

Oklahoma District Board of Directors, LCMS
Minutes of Meeting – February 2, 2013
Oklahoma District Office
(Minutes approved at the 05-04-13 BOD meeting)

Board Members Present

Central – Rev. Don Howard, Rev. Lewis Walters, Mr. Eric Wassilak
Eastern – Mr. Doug Eisenhauer, Mr. Walt Sabourin, Rev. John Wilke
Western – Mr. Ken Dahl, Mr. Scott Dewald, Rev. John Wackler

District Officers and Presidium Present: President, Rev. Barrie Henke; 1st Vice President, Rev. Myles Schultz; 2nd Vice President, Rev. David Nehrenz; 3rd Vice President Greg Brown; Secretary Rev. W. R. Rains; Treasurer, Mr. Brent England

District Staff Present: Education, Ms. Janet Goll; Evangelism, Rev. Dwayne Schroeder; LCEF, Mr. Steve Bremer and Ms. Becky Elliott; Missions, Rev. Leonard Busch; Stewardship, Rev. Rick Tabisz; Youth, Mr. Todd Stevens

Guest(s):

Absent: Board Member(s) –
Officer(s) and Presidium –
Staff –

Call to Order – President Henke called the meeting to order at 10:33 A. M.

Devotion – Third Vice President Brown passed out a worship handout and noted that February 2nd is observed as the purification of Mary and presentation of our Lord.

Minutes of December 1, 2012 – President Henke then called for a review of the minutes from the December meeting. After a review of the minutes, **a motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by John Wackler to approve the minutes as presented – motion carried.**

President’s Report – see attached report – **A motion was made by Scott Dewald and seconded by Lewis Walters to receive the president’s report with the additions noted by the president – motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Report – see attached report – **A motion was made by Walt Sabourin and seconded by John Wackler to receive the treasurer’s report – motion carried.**

Staff Reports

Education – see attached report – **A motion was made by Lewis Walters and seconded by Walt Sabourin to accept the report as presented – motion carried.**

Evangelism – see attached report – **A motion was made by John Wilke and seconded by Eric Wassilak to accept the report as presented – motion carried.**

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) – See attached report – Steve Bremer and Becky Elliott presented the LCEF report. Steve then asked the board to consider resolution 13A-08-01 in his attached report. Since the resolution would impact board member John Wilke’s congregation he abstained from voting. **A motion was made by John Wackler and seconded by Walt Sabourin to approve resolution 13A-08-01 – motion carried. A motion was then made by Walt Sabourin and seconded by John Wackler to accept the report as presented – motion carried.**

Missions – see attached report – **A motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by Doug Eisenhauer to accept the report as presented – motion carried.**

Outdoor Ministry – see Lutherhoma’s financial report attached – Greg Brown stated that he had not received any reports from either camp. It was noted that Brent England had submitted the financial statement for Camp Lutherhoma. Brent also noted that Camp Lutherhoma would be receiving a gift from the estate of a long-time supporter of the camp who had passed away. Greg then noted that Camp Lutherhaven Camp Board would be meeting soon. (Note the Camp Board is not the same as the Camp Board of Directors.) **A motion was made by Lewis Walters and seconded by Walt Sabourin to accept the verbal report and attached financial statement – motion carried.**

Stewardship – see attached report – **A motion was made by Walt Sabourin and seconded by John Wackler to accept the report – motion carried.**

Youth – see attached report – **A motion was made by John Wilke and seconded by John Wackler to accept the report – motion carried.**

Other Reports – none

Old Business

President Henke asked Brent England to discuss the proposed 2013 district work plan (budget). After everyone had a chance to look over the proposed plan and Brent had an opportunity to explain how the staff in a meeting prior to the BOD meeting had arrived at its proposal, he then noted that because of the faithful stewardship of the congregations of the district, the district was in a better financial position than it had been in several years. Because of the better financial position, it was determined that the district could increase its offering to the Synod. (Note: due to financial constraints over the past several years the district had decreased its giving to Synod.) **A motion was made by John Wackler**

and seconded by Don Howard to accept the 2013 work plan with the increased offering to Synod – motion carried.

President Henke asked Greg Brown about the Outdoor Ministry Handbook. Greg reported that he had no new information.

President noted that at the last BOD meeting, when the convention assessment fee of \$4.00 per communicant member was set for this year's Synod convention, that the BOD would discuss an annual congregational assessment to avoid having high fees which often caught us by surprise at this meeting. President Henke stated that an annual assessment would allow for congregations to figure it as a line item at budget time. After some discussion, it was decided that an annual assessment of \$2.00 per communicant would be assessed beginning with the 2014 calendar or fiscal year, depending on how the congregations figure their budgets. The assessed fee would accumulate each year, thereby providing the necessary funds for conventions of the district and Synod. The president will send out reminder letters in May (fiscal year) and August (calendar year) to help congregations in their budgeting process. **A motion was made by Don Howard and seconded by Walt Sabourin to accept the proposed annual assessment fee – motion carried.**

At a previous meeting, the BOD had authorized a committee consisting of President Henke, the secretary, and treasurer to work with the Miami circuit counselor to dispose of the property in Chelsea after the congregation was closed on March 24, 2012. The circuit counselor has an interested party but the individual wants the district to carry a note on the property. After President spoke with members of the committee and other individuals, it was determined that the committee would like BOD input regarding the matter. After discussing the idea, the consensus of the BOD was that it did not want to become a mortgage holder for the property. At that point a suggestion was made to auction the property as is (reserving the minerals if they were still with the property). After more discussion, it was determined that we needed to be sure we had clear title to the property since it had closed. **A motion was then made by Scott Dewald and seconded by Don Howard that we make sure that we have a clear title to the property, and then BOD members Scott Dewald and Doug Eisenhauer would work with Rev. Mark Burger to dispose of the property (reserving the minerals if still with the property) with an auction with no reserve as a possible means of disposal – motion carried.**

President Henke then informed the BOD that the district's overture regarding the right of every congregation to have a vote had been reviewed by the Synod and had been returned requesting that several changes be made. President Henke then referred the matter to Secretary Rains. Rains, in consultation with Rev. Neb Moerbe (from the Ponca City circuit where the overture to the district convention originated), determined that the changes were acceptable. President Henke then informed the Synod that the district would be agreeable to the changes. No action by the BOD was needed.

