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Weekly Newsletter — August 16, 2018

Weekly Word — Psalm 145:5-7

New This Week

WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST: CHURCH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT GRANTS

Are you a newly called church worker in the first three years of your first call? If that's you and you need assistance in paying off your student loan debt, then this is for you. Funds are available for both commissioned and ordained workers. To apply or get more information lutheranchurchworkers.org/resources. Complete applications are due by October 15, 2018 to church.work@psd-lcms.org. Grant recipients will be notified in November.

CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER'S MANUAL

Synod updates the Congregational Treasurer's manual on an annual basis. The District can secure orders from congregations and educational institutions for the 2018 Congregational Treasurer's Manual – Volumes 1 & 2. Volume 1 is tax and administration manual and is updated and printed annually. Volume 2 is the accounting, finance and insurance manual has been updated this year. Both volumes are on the CD every year. This year you may order the printed manual- Volumes 1 & 2- shrink –wrapped and bundled with a CD; Volumes 1 & 2- shrink –wrapped and bundled without the CD; and/or a CD alone. The updated CD will contain the same variety of resource materials as last year. (i.e. Congregational Treasurer's Manual and its interactive Forms, Taxes and Ministers, and Employment Resource Manual). The cost of the manual bundled with a CD is \$9.00 plus shipping. The cost of the manual bundled without a CD is \$8.00 plus shipping. The cost for the CD alone is \$1.00 plus shipping. If interested in ordering please complete the [order form](#) by August 21. The District will bill the congregation or school when the manuals are mailed.

CAMPUS MINISTRY AT CHICO STATE

Students at Chico State are cordially invited to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament each Sunday at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chico. Bible Class - 8:45 am; Divine Service - 10:00 am; Monthly Dinner & Study - 5:00 pm, first Sunday. Pastors and parents of students are asked to make referrals to the church for incoming students. Provide student's contact information - phone/email to Pastor Donald Jordan at 530-513-1284 or pastordonaldjordan@gmail.com. Pray for our students, that they may continue to walk in the fellowship of Jesus Christ and His church as they begin their studies.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL FURNITURE AVAILABLE

Free church and school furniture available for pick-up: Sound mixing board and speakers. Large rectangular tables. Four drawer file cabinets. Glass case. School desks (2 single & 3 double). Preschool tables and chairs. If interested, contact Cindy Currier at Christ the King, Redlands, at 909-793-5703 by August 24.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY REVIEW MAGAZINES AVAILABLE

A collection of Biblical Archaeology Review magazines in good condition dating back to 2004 are available for free. Please contact Jo Tschopp 626-355-9433 for further information.

Coming Soon!

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

On **Saturday, August 25**, join friends and family for a special evening benefiting Lutheran Social Services of Southern California as the Dodgers take on the Padres. A portion of proceeds from each ticket sale will be donated in support of the organization's programs and projects. To purchase individual tickets visit dodgers.com/Lutheran. Groups (20+) contact Britni Howze at 323-224-1304 or BritniH@ladodgers.com.

Previously Posted

CHOIR ROBES AVAILABLE

Thirty white choir robes are available from First Lutheran Temple City, CA. If interested please email jo@tschopp.org or call 626-355-9433. Photos and descriptions can be provided.

FREE HYMNALS

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Santa Ynez has approximately 100 Lutheran Worship Hymnals available to a congregation who needs them. Hymnals are free, shipping would need to be covered by recipient. If interested, please contact Charlotte Ophaug at sotvlco@gmail.com.

PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP: IS YOUR RETIREMENT ON TRACK?

The Pacific Southwest District and Concordia Plan Services are offering pre-retirement workshops. These workshops are designed to help as you plan for that very important transition in your life: Retirement! Workers of all ages who are serving the Church (especially those age 50 or older) and their spouses are encouraged to attend to being understanding the process of planning for retirement and all that living in retirement entails. Cost of the workshop is \$15.00 per person (covers morning snack and light lunch).

Saturday, September 15, 9:00 am—3:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, San Diego

Please register no later than Friday, August 31.

To register, contact Cristel Hoffman at 888-927-7526 ext. 6824 or at cristel.hoffman@concordiaplans.org

FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

"Sharing Ourselves"

September 23 - 25

LAY LEADERSHIP CONTINUING ED

"Worthy of the Gospel"

September 22*

Both Fall Pastors' Conference and Lay Leadership Continuing Ed will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Golf Resort Palm Springs located at 67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA. Themes for both will be based on 1 Thessalonians 2:8. Click [here](#) to register or for more information.

