, 300 dpi.

REACHING OUT WITH ACTS OF MERCY

F.A.C.E.S. program grows

Last spring, Sue Hart, ministry consultant with Bethesda Lutheran Communities (formerly Good Shepherd Communities) in Littleton, Colo., presented a “Mission Moment” at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in neighboring Centennial. When she asked for volunteers to help start a catechism class at Shepherd of the Hills for Bethesda residents who attended the church, Becky Gambardella felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit and contacted Sue. Soon after, the “F.A.C.E.S.” program was created.

The F.A.C.E.S. acronym stands for Faith, Activities, Conversation, Expression and Service. From its humble beginnings of two or three participants, it has grown in less than three months to include nearly 24 residents. The Sunday-morning class has grown so large that the class has been divided and other congregational volunteers were recruited to help teach the classes and lead the group in singing.



Above, Becky Gambardella teaches a class early last spring. Seated are Sue Hart and residents Nicole Henrick, Whitney Hawkins and Michael Stephenson. Below, residents and Becky are joined by Mark Gambardella (Becky's son and assistant) and Pastor Brad Stoltenow.



Integrating Bethesda residents into congregational life is one of the primary goals of F.A.C.E.S. Working toward that goal, residents regularly worship and serve as greeters at Sunday-morning services, and they volunteered at the church's vacation Bible school earlier

this summer. They even joined the congregation at its annual “worship in the park” in June.

Future plans include having a monthly social, craft, and praise and worship time at the church and finding additional ways to integrate residents into the life of the congregation. Dr. Brad Stoltenow, senior pastor at Shepherd of the Hills and a strong advocate for acts of mercy, states, “We don't care if there are 10 who need this program or 100 who need it—we want them *all* to be welcome at Shepherd of the Hills.” One parent also commented how much she appreciates having the residents among the congregation because their presence teaches her children so many Christian-life lessons.



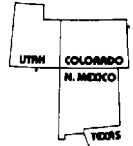
The F.A.C.E.S. program has grown so fast that, within three months, the class had to be divided and additional teachers recruited.

Shepherd of the Hills is thankful for this opportunity to share the Gospel with residents of Bethesda Lutheran Communities. The Bethesda residents, in turn, have blessed the members of Shepherd of the Hills in ways they never expected.

Unique “Back to Work” program helps needy

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Grants, N.M., is reaching out to the lost and needy in Albuquerque. Under the direction of Pastor Mark Kluzek, it began a “Back to Work” ministry program modeled after the Old Testament gleaning concept found in Lev. 23:22. Mount Calvary connects needy people with local ministries that need volunteers. In appreciation for their volunteer service, they receive needed supplies such as soap, shampoo, laundry soap, etc.

The goal of the program is not only to provide supplies to the needy but also to prepare them for getting a job by giving them the opportunity to improve their skills, network and gain references. Members of the Rocky Mountain District are asked to pray for God's blessings on this “Back to Work” program and for donations to expand it. For more information, visit its website at www.Godcaresaboutyou.net.



Immanuel celebrates 70 years

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Clovis, N.M., marked its 70th anniversary on Sunday, May 8, under the theme, “This Promise Is for You and Your Children,” based on Acts 2:39. In keeping with the occasion, recently produced scrapbooks tracing the congregation’s history were on display in the narthex along with memorabilia from the past 70 years.

Each worshiper received a commemorative gold-anodized aluminum die-struck medallion, the first in the historic “Countdown to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation” series. Each medallion was accompanied by a small information sheet describing the piece in detail. Immanuel members plan to hand out 300 of these medallions at their county fair booth in August. They will distribute the second medallion in the series to congregational members on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30.

Earlier anniversary celebrations included a dinner held on April 10 in conjunction with Volunteer Appreciation Day. On April 10, Immanuel also dedicated new playground equipment for the preschool and a History Resource Center produced by the congregation’s Scrapbook Committee.

Immanuel currently is served by Rev. Scott Blazek. To learn more about the commemorative medallions and “Collector Boards” for the entire nine-medallion series, visit www.alpb.org.

Carol Tobias elected National Right to Life president



On April 9, Carol Tobias, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, N.M., was elected president of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the national federation of 50 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters. Tobias became the eighth NRLC president since *Roe v. Wade*.