Henke then asked if there was any other old business. Seeing that none was brought forward Henke moved to the next item of business.

New Business

President Henke informed the BOD that he had requests from Immanuel in Breckinridge and Trinity in Sallisaw for approval of constitutional changes. He wanted the BOD to know that they have been submitted to the district constitution committee for review. No BOD action was needed at this time.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Ken Dahl and seconded by Walt Sabourin to adjourn – motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:49 P. M. President Henke asked Greg Brown to close with a prayer.

Next Meeting and Time – May 4, 2013, at 9:30 A.M. – First Vice President Rev. Myles Schultz will be devotional leader

Meeting Location

Oklahoma District Office
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
308 NW 164th ST
Edmond, OK 73013
405-348-7600

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. W. R. Rains
OK District Secretary, LCMS

AGENDA - Board of Directors

Oklahoma District Office:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 NW 164 St., Edmond, OK 73013

Phone: 405-348-7600

February 2, 2013

The Oklahoma District is a fellowship of congregations committed to lead people into a dynamic, living relationship with Jesus Christ.

9:30 am. District Staff meet for 2013 budget planning

10:30 am.....Board of Directors meet for regular session

Opening Devotion Rev. Gregory Brown, 3rd Vice President

Minutes of December 1, 2012 Meeting

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Staff Reports

Education	Mrs. Janet Goll
Evangelism	Rev. Dwayne Schroeder
LCEF	Mr. Steve Bremer
Missions	Rev. Leonard Busch
Outdoor Ministry	Rev. Gregory Brown
Stewardship	Rev. Rick Tabisz
Youth	Mr. Todd Stevens

Old Business

- 1) **The Oklahoma District Work Program/Budget for 2013**
- 2) Update: Outdoor Ministry Handbook
- 3) Annual Convention Assessment Fee - - **\$2 per year?**
- 4) Chelsea Property Disposal

New Business

- 1) Constitution Review for Immanuel Lutheran, Breckinridge
- 2) Constitution Review for Trinity Lutheran, Sallisaw

Next Meeting **May 4, 2013**

..... **Devotions: Rev. Myles Schultz, 1st VP**

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VACANCIES -

Christ the Redeemer, Tulsa Vacancy Pastor, Rev. Kory Boster
First, Pond Creek Vacancy Pastor, Rev. Scott Ray
First, Tahlequah Vacancy Pastor, Rev. Art Spomer
Holy Trinity (Associate), Edmond Senior Pastor, Rev. Barrie E. Henke
Mt. Olive, Miami Vacancy Pastor, Rev. Dwight Moeller
Trinity, Enid Vacancy Pastor, Rev. Eric Brown

ORDINATIONS/INSTALLATIONS - 3

Rev. Conrad Oehlert, installed as sole Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Hooker, by Reverend Gregory Brown - 3rd Vice President on January 6, 2013.

Rev. Jeremy May, installed as sole Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Ponca City, by President Barrie E. Henke on December 8, 2012

Rev. Jeff Klade - SMP, ordained and installed as Associate Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Okarche, by President Barrie E. Henke on December 9, 2012.

COMMISSIONING/INSTALLATION -

CALLS EXTENDED - 0

CALLS DECLINED - 0

CALLS ACCEPTED -

John Huss, Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond, OK, to Sole Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Milpitas, CA. Concluded service at Holy Trinity on January 13, 2013; to be installed at Mt. Olive on February 10, 2013.

Rev. Jeff Klade - SMP, ordained and installed as Associate Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Okarche, by President Barrie E. Henke, December 9, 2012.

CALLED TO GLORY IN DEATH - 0

RETIREMENTS - 0

RESIGNATIONS - 0

TRANSFERS - 2

John Huss, to CNH District, Jan. 15, 2013

Jeremy May, from Indiana District, December 8, 2013

CHANGE OF STATUS - 0

REMOVED - 0

CLOSINGS - 0

OTHER

SYNOD VACANCIES REPORT -

(from Council of Presidents Meeting Minutes of November 13-15, 2012)

Congregations seeking sole pastor	= 258
Congregations seeking Senior Pastor	= 49
Congregations seeking Associate/Assistant Pastor	= 64
TOTAL CALLING CONGREGATIONS	= 371

Since September 2012: New Ministry Starts = 9; Closings = 5

OKLAHOMA STUDENT AID REQUESTS FOR SPRING 2013

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Roger Peters, Trinity, El Reno - 4th year \$2,900

Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis

Joshua Krepel, Emmanuel, Kingfisher - 3rd **Presently on Vicarage - NO AID**
David Reber, Grace, Tulsa - 4th year \$2,900 \$5,800

Concordia - Austin, TX

Matthew Griffith, St. John, Covington - 1st year \$1,200
Michaela Seeliger, Holy Trinity, Edmond - 1st year \$1,200

Concordia - Mequon, WI

Michael Ersland, St. John, Okarche - 2nd year \$1,400

Concordia - River Forest, IL

Brianna Boyd, King of Kings, Glenpool - 1st year \$1,200

Concordia - Seward, NB

Megan Billos, Trinity, McAlester - 4th year \$1,800
Kevin Busch, First, Tahlequah - 2nd year \$1,400
Jade Elliott, Holy Trinity, Edmond - 3rd year \$1,600
Jennifer Lutz, Faith, Owasso - 4th year \$1,800
Emma Prilaman, Holy Trinity, Edmond - 1st year \$1,200
Caitlin Schroeder, Our Savior, Bethany - 3rd year \$1,600

Concordia - St. Paul, MN

Christopher Gibson, Christ, Perry - 4th year \$1,800 \$16,200

TOTAL \$22,000

Memo



To: Oklahoma District Congregations
From: Rev. Barrie E. Henke, President, Oklahoma District, LCMS
Date: January 29, 2013
Re: Synod Convention Assessment

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the national convention year for the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The 65th Regular Convention will be held in Saint Louis, Missouri from July 20 – 25, 2013. The theme is “Baptized for this Moment” based on Acts 2:38-39.