WILDFIRE DONATION INFORMATION

Firefighters continue to battle more than a dozen wildfires across California. Your prayers are essential. You can assist with your gift. Even though damage assessments are pending, it is certain that dollars will be needed to church members, and communities in the lengthy recovery process that is ahead. You may donate as an individual and/or as a congregation to the [PSD Emergency Relief Fund](#) or the [CNH District Disaster Relief Fund](#). Please note: Donations from the October 2017 wildfires will be completely distributed to those affected by that fire as promised.

ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH TOUR

Led by Pastor Kurt Onken, **November 7-15, 2018**. Book Now & Save: Double \$3,999; Single \$4,799; Triple \$3,969. Highlights: Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Megiddo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Ein Karem, Western Wall, Garden Tomb. For more information contact Michael & Linda Parrish at 909-987-9000.

TOUR TO ISRAEL

Join Rev. Toby Joeckel for an educational tour to Israel! 10 days, **November 27 to December 6, 2018!** Cost from New York is \$3,399.00 or meet us there for \$2,699, including first class hotels and 2 meals/day. This will be Pastor Joeckel's 4th trip. For information email pastortoby@outlook.com.

LWML CRUISE

Post the National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, the LWML is pleased to offer a cruise on the Carnival Fantasy for FUN from **June 24- 29, 2019**. Well-deserved rest and relaxation with proceeds which benefit the mission projects of the LWML. Would you like to take part in this fun getaway while benefiting LWML? McGehee Cruise & Vacation Inc. will assist with all reservations for the cruise. Registration is now open: Please follow this [secure link](#) for further information and questions.

SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE TOUR

Join Pastor Mark Friedrich of Mountain View Lutheran Church, Apache Junction for a Splendors of Eastern Europe Tour - 11 days, **August 10-20, 2020!** Cost from Phoenix is \$4,349, including first class hotels, most meals, and admission ticket to see the Passion Play of Oberammergau. For information contact JoAnn Kelm at joannkelmaz@gmail.com or at 480-982-8266.

Contact Us

Subscribe to eNews: Keep up-to-date on happenings in the Pacific Southwest District as well as resources for congregations; installations and ordinations; and prayer requests.

Send an email to psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the words "subscribe" in the subject line.

Job Site: Access information on jobs available in PSD congregations and schools. The Job Site can be accessed on the PSD [website](#). Subscribe to bi-weekly email notification by sending an email to psdenews@psd-lcms.org noting "Job Site subscription" in the subject line.

Submit News, Information & Job Postings: Email psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the 'who, what, when, where, and why' of the news item or job posting. Items must be received by 2:00 pm Wednesday.

The Pacific Southwest District will NOT sell, give or otherwise transmit your email address for any reason other than its intended purpose.

Prayer & Praise

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at
kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org

Prayer Requests

Rev. Edward Eng, requests prayer for help adjusting to Beta blocker medication and "device" following installation of a pacemaker and return to the pulpit at Christ, Los Angeles as soon as possible.

Family of Lois Nieman, widow of Rev. Henry Nieman, who passed away on Tuesday, August 14. Services are still pending.

Kim Ingwersen, wife of Dave Ingwersen (Principal of Grace Lutheran School, Lancaster) as she battles ALS.

Carol Mueller, wife of Rev. Michael Mueller, recovering from surgery. Thank God for successful surgery!

Ordinations & Installations

Rev. Matthew Wait will be Installed at First Lutheran Church, Culver City/Palms on **Sunday, August 19** at 3:00 pm with a luncheon to follow. Please RSVP your attendance to ruth@firstlutherancc.org.

Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson will be Installed as PSD President on **Sunday, August 26**, 4:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church and School, Costa Mesa. An outdoor reception will follow on the plaza. Attending clergy please [RSVP here](#). Clergy are asked to bring red stole vestments and gather in the gym at 3:30 pm. If you would like to attend and are not clergy, please [RSVP here](#).

James B. Toma will answer the Call of the Saints at Redeemer Lutheran Church & School, Huntington Beach, to serve as their Pastor. His Ordination into the Holy Office of the Ministry and Installation as Redeemer's pastor will take place at Redeemer, Huntington Beach on **Sunday, September 9**, at 4:00 pm with a celebratory dinner in the Fellowship Hall to follow the Divine Service. Pastors, please wear your red stoles. Please RSVP for the dinner by contacting the church office at 714-846-6330 or by e-mail at churchoffice@redeemer-lutheran.net.

Continued Prayers

We pray for all congregations and schools currently in the calling process.

John Ahrens - on hospice care

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues

Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer

Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

Rev. Roy Gesch – macular degeneration and dementia

David Hendry – suffering from dementia

Rev. Paul Jacobs - recovering from surgery

Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease and cancer

Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer

Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer

Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes

Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine

Phillip Taylor - fighting cancer

Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer

Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer

Karina von Hindenburg - fighting breast cancer