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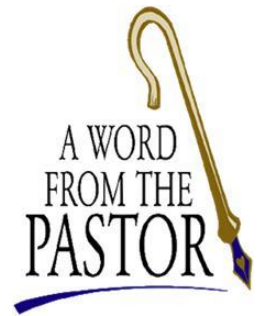
The Newsletter of  
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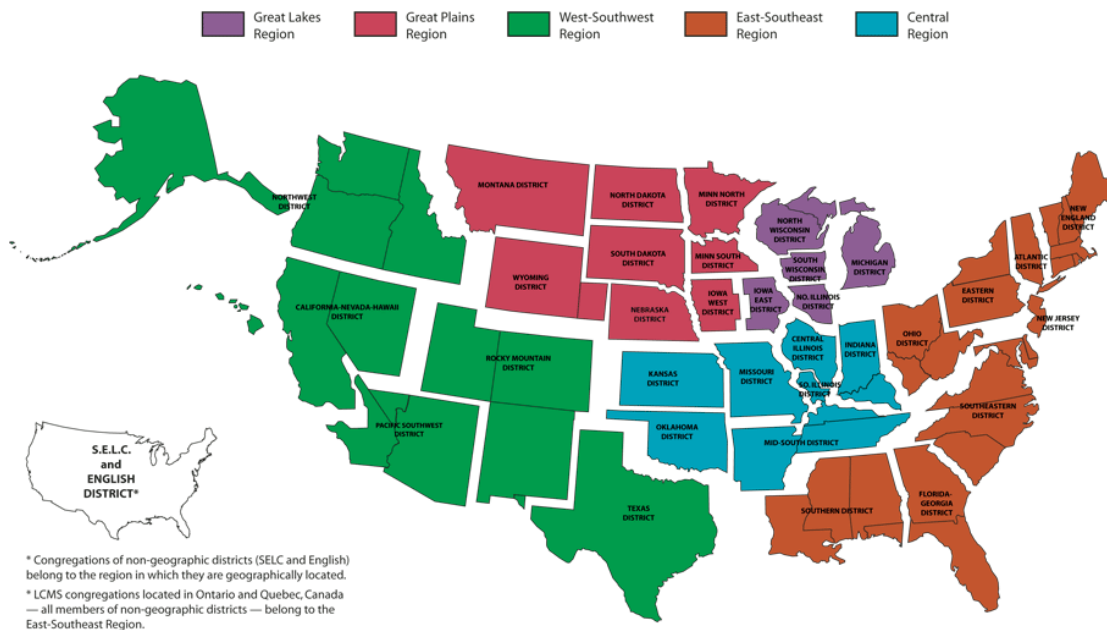
## Spring 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You’ve been hearing for a while now about the Circuit IV Ascension Day service that we are hosting here at LCOR. But do you know what “Circuit IV” is? What about our District? I thought it might be good for you to get a brief overview of the structure of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is divided nationally into five regions and 35 Districts. Two of the 35 Districts are non-geographical, which means they are spread out through the entire United States. Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is a member congregation of the New England District. The District President is elected by the congregations of the District in convention every three years. The District is also served by Vice-Presidents and a Board of Directors.



Each District is then broken down further into visitation circuits. A circuit is “a network of congregations that “walks together” for mutual care, support, advice, study, ecclesiastical encouragement, service, coordination, resources, and counsel—all for the sake of the greater congregational participation in God’s mission.” Each circuit elects a pastor to serve as “Circuit Visitor,” which in our Circuit IV is yours truly. The Circuit Visitor assists the District President within the circuit in various ways. He also serves the pastors of the circuit as a

collegial and brotherly advisor. The pastors of our Circuit IV meet monthly for worship, encouragement, and study.

The pastors of Circuit IV want to encourage the members of our congregations to come together also for worship and encouragement. To that end, the Circuit plans to hold yearly Ascension Day and Epiphany services, rotating through our congregations. We pray that these opportunities will be a blessing to both pastors and people as we live and serve together here in our circuit in New England.

I hope this gives you a perspective on how Synod, District, and Circuits work. If you would like any further information, don't hesitate to ask.