“I am extremely humbled and honored to be elected president by the National Right to Life board, which represents our nationwide network of state affiliates and local chapters,” said Mrs. Tobias. “The pro-life movement is the greatest social cause of our time,” added Tobias. “I am eager to continue National Right to Life’s educational, legislative and political efforts to advance the right to life of the most vulnerable mem-

bers of our human family—the unborn, the elderly and the medically dependent and disabled.”

Tobias has served on the NRLC board of directors since 1987. She was elected by the NRLC board of directors at its spring board meeting. The board of directors is comprised of representatives from each of NRLC’s 50 state affiliates and eight directors elected at-large. NRLC is the nation’s pro-life organization, which is representative of the country’s grassroots pro-life citizens and activists.

New vicars and pastoral candidates for Rocky Mountain District



From Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, the following vicars will be serving in Colorado: Joshua McKinley at Our Savior in Pagosa Springs, Kevin McLeod at Good Shepherd in Leadville and Jonathan Williams at Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wheat Ridge. Seth Clemmer is the seminary’s pastoral candidate assigned to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Estes Park, Colo. Pictured above are Seth and Mandy Clemmer, John and Sara Williams, Rocky Mountain District President Randall Golter, Kevin McLeod and Jordan McKinley.



Stephen Heimer is the district’s pastoral candidate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He graduated from the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center and will serve Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas. Michael Heiden has been assigned as vicar for Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colo. Pictured with President Golter are Michael and Joy Heiden and Armenio and Amira Pineros. Pineros graduated from the Center for Hispanic Studies and, at the time of this writing, was awaiting placement.

MORE DISTRICT

RMTI graduation

The Rocky Mountain Theological Institute (RMTI), an educational arm of the LCMS Rocky Mountain District, held a graduation worship service to celebrate and praise God for the graduation of three of its students at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 31, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Those graduating were Kenny Stroud of Immanuel, Colorado Springs; James Tuell of Holy Cross, Highlands Ranch; and Stephen Winkler of Ascension, Littleton. Pastor Bruce Skelton of Holy Cross served as preacher, and Rev. David Schneider, coordinator of the RMTI, was liturgist.

Light refreshments were served after the graduation service, during which time there was a discussion on the ministry of the RMTI and its possible expansion beyond the Pikes Peak region. An informational brochure was available and written work by students was displayed. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet and interact with students and graduates of the program.

Simple and painless

Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members, there now is a simple and painless way to help pastors in the Rocky Mountain District with their educational debt using your "Choice Dollars" to contribute to the district's Debt Assistance Program (DAP). Just follow these two simple steps:

Step One

- a) Log on to your personal page at Thrivent.
- b) On the right side of the screen, click on the red bar labeled "Direct Choice Dollars."
- c) Fill in the following information: Rocky Mountain District LCMS, Aurora, CO; select "Other Lutheran Organization"; click "Search."
- d) In new window, on right side of the box with "Rocky Mountain District LCMS," click "Direct Now."
- e) In new window, click on "Direct All" or type in a specific amount and follow the remaining instructions.

Choice Dollars are credited to your Thrivent account each month. Therefore, you can set your contribution

up as recurring (click on "Set up Recurring" in step d above), and your Choice Dollars will be transferred automatically each month until you tell them to stop. You can also choose a one-time donation and specify the exact amount. This can be repeated every year.

If you do not have Internet or would rather direct your Choice Dollars over the phone, call 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice." Then tell them you want to contribute to the LCMS Rocky Mountain District.

Step Two (Most important step!)

Since the RMD has only one account with Choice Dollars, you need to write or email Doug Ullmann at the district office to tell him to apply your Choice Dollars to the Debt Assistance Program. Give him your name, address, the amount of your contribution and whether you want the contribution to be used this year or directed into the endowment fund for future use.

Email Doug at doug.ullmann@rm.lcms.org or write him at Rocky Mountain District office, 14334 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO 80014.

It's simple and painless! But most importantly, your Choice Dollars can make a big difference and show great support for pastors in our district.

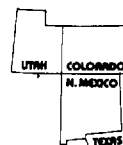
"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14).