It is customary for the Synod to assess each of the 35 districts its fair share for covering the cost of the convention. This assessment not only pays for administrative costs in running the convention, but also covers the cost for transportation, lodging and food for the Oklahoma delegates to the convention.

This year the Synod Convention assessment is \$4 per communicant member based on the congregational membership statistics as of December 31, 2011.

Please forward this assessment as soon as possible to our District Business Manager,

**Mr. Brent England,
PO Box # 70
Owasso, OK 74055.**

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

As we are preparing to conclude the Epiphany Season and enter the Lententide, may Christ be proclaimed through the mission and ministry of your congregation.

Sincerely in Christ, the Lord of the Church,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Barrie E. Henke". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Reverend Barrie E. Henke, President
Oklahoma District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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CONSTITUTION

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SALLISAW, OKLAHOMA, revised 2012

PREAMBLE

It is God's will that a Christian congregation shall conform to His divine Word in doctrine and practice (Psalm 119:105; Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 1:6-8; II Timothy 4:1-5) and that all things be done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:40). Therefore, we, the members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, accept and subscribe to the following Constitution and Bylaws, in accordance with which all spiritual and material affairs of our congregation shall be governed.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this congregation shall be TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH of Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

This Christian congregation has been established and will be maintained for the express purpose of spreading the Gospel truth according to the Holy Scriptures and the Confessional Standard of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III – CONFESSIONAL STANDARD

This congregation acknowledges and accepts all the canonical books of the Old and New Testament as the verbally inspired and revealed Word of God. According to these norms of doctrine, all doctrinal controversies shall be decided and adjudicated on the basis of God's Word. This congregation also acknowledges and accepts all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church contained in the Book of Concord of 1580 to be the true and genuine exposition of the doctrines of the Bible. These symbolic books are the Three Ecumenical Creeds – the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian – the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, Luther's Large Catechism, Luther's Small Catechism, and the Formula of Concord.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Baptized members are all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God.
- B. Communicant members must fulfill the following qualifications:
 - 1. Be baptized in the name of the Triune God;
 - 2. Accept all canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the only divine source and norm of faith and life;

3. Be acquainted with and accept Luther's Small Catechism;
 4. Lead a moral Christian life before God and man and conduct themselves at all times to bring credit and honor, rather than blame, upon the Church of Jesus Christ (Galatians 5:19-21);
 5. Attend divine services and partake of the Lord's Supper regularly;
 6. Declare a willingness to assist according to their abilities in the work of the congregation and to contribute, as the Lord has blessed them, to the financial support of the congregation and to that of the Church at Large;
 7. Submit to the regulations already made or still to be made by this body – provided they do not conflict with the Word of God – and submit to loving admonition when they have erred or offended (Matthew 18:15-20);
 8. Must not join or support any secret or open organization conflicting with the Word of God.
- C. Any communicant member of this congregation who is in good standing and is eighteen years of age or older shall be eligible to apply for voting membership; and after acceptance, shall be allowed to vote at the next regular session of the Voters' Assembly.

Only male voting members shall be allowed to vote on matters with respect to the Office of the Keys.

Controversies on voting eligibility shall be decided by the Pastor and the Board of Elders, working together according to the Word of God.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- A. The regular officers of this congregation shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Board of Trustee(s), and a Board of Elders. Only male voting members twenty-one or older shall be eligible to hold the offices of President, Vice-President, and membership on the Board of Elders.
- B. Other necessary boards may be added when deemed and voted necessary by the Voting Membership. ~~[New Officers shall be elected at the November quarterly meeting.]~~ New officers shall be elected before January 15. They shall assume their official duties on February 1.
- C. The regular officers of the congregation and the Chairmen of all Boards and standing committees shall constitute the Church Council.

ARTICLE VI – PASTORS AND TEACHERS

Only prepared and qualified Pastors and Teachers shall be called by this congregation who are in accord with the confessional standard of this congregation (Article III) and who are in good standing with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The right of calling Pastors and Teachers shall be vested in the congregation and shall never be delegated to another body or to an individual. However, the Board of Elders may execute the congregation's decision in extending calls. Reasons for dismissing a Pastor or Teacher – as well as any officer of the congregation – shall be for unrepentant teaching false doctrine, or unfaithfulness, or inability in the performance of duties or for pursuit of a non-Christian life. For the election of and for the dismissal of Pastors and Teachers, a three-fourths (3/4) majority of those members present and voting is required.

ARTICLE VII – POWERS VESTED IN THE CONGREGATION

The congregation shall decide all administrative matters relating to the Church. Any member in good standing may appeal to the congregation in regard to any matter relating to the affairs and government of said Church, and the congregation's decision shall be final and binding. But such a decision shall be void unless it is in accord with the Word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE VIII – SYNODICAL AFFILIATION

This congregation shall be affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as long as the confessions and constitution of said Synod are in accord with the confession and constitution of this congregation as laid down in Article III.

ARTICLE IX – PROPERTY RIGHTS

This congregation is a corporation that may receive, acquire, hold title to and manage such real estate and other properties as it may need to accomplish its purpose (Article II). It may sell or dispose of such real estate and other properties or any part thereof. This congregation shall have all the rights and powers that are granted by the laws of the State of Oklahoma to religious corporations.