In HIS Service,

*Pastor Coons*

### **Cleaning Volunteers** are always needed

Please sign up to clean on the Saturday **before** the Sunday listed. Refresh your memories by taking a look at the cleaning routine posted. Thank you for serving.



*If you are unable to serve, please contact Tom Savage, Worship Chair.*

May: Sue Reis  
June: Sue Thorpe  
July: Mark Parlapiano  
August: Linda Yoreo

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### **Ushers' Schedule**

**May:** 8:00 a.m. Rich Plumb / *Volunteer*  
10:30 a.m. Dave Herzig / Aaron Coons

**June:** 8:00 a.m. Jack Prajzner / Rich Suter  
10:30 a.m. Dave Herzig / Linda Stevens

**July:** 8:00 a.m. Tom Savage / Jacob McCollum  
10:30 a.m. Dave Herzig / David Buckley

**Aug:** 8:00 a.m. Rich Plumb / Dave McCollum  
10:30 a.m. Dave Herzig / Aaron Coons

### **Sunday Readers**

*If you would like to volunteer, please see Tom Savage or Pastor.*

#### **8:00 a.m.**

**May 7** Gayle Pueschel  
**May 14** Marcos Iglesias  
**May 21** Tom Savage  
**May 28** Rich Suter  
**June 4** Mark Parlapiano  
**June 11** George Arendt  
**June 18** Gayle Pueschel  
**June 25** Marcos Iglesias

#### **10:30 a.m.**

**May 7** Linda Stevens  
**May 14** Tina Currier  
**May 21** Margaret Scully  
**May 28** Darlene Johnson  
**June 4** Linda Stevens  
**June 11** Tina Currier  
**June 18** Margaret Scully  
**June 25** Darlene Johnson



## 2023 Confirmation Class

Congratulations to our Confirmands as they publicly confess their baptismal faith and become communicant members of LCOR.

### ✠Kierstin Marie Coons✠

*Daughter of Rev. Michael and Mica Coons  
Baptized: February 7, 2010 – Lutheran Church of  
Our Redeemer*

### ✠Abigail Lindsey Griswold✠

*Daughter of Mitchell and Stephanie Griswold  
Baptized: September 19, 2010 – Lutheran Church of  
Our Redeemer*

### ✠Thomas Robert Lees✠

*Son of Scott and Tiffany Lees  
Baptized: June 13, 2010 – Lutheran Church of Our  
Redeemer*

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**June Voters' Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 11, at 9:20 a.m. Election of Officers will take place. Positions open for election this year are: Vice President, Treasurer, Property Chair, and Fellowship Chair. If you are interested in serving, please speak to David McCollum or Pastor.

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## Car Show 2023

**June 24, 2023, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

We need many volunteers to make this day a success. Thrivent members can apply for \$250 through Thrivent Action Teams so that we can purchase food, drinks, etc. We will also need people to get items for the raffle baskets as in the past. A sign-up sheet will be going up for that. If you have any questions, please see Jane Murray, our awesome coordinator!



## VBS 2023

July 31 – August 4, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Online volunteer and student registration will be going live shortly. Watch the announcements for more information!

## LCMS National Convention

The national convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will take place in Milwaukee, WI, July 29 – August 3. You can follow all the action at <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national>



## What Luther Says: Hearing the Word of Prime Importance

My Friends, in order properly to sanctify and celebrate the holy day to the praise of God, we want to preach and proclaim His dear Word. For He has instituted the Sabbath so that both we who preach and you who hear should use His Word. Thereby we accord God the highest praise, and this is also the greatest service we are able to render to God. And, on the other hand, nothing more irksomely pains the devil than the teaching and the using of God's Word; and if we want to inflict the most severe injury on him, then we should diligently hear God's Word. Besides, we surely need to strengthen ourselves with the Word of God so that we do not drown altogether in worldly cares but warm ourselves at the sermon and await another life after this one. Otherwise, when one by-passes God's Word, one forgets yonder life and scrapes and scratches here below as though one had nothing else to do. (July 27, 1533, sermon on Mark 8:1-9)