Resources available for pastors of veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs offers packets of resources for community clergy to assist in the care of military veterans. The packets are free for distribution to clergy (one per pastor). If you would like to receive a packet at the fall pastors conference, please send a (hard copy) note to that effect to Denver VA Medical Center, 1055 Clermont St., Dept. 135, Denver, CO 80220, Attn.: Chaplain Charles Keogh. Requests need to be received no later than Aug. 10.



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Continuing education course offered in Castle Rock

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, will offer a continuing education course at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Castle Rock, Colo., Aug. 29-Sept. 2. The course, entitled “From Slavery to Divine Service: The Foundation of Israel as a Liturgical Community in Exodus,” will be taught by Dr. John W. Kleinig.

Dr. Kleinig is retired after teaching 26 years at Luther Seminary in Adelaide, South Australia. In the last 20 years, he has taught in many different Lutheran seminaries in North America and Asia. Earlier this year, he lectured at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Pretoria in South Africa.

An Old Testament theologian, Dr. Kleinig earned an M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Cambridge University in England and holds an honorary doctorate from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. His published doctoral dissertation was on *The Lord’s Song: The Basis, Function and Significance of Choral Music in Chronicles*.

Coordinator for the course is Rev. Larry E. Ziegler, leziegler@mountzionlutheranchurch.com. To register, you may call 260-452-2204, email ce@ctsfw.edu or visit www.ctsfw.edu. You may also fax your registration to 260-452-2231.

Workshop for organists offered in October

Trinity Lutheran Church in Denver, Colo., is pleased to offer a one-day organist workshop entitled “Serving Christ’s Church through His Gift of Music.” The workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, and will be led by Kantor Richard C. Resch of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Class size is limited, so register early.

For more information (including cost) or to register, please contact Kantor Thomas E. Lock at 303-934-2103 or kantorlock@gototrinity.com.

Visit the Holy Land next April

You are invited to join the pastor and members of Concordia Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Colo., on a tour of the Holy Land and Petra (Jordan) in April 2012. In addition to the usual sights, this tour will include a couple of uniquely Lutheran elements—an afternoon and dinner at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem and a brief tour of the Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives, operated by Lutheran

World Federation. (This tour replaces an earlier one cancelled because of the unrest in Egypt.)



To take advantage of this educational tour opportunity or for more information, contact Tom Teske at tom@teskes.net or 303-877-8038.

Dual-degree program to debut this fall

A revolutionary opportunity for education in the church and service professions will debut this fall. For the first time, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and the Saint Louis University School of Social Work will offer a dual master’s degree program for students interested in pursuing careers as deaconesses and social workers. This program is offered in collaboration with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The dual-degree, a Master in Social Work from Saint Louis University and a Master of Arts in deaconess studies from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will become available in the fall of 2011 for eligible students. It is designed to foster an ongoing relationship between the church’s ministry and service to the community by encouraging more deaconesses to pursue careers in social work.

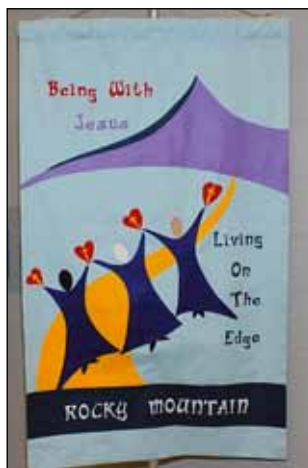
Through the dual-degree program, students will receive theological education and formation along with the framework, skills and resources necessary to engage in social work practice that is especially geared to help the ministries and service organizations recognized by the LCMS. Most internships will be offered through a Lutheran social service agency.

For more information, please contact the Seminary admissions department at www.csl.edu or call 800-822-9545, or the Master of Social Work program at Saint Louis University at www.slu.edu or call 314-977-2752.

BEYOND THE DISTRICT

Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge

Women from the Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) had the opportunity to join more than 4,600 Lutheran Women in Mission at the 34th Biennial LWML Convention in Peoria, Ill., in June.



LWML District President Carol von Soosten carried the district's banner, designed by Vicki Warren of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Boulder, Colo., in the banner processional at the convention in Peoria.

giving blood and creating Gospel necklaces. Youth and children who accompanied their mothers to the convention enjoyed their days at Camp BWJ (Being with Jesus).