If, at any time, a separation should take place within this congregation, the property of this congregation and all the benefits therewith connected shall remain with those members who continue to adhere to Article III of this Constitution. In no manner shall it be construed that the property belongs to the Missouri Synod or any District thereof, except to the extent encumbered by a mortgage made to the Missouri Synod. In the event of a separation within the congregation, however, in which the necessity of arbitration become evident, then the membership shall seek counsel and an applied definition of Article III of the Constitution from the President and the members of the Oklahoma District Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Direction and guidance received from these District officers shall be considered in good faith, but such arbitration shall not be considered binding.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

- A. Articles II, III, IV, VII, IX, and X of this Constitution shall be irrevocable.
- B. With the exception of the Articles named in Section A of X, this Constitution and Bylaws may be changed by a three-fourths majority of the votes cast in a regular meeting of the Assembly after the proposed amendment has been read to the congregation assembled for worship on two preceding Sundays.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONGREGATION

A. Baptized Membership

All who have been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God shall be considered baptized members of this congregation.

B. Communicant Membership

1. Admission into membership is by:

- a. Confirmation; confirmation itself being a reception into Church or communicant membership, all who are thus received by this sacred act become communicant members.
- b. Transfer; (persons coming with a communicant letter of transfer from another congregation in Church fellowship) provided they conform in all respects to the requirements of membership of this congregation, they shall be received by the Pastor and Elders following whose affirmative action, they shall be presented for approval, in a subsequent meeting of the Voters' Assembly.
- c. Profession of faith; persons coming other than in the manner described above shall submit their application to the Pastor or an Elder; and having given satisfactory evidence of qualification for communicant membership to the Pastor and at least one Elder, they shall be received as communicant members to be approved in a subsequent meeting of the Voters' Assembly.

2. Privileges and Duties of Communicant Membership

It shall be the privilege and duty of communicant members of this congregation to grow in the Christian faith and life, through faithful use of the means of grace, by searching the Scriptures at home and in fellowship with other members of the congregation and its agencies, by providing for the proper Christian training of their children, through instruction at home and concert with the Church; and to assist according to their God-given talents and abilities in the work of extending the Kingdom of God.

3. Termination of Membership may occur for the following reasons:
- a. If a member desires a transfer to another Lutheran congregation in fellowship, he must apply to the Pastor. Upon Pastor's approval, a letter of transfer shall be issued. The Board of Elders shall report all transfers to the congregation and to the Voters' Assembly at the next regular meeting.
 - b. If a member of this congregation has joined a non-Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, he or she shall upon the decision of the Pastor and Board of Elders, be deemed to have terminated his or her membership in this congregation, forfeiting all rights and privileges of such membership. Names of all such persons shall be removed from the membership list of this congregation.
 - c. ~~Due to unknown whereabouts the~~ The names of members whose whereabouts are unknown and cannot be established within a period of one year shall be removed from the membership list of the congregation and placed in a file designated "whereabouts unknown". Such membership is terminated and shall be reported as such to the next regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly.
 - d. When a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has not communed or attended divine worship service for three months, he or she will receive a visit from the Pastor and/or Elders for the purpose of inquiry and encouragement.

If such member/s has not communed after six months, he or she shall receive another visit by at least two Elders of the congregation. Admonishment and encouragement shall be given. If after twelve months of fruitless effort the member/s has not responded to Christian admonition, the member/s shall be notified by registered mail, and shall be declared to have excluded himself or herself from this Christian congregation. Such self-exclusion releases the individual/s from privileges of Church membership, such as Christian burial, Holy Communion, transfer to a sister congregation, and any claim against the properties of the congregation. But such a person will remain cordially welcome at divine services in this Church.

Excommunication will be applicable to any member whose conduct becomes unchristian in manner, or who openly adheres to false doctrine, or who gives evidence of an immoral or publicly offensive life, or who willfully despises the preaching of the Gospel and the Lord's Supper.

4. Restoration of Membership

Person or persons who have been removed from membership for whatever reason shall be restored with all rights and privileges when they repent and ask forgiveness through the Pastor. Both acts of discipline and restoration shall require a three-fourths majority action by the Voters' Assembly. These actions shall be made known by public announcement at worship services and through Church publications.

C. Voting Membership

1. How to Become a Voting Member

A communicant member in good standing may apply to any regular Voters' Assembly for voting membership; upon being accepted by a majority vote of the Assembly the applicant shall become eligible to vote in the following meetings of the Voters' Assembly and subsequent meetings. Upon acceptance applicant will be asked to sign the voting membership roll.

2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Voting Membership

It shall be the privilege and responsibility of every voting member to attend and participate in the business of the Voters' Assembly, willingly to serve in any office or on a committee as his or her talents and abilities dictate, and to assist with diligence in the temporal and spiritual affairs of the congregation.

3. Termination of Voting Membership

After a voting member has been absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without offering a valid excuse, the Secretary shall notify said member that his voting membership is in jeopardy and encourage his diligent participation. A voting member who is absent from the meetings for a full year without a valid excuse shall have his name removed from the roster of voting members.

4. Restoration of Voting Membership

A voting member may be reinstated by re-applying for voting membership.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

A. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Voting Membership shall be held four (4) times during the calendar year, on the third Sunday of the months of generally one each quarter. February, May, August, and November. Election of officers shall take place at the regular meeting in November before January 15th. Consideration and acceptance of the budget for the following year shall take place at the November meeting before December 31st. The fiscal year of the congregation shall begin the first day of January each calendar year.

All communicant members of the congregation may attend the meetings of the Voters' Assembly and may, with the consent of the Voting Membership, submit recommendations or participate in a discussion of any given item of business before the Voting Membership.

Every meeting of the Voting Membership shall be announced at the worship services and printed in the Sunday bulleting on two Sundays immediately preceding the date of the meeting.

Guide to Order of Business for Regular Meetings.