For full convention coverage, visit www.lwml.org.

LutherHostel to explore "Public Service and My Lutheran Faith"

LutherHostel 2011 will be held Oct. 1-4 on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. LutherHostel is an event designed to provide growth in biblical knowledge and understanding, fun, fellowship and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. It is offered for adults ages 55 and older.

The theme for the event will be "Public Service and My Lutheran Faith." The main presenter will be Congressman John M. Shimkus (R, Illinois-19).

Congressman Shimkus is serving his 14th year in Congress and represents the 19th District of Illinois. He serves on the House Energy and Commerce

Committee, as well as the Subcommittees on Communications, Technology and the Internet; Energy and Environment; and Health. He retired from the Army Reserves with the rank of lieutenant colonel as of June 1, 2008, closing out 28 years of military service.

In 2007, he was presented the *Christus Vivit* award by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Rep. Shimkus, his wife, Karen, and their three sons maintain their residence in Collinsville, Ill. They are active members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

Scheduled activities for LutherHostel 2011 will feature a reception and dinner with President and Mrs. Dale A. Meyer. Other activities include presentations, class visitation, student-led evening devotions, opportunities for informal interaction with faculty, a private demonstration of the organ in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus and a tour of selected St. Louis area sites. An optional tour of Lutheran historical sites in Perry County, Mo., also is available on Oct. 5, immediately following LutherHostel.

The LutherHostel fee is \$325 per person, which includes all meals and refreshments for the event. Housing is available on campus (on a limited basis for an additional cost) or in nearby hotels. The registration deadline is Sept. 15.

For more information about LutherHostel, contact the seminary's Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at 314-505-7486 or ce@csl.edu.

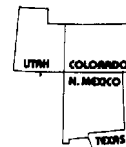
LCMS website gets fresh look



Have you visited the LCMS website lately? Its fresh, new look offers:

- **Easier navigation**—Web pages are organized in a consistent and intuitive way, making it easier to use the site.
- **Centralized location for resources**—Timely, useful and pertinent materials for work, home and church are much easier to find.
- **Brand new media gallery**—For the first time, the site's vast collections of photos, videos and audio files are gathered in one place for easy accessibility.
- **Easier giving**—Donors can give online, track their giving and print receipts.
- **More customization**—Visitors can create a user "My LCMS" profile to update personal information, manage subscriptions and receive tailored information.

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Rocky Mountain District calendar

August

- 1-2 RMD Board of Directors meeting
- 8-12 Continuing Ed Summer '11, Grace Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N.M., Prof. Roland Ziegler
- 22-24 Continuing Ed Summer '11, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, N.M., Dr. Reed Lessing
- 29-Sept. 2 Continuing Ed Summer '11, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Castle Rock, Colo., Dr. John Kleinig

September

- 13-15 District Older Adult Gathering at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colo.

October

- 4 Administrators Conference, Breckenridge, Colo.
- 4-5 2011 Circuit Counselor's Conference, Breckenridge, Colo.
- 5-7 Professional Workers Conference, Breckenridge, Colo.
- 31 RMD Board of Directors meeting

November

- 1 RMD Board of Directors meeting
- 4-5 "Conversations of Grace at the ROC!" Conference, Colorado Springs, Colo., Crowne Plaza

2011 spring candidate placements and vicarage assignments for the Rocky Mountain District:

CANDIDATES

- Seth Clemmer, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to Mount Calvary Evangelical, Estes Park, Colo.
- Stephen Heimer, Cross Cultural Ministry Center, Irvine, Calif., to Zion, El Paso, Texas.

VICARS

- Michael Heiden, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to Bethlehem, Lakewood, Colo.
- Jordan McKinley, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to Our Savior, Pagosa Springs, Colo.
- Kevin McLeod, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to Good Shepherd, Leadville, Colo.
- Jonathan Williams, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to Wheatridge, Wheatridge, Colo.

PLACEMENTS

- Emily Hansen, Concordia University Nebraska, to Messiah, Longmont, Colo.

Calls in the district

CALLS EXTENDED

- Grace Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N.M., to Linda Leitner, Christ the Redeemer, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Immanuel, Loveland, Colo., to William Busacker, Grace, Sandy, Utah.
- Peace With Christ, Aurora, Colo., to Elissa Roberts, Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, Texas.

CALLS ACCEPTED

- Rev. Robert Catherwood Jr., Grace, Hobbs, N.M., and Our Savior, Lovington, N.M., to St. John, Rome, N.Y.
- Rev. Juls Clausen, Castle Rock, Colo., to Colorado Lutheran High School Association, Denver, Colo.
- Dan Gehrke, Denver, Colo., to Colorado Lutheran High School Association, Denver, Colo.
- Andrew Hulke, Redeemer, Denver, Colo., to Christ, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Rev. Steve Thomas, Grace, Lamar, Colo., to St. John, Libby, Mont.

CALLS DECLINED

- William Busacker, Grace, Sandy, Utah, to Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial, Colo.
- David Florine, Fountain Life, Tucson, Ariz., to Immanuel, Loveland, Colo.
- Sandee Dunker, Zion Lutheran School, Marengo, Ill., to Redeemer, Salt Lake City, Utah.

CHANGE OF STATUS

- Rev. Kevin Froelich, First, Salida, Colo., to candidate status.

CALLED TO GLORY

- Rev. Dr. E. Edward Hackmann, Emeritus, Rio Rancho, N.M.



WHAT A WAY

Encouraging our church workers—present and future

What a Way is a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) initiative whose dual focus is to rebuild active recruitment and retention of church workers as an integrated part of the LCMS culture and lifestyle at the congregational level. *What a Way* assists local congregations by developing resources designed to facilitate deliberate activity, dialogue and support of church workers.

There are four main ways to get connected to and stay connected with the *What a Way* initiative:

- Sign up for twice monthly emails that emphasize some form of recruitment and retention news and ideas. Send your email address to Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, director of *What a Way*, at l.hempelmann@lcms.org.
- Visit the *What a Way* website, filled with valuable information that encourages people to serve as church workers, explores various church worker careers and encourages current church workers in their ministries. Go to www.whataway.org and discover ideas, things to do and resources for congregations.
- Blogs from *What a Way* are posted regularly, written by a cadre of 14 authors from youth workers to deaconesses to pastors to teachers and laypersons. More than 3,000 people visit this site each month to stay informed on recruitment and retention issues. You can go directly to the blogs at <http://blog.whataway.org> or access them through the *What a Way* website. Submit your comments; they would love to hear from you.
- Videos are part of the *What a Way* library that brings you real persons talking about serving the Lord and His people, offering many different perspectives. Go to <http://whataway.org/video>.

Identifying and encouraging our LCMS members to prayerfully consider serving in the church in a full-time career is significant to the life of the church. You can make a difference. That's what "*What a Way*" is all about—making a difference for the future of the church!



New children's Bible now available

Concordia Publishing House is proud to announce its newest children's Bible, *The Story Bible*. Described by one reader as a "walk-off grand slam," the Bible features lifelike, high-quality illustrations, Christ-centered stories and resources to enhance learning.

Created for children ages 3 and up, *The Story Bible* can be read to children, with children and by children, and leads little ones to understand the Sacred Scriptures.

"*The Story Bible* was a dream project for me since I had used numerous Bible story books with my four children but was never quite happy with what was available," said Senior Editor Rev. Edward Engelbrecht. "The books were missing important elements such as faithfulness to the biblical text, consistent focus on salvation in Christ, or appropriate artwork. You might find one or two of these elements but never all together in one package."

To provide the church with a children's Bible that included all of those elements, Engelbrecht paired with fellow editor Gail Pawlitz and set out to create a rich and feature-filled children's resource that could help increase a child's understanding of the Bible.

"Children will love this Bible, and parents and grandparents will love sharing it with them," states Paul McCain, publisher at CPH.

LCMS WEBSITE

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• **Easier social connections**—The new site features direct links to LCMS social media pages, blogs and contact sources, plus the ability to "like" articles and share content with others.

• **Consolidated newsroom**—The latest news and information about LCMS people, missions and ministries is centralized and easy to access.

• **Document library**—The Synod's rich collection of documents, applications, forms and news releases are now housed in one searchable library.

The redesigned and streamlined site retains many of its most popular features, including the FAQs; worship resources; and church, school and church-worker locators. Check it out at www.lcms.org.