1. Scripture Reading and/or Prayer
2. Roll Call of Voting Members
3. Reception of New Members
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Special Meeting
5. Report by the Pastor
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Financial Secretary's Report
8. Reports from Boards and Special Committees
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

Business meetings are to be conducted according to Robert's "Rules of Order" in so far as these do not conflict with the Constitution and its Bylaws. One-third (1/3) of the Voting Membership shall constitute a quorum, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and Bylaws; except two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Membership shall be required for action on the following issues: Erection or destruction of a building, purchase or sale of real property, the calling of a Pastor or a Teacher, or the removal of a Pastor, Teacher or Officer, amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws or an expenditure of one thousand dollars or more. In the event of a tie vote, the president shall cast the deciding vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Voters' Assembly may be called by the Board of Elders, the Pastor, or President of the congregation or at the request of five (5) voting members of the congregation. Notice of the date and time of such a meeting and of the nature of the business to be transacted shall be given at the Sunday worship service immediately preceding the time of the meeting. Only business to be discussed and acted upon in special meetings will be that included in the published agenda of the call of the special meeting.

ARTICLE III – OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

A. Calling a Pastor

In the event of a pastoral vacancy, After consultation by the Board of Elders shall consult with the President of the Synodical District or his representative. The Elders shall see that a list of candidates for the pastorate be gathered and evaluated in a timely and orderly manner. They shall also arrange for the congregation to evaluate their priorities and pastoral needs. They may ask the congregation to elect a Call Committee to assist them in the gathering and evaluating. The Voters' Assembly may authorize the Elders to prioritize or limit the list of pastors to fit criteria established by the congregation. shall be proposed at the next regular meeting of the voting membership or at Subsequently, the Elders will call a special meeting called for that the purpose of selecting a new pastor. Additional pastoral candidates may be proposed by any voting member at this meeting. ~~When all nominations are in, a prayer for guidance should be offered. The voters shall discuss and then adopt a list of candidates.~~ At that meeting or at a subsequent ~~regular or special~~ properly called meeting of the Voting Membership, the voters shall elect one of the proposed candidates by ballot and simple majority. Following the election, a motion to make the calling of that candidate unanimous would be in order. It shall be the duty of the Board of Elders to see that notice of his election is delivered promptly to the candidate in whatever manner the Voting Membership shall deem advisable.

B. The Pastoral Office

The Pastoral Office is the authority conferred upon pastors by God, mediated through a call of the congregation (holding of the royal priesthood and of all congregational authority) to exercise in public office the common rights of spiritual priesthood in behalf of all. The Pastoral Office is the primary office in the congregation.

The pastor is further to administer the Sacraments in accordance with their divine institution; and to preach the Word of God; and to discharge toward all members of the congregation the functions of a minister and curate of their souls in an evangelical manner, in particular to visit the sick and dying and admonish indifferent and erring members; to spiritually guard the welfare of the younger members of the congregation and adults during their preparation for acceptance of Holy Communion; to guide the congregation in applying the divinely ordained discipline of the Church; to provide spiritual leadership and oversight in the educational agencies and the various organizations within the congregation; and to serve as an example of Christian conduct and to do all that is possible for the upbuilding of the congregation and for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.

By reason of his position, the Pastor is not only a servant and steward of God, but also of the congregation. The Pastor shall have the authority and responsibility for supervising the musical portion of all worship services in conjunction with the Board of Elders so that it is at all times in harmony with the doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Church- Missouri synod. Members of the congregation are obligated to accord the Pastor honor, love, and obedience in his ministry of God's Word and to support his ministrations with the diligence and faithful prayers; to help him in the discharge of his duties by cordial one-mindedness, by willing readiness, by peaceable conduct and in every other way possible; and to provide for his maintenance according to the ability of the congregation.

The Pastor is an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARDS

A. Nomination and Election Procedures

~~At the August meeting of the Voting Membership, Each fall, the Church Council shall announce its choice of three (3) qualified members who, together with the Pastor, shall serve as the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall be directed by God's Word as recorded in 1 Timothy 3:1-12 and Titus 1:6-9. At the August meeting voting members present names of possible candidates for a specific office to the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of candidates from the entire voting body, and make the list public in the worship bulletin the two Sundays preceding the election. plus the ones submitted at this meeting. The list shall be made public within one month. After announcement of this list, any member may submit additional names to the committee to be placed on the list, provided the names are submitted before October 15th and the names have been investigated before as to their availability for the office. All names shall be listed in the Church bulletin on the two (2) Sundays preceding the November meeting.~~

Officers and Board members shall be elected ~~at the regular November meeting~~ by ballot and simple majority in the following order: President, Board of Elders, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Board of Trustee(s), ~~and the Board of Elders~~. Additional names may be nominated, if the nominee is present to affirm their willingness and ability to serve. Those who are not elected on previous ballots may be nominated for another office.

B. Installation and Term of Office

The newly elected officers and Board members of the congregation shall be installed in the regular Sunday worship service on the first Sunday of February. The term of office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial

Secretary, and Trustee shall be one (1) year. The term of office for each member of the Board of Elders shall be ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years, with an election of one Elder each year. Officers and Board members shall ~~not be elected to more than two (2) consecutive terms in a given office and may~~ hold only one (1) office at a time, (except for Elders who may hold two (2) offices.

In such case of a vacancy in an elective office, the Church Council shall appoint a successor to serve until the next annual election, except in the case of President, who shall be succeeded by the Vice-President.

ARTICLE V – CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council shall be comprised of the above listed officers, Elders, and the chairman of regular Boards or standing committees. Regular meetings of the Church Council will be held each month at a time convenient for all. Special Council meetings may be called by the Pastor, President, or any two (2) Council members. Adequate permanent records will be kept of all meetings which shall be the property of the congregation. Each year the Church Council shall prepare a budget for Voters' approval, and appoint an Auditing Committee a financial review committee of at least two members to review the congregation's financial transactions. and a Budget Committee; The Council shall review, supervise and act upon all routine administrative affairs of the congregation; shall prepare an agenda of business for congregational meetings; shall make recommendations to the Voting Membership; shall coordinate, evaluate, and compile both short and long range goals and plans to the Voting Membership ~~at its May meeting~~; shall make decisions regarding the staff except for the Office of Pastor; shall render decisions on requests for the use of the church and its properties; and other duties as stated elsewhere in this Constitution and its Bylaws or given to it by the Voting Membership.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- A. The President shall preside at all Voters' Assembly, Congregational and Church Council meetings, both regular and special. He shall, to the best of his ability, enforce the Constitution and Bylaws of the congregation and carry out the expressed will of the Congregation as embodied in the resolutions of the Voters' Assembly. He shall serve as an advisory member of all Boards and Committees.
- B. The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President perform the duties of the President. He shall be available for whatever duties the President shall assign to him as his representative.
- C. The Secretary shall be present at and keep an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the Voters' Assembly and the Church Council in a permanent record book. The Secretary shall be responsible for official correspondence of the

congregation and shall perform all the duties normally pertaining to this office, and such additional duties as the Voters' Assembly shall assign.

- D. The Treasurer shall make all disbursements ~~upon order of the Financial Secretary~~ or authorized by the Voters' Assembly, and keep accurate records of the same. The Treasurer shall ~~provide the Financial Secretary weekly with~~ keep track of the balance of cash on hand balance in all accounts, shall alert the President when funds are projected to be insufficient to cover the bills, and shall present a written report at all Voters' Assembly and Church Council meetings. At the end of each fiscal year the Treasurer shall submit the books to the ~~Auditing~~ Financial Review Committee.
- E. The Financial Secretary shall receive, record, and deposit in the congregation's depository all the congregational monies, including offerings, contributions, special collections, loans, subsidies, bequests, etc.; shall record, prepare and certify an annual statement of the contributions for each member and furnish the statement to the member; and shall see that all communicant members are supplied with envelopes for contributions; ~~and shall present a report to all Voters' Assembly and Church Council meetings.~~
- F. ~~The Board of Elders shall be composed of two male members. When of sufficient numerical or geographical scope, the Congregation shall be divided into zones and one Elder shall serve each zone. The Board of Elders shall, as needs demand, evaluate conditions in the congregation that would require a change in the number of zones or the realignment in the boundaries of the zones. If changes are required, they shall be recommended to the Voters' Assembly. Elders may appoint Stewards to assist in all zone and Church work.~~ Members of the Board of Elders are expected to be examples of Christian conduct and conversation. The duties of the Board of Elders shall be to:
1. Plan and evaluate the spiritual program of the ~~church~~ congregation in conjunction with the Pastor, ~~who is an ex-officio member of all boards and committees~~ promoting attendance at worship, frequent reception of the Lord's Supper, and participation in Bible study.
 2. Assist the Pastor in the cultivation of peace and love and harmony among the members of the congregation as well as in the promotion of the general welfare of the members of the congregation.
 3. Consider cases of Church discipline and bring them to successful conclusion in accordance with Matthew 18:15-20.
 4. Welcome visitors at Church services.
 5. ~~Make recommendations to~~ Lead and encourage the Voters' Assembly in the calling of a Pastor.
 6. Be responsible for the proper conduct of ~~Church~~ worship services by overseeing and providing those things necessary for the pulpit ministry, communion, music, altar arrangements, and ushering.

7. Concern themselves with the needs of the individuals in the congregation, especially the aged, the sick, and the poor.
8. Assist the pastor in visiting and seeking restoration of those delinquent in communion and church attendance.
9. Being a sounding board for the Pastor, being his advocate, promoting his welfare, encouraging and correcting him as necessary.

~~The duties of the individual Elders and Stewards shall be to:~~

- ~~1. Be an example of Christian conduct and conversation.~~
- ~~2. Win souls for Christ.~~
- ~~3. Keep souls for Christ.~~
- ~~4. Keep a record of the souls in his zone.~~
- ~~5. Assist the Pastor in spiritual duties.~~
- ~~6. Visit those delinquent in communion and church attendance.~~

- G. The Board of Trustee(s) shall consist of elected male or female trustee(s). This Board shall be in charge of the properties and furnishings of the congregation; shall be responsible for their proper care and maintenance; shall periodically inspect all buildings and grounds and recommend necessary repair, improvements, or additions to the congregation at Voters' meetings.

In cases of emergency, the Trustee(s) shall have the right to order immediate repairs with approval of two (2) Council members.

The Trustee(s) shall supervise and direct the work of all repairs, maintenance, and cleaning; shall seek out volunteer assistance with maintenance of the grounds of the church and shall have the authority to call for "work days" when needed; shall be charged with keeping all properties of the congregation protected, insured, and bonded against loss or damage; shall initiate, maintain, and annually review a permanent inventory of equipment owned by the congregation; shall administer the loaning or renting of the building equipment; and shall obtain all necessary supplies needed for the accomplishment of the functions of the Board.

Gifts of real or personal property to the congregation shall be accepted by a simple majority vote of the Voters' Assembly. Such gifts shall be examined by the Board of Trustee(s) who shall make a recommendation at the next Voters' Assembly meeting regarding acceptance of such gift.

- H. The Church Council, when deemed necessary, may recommend to the Voters' Assembly establishment of permanent Boards for Evangelism, Finance, Parish Education, Property and Maintenance, Youth Work, etc.

Report to Oklahoma District Board of Directors

Education Secretary

February 2, 2013

This week is National Lutheran School Week throughout the nation. Our Lutheran schools are celebrating with various fun activities. Many are connecting with other Lutheran schools. This week is also a time when our schools make an extra effort to promote Christian education as they prepare for enrollment for the new school year.

I am including with this report, statistics from the Oklahoma District and from the national office of school ministry of the LCMS. I hope you find this information helpful in understanding the Lutheran education system.

Keisha Huggins, Oklahoma Early Childhood Coordinator, and I are in the process of contacting all the Lutheran preschools and early childhood childcare programs in the Oklahoma District. Our goal is to offer encouragement and to be sure those schools and their workers know how to contact us for assistance.

The elementary principals met at Messiah in Oklahoma City on January 18. They reviewed Messiah's NLSA accreditation documents and made plans for future events.

The annual District Lutheran Track Meet will be held in Ponca City on May 6.

I will be attending the Lutheran Educators' Administrators Conference in Phoenix next week. We are encouraging schools to attend the Lutheran Educators' Convocation to be held next fall in Milwaukee. The Oklahoma District will not have a fall conference in September so that schools can reserve their professional development funds for the LEA convocation.

I've been talking to Arthur Briesch, a member of Zion in Guthrie. He has a heart for increasing enrollment in Lutheran Schools throughout the nation. We are hopeful that we can work together in Oklahoma to begin this process.

Janet Goll

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...to Him be glory. Ephesians 3:20



Lutheran School Statistics

2011-12 School Year

This report is a summary of data collected for the 2011-12 school year from early childhood centers (frequently referred to as “free standing early childhood centers” with children aged infant/toddler through age 5 only), elementary schools (typically age 4 through grade 8), and high schools (typically grades 9 through 12) operated by congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the United States and listed on the Lutheran School Portal. These statistics represent a 90 percent return response from the schools and 55 percent from Early Childhood Centers. The high school statistics include those from the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools (ALSS).

Number of Lutheran Schools

(District totals from Lutheran School Portal)

Early Childhood Centers	1,376
Elementary Schools	879
High Schools (Includes PK-12 Programs)	<u>88</u>
TOTAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS	2343

Number of Association Schools 183

Students Enrolled

Early Childhood (Full Day, PreK)	122,038
Grades K-8	91,481
Grades 9-12 (includes International HS)	<u>16,052</u>
TOTAL STUDENTS	229,571

Students in Before/After School Care 36,556

Number of Students by Grade Level

Early Childhood (Full Day/PreK)	122,038
Kindergarten	12,578
1st	12,123
2nd	10,231
3rd	9,573
4th	9,451
5th	9,943
6th	9,817
7th	9,131
8th	8,634
9th	3,819
10th	4,023
11th	4,175
<u>12th</u>	<u>4,035</u>
TOTAL	229,571

2011-12 “Average” Lutheran School

Early Childhood Center

Students 48

Elementary

Full-Time Teachers	8
Students	110
Students/FT Teacher	14

High School

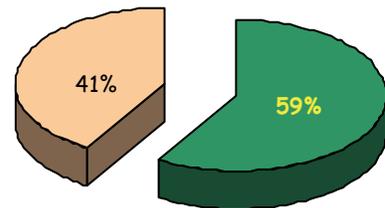
Full-Time Teachers	15
Students	187
Students/FT Teacher	13

National Lutheran School Accreditation

Early Childhood Centers	78
Elementary Schools	522
Middle Schools	1
High Schools	55
Total (11/6/11)	655

Ethnicity of Students

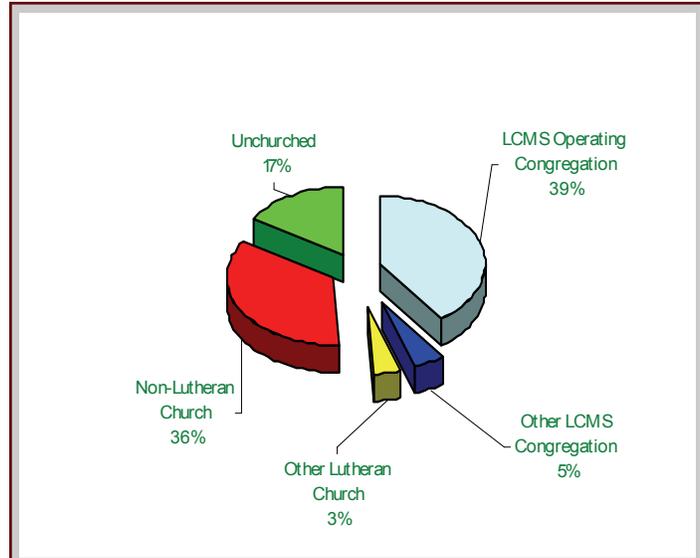
White	82%
Black	7%
Hispanic	5%
Asian	3%
Other	3%



3,527(59%) LCMS Congregations
Operate all Schools and Centers

Student Church Affiliation

LCMS operating congregation	39%
Other LCMS congregation	5%
Other Lutheran church	3%
Non-Lutheran church	36%
Un-churched (43,332)	17%



New Members 2011-12

Children Baptized	2,810
Adults Baptized/Confirmed	1,910
Adult Transfers	3,278
6% of Un-churched Baptized	

2011-12 Funding Sources

Early Childhood Centers

Congregation Budget	12%
Tuition & Fees	81%
Other	7%

Elementary

Congregation Budget	20%
Tuition & Fees	67%
Other	13%

High School

Congregation Budget	7%
Tuition & Fees	68%
Other	25%

2011-12 Average Annual Required Fees

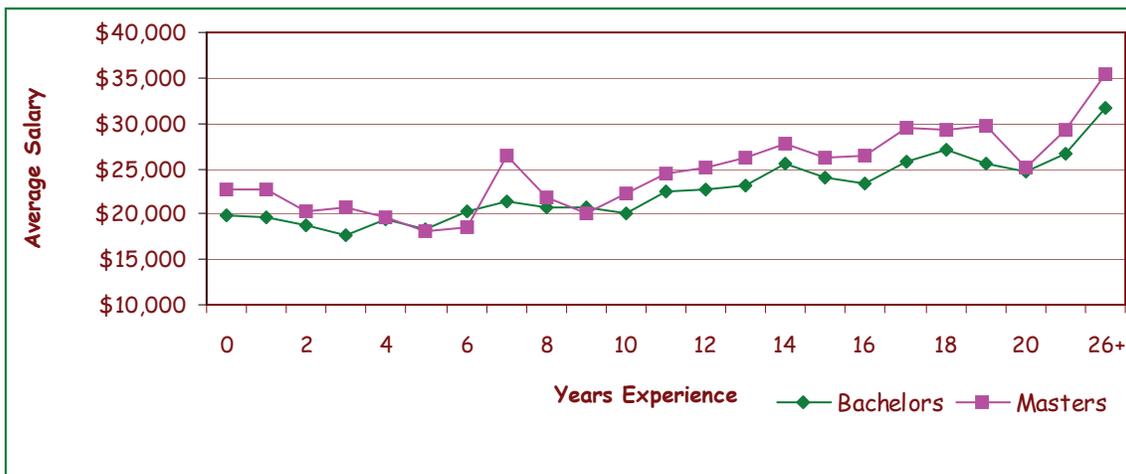
Elementary Grades 1-8

Members	\$2,162
Non-members	\$3,581

High School Grades 9-12

Members	\$6,178
Non-members	\$6,839

Information not available for ECC.



Ten Largest Early Childhood Centers

Open Arms CDC	Ashburn	VA	449
Shepherd of the Desert	Scottsdale	AZ	301
St. John's ECC	Cypress	TX	252
St. Paul	St. Joseph	MO	247
St. Luke	Oviedo	FL	241
Hales Corners	Hales Corners	WI	238
Our Savior	Bettendorf	IA	238
Shepherd of the Hills	Centennial	CO	236
Redeemer By The Sea	Carlsbad	CA	232

Ten Largest PK-8 Lutheran Schools

St John's Lutheran School	Orange	CA	806
St Luke's Lutheran School	Oviedo	FL	736
Trinity Lutheran School	Klein	TX	691
Hales Corners Lutheran	Hales Corners	WI	642
St Paul's Lutheran School	Orange	CA	641
Christ Community	Kirkwood	MO	595
St John Lutheran School	Bakersfield	CA	567
St. Peter Lutheran	Macomb	MI	550
St. Lorenz Lutheran	Frankenmuth	MI	529
Immanuel Lutheran	Macomb	MI	523

Ten Largest Lutheran High Schools

Lutheran High of Orange County	Orange	CA	1309
Faith Lutheran Jr/Sr High School	Las Vegas	NV	720
Concordia Lutheran High School	Fort Wayne	IN	684
Milwaukee Lutheran	Milwaukee	WI	681
Lutheran High School North	Macomb	MI	542
Lutheran High School South	Saint Louis	MO	539
Crean Lutheran High School	Irvine	CA	529
Lutheran High School West	Rocky River	OH	440
Concordia Lutheran High School	Tomball	TX	435
Long Island Lutheran	Brookville	NY	406

Top US Lutheran Schools by Enrollment

Faith JR/SR Lutheran	Las Vegas	NV	1374
Orange Lutheran	Orange	CA	1309
Prince of Peace Lutheran	Carrollton	TX	874
Rockford Lutheran	Rockford	IL	859
Long Island Lutheran	Brookville	NY	833
St. John's Lutheran	Orange	CA	806
Lutheran South Academy	Houston	TX	759
St. Luke's Lutheran	Oviedo	FL	736
Trinity Lutheran	Klein	TX	691
Concordia Lutheran	Ft. Wayne	IN	684

NLSA EXEMPLARY SCHOOLS**2009-10 NLSA Exemplary Schools**

- Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Collinsville, IL
- Immanuel Lutheran School, Batavia, IL
- Trinity Lutheran School, Elkhart, IN

2010-11 NLSA Exemplary Schools

- Concordia Lutheran School, Conover, NC
- Concordia Lutheran High School, Ft. Wayne, IN
- Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Wauwatosa, WI
- Salem Lutheran School, Orange, CA
- St. John's Lutheran School, Orange, CA

2011-12 NLSA Exemplary Schools

- Concordia University Early Childhood Education Center, River Forest, IL
- Faith Community of Schools, Las Vegas, NV
- Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy, Broken Arrow, OK
- Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, MO
- St. John Lutheran School, Ellisville, MO
- Trinity Lutheran School, Waconia, MN
- West Portal Lutheran School, San Francisco, CA

2012-13 NLSA Exemplary Schools

- Bethany Lutheran School, Parma, Ohio
- Faith Lutheran JR/SR High School, Las Vegas, NV
- Hales Corners Lutheran Elementary and Middle School, Hales Corners, WI
- King of Glory Preschool and Kindergarten, Williamsburg, VA
- Loving Shepherd Early Childhood Center, Golden Valley, MN
- Lutheran South Academy, Houston, TX
- St. Luke's Lutheran School, Oviedo, FL

The numbers reflected in this report are those that were submitted by schools.

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Average Salaries 2011-12

Represents a 3% increase from 10-11

Early Childhood Educators

Administrators with BA	\$52,186
Administrators with MA	\$52,887
Full-Time Teachers with BA	\$32,307
Full-Time Teachers with MA	\$38,033

Elementary Teachers

Administrators with BA	\$49,782
Administrators with MA	\$53,973
Full-Time Teachers with BA	\$33,132
Full-Time Teachers with MA	\$38,672

High School Teachers

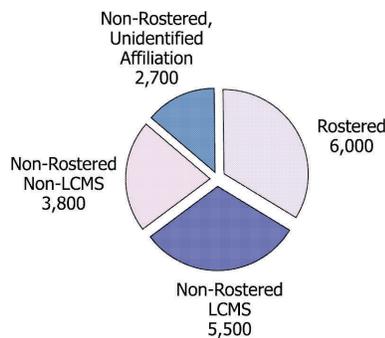
Administrators with BA	\$59,023
Administrators with MA	\$62,581
Full-Time Teachers with BA	\$38,991
Full-Time Teachers with MA	\$40,309

2011-12 Average Per Pupil Cost

Represents a 5% increase

Early Childhood Centers	\$3,054
Elementary Per Pupil	\$6,325
High School Per Pupil	\$10,458

2011-12 Concordia Placement Information			
Position	Sex	Ave. Salary	#
Early Childhood			
	M		0
	F	\$27,792	18
Elementary			
	M	\$30,928	20
	F	\$29,119	111
Middle			
	M	\$26,870	4
	F	\$28,196	3
Secondary			
	M	\$30,157	19
	F	\$28,431	17
K-12			
	M	\$30,157	3
	F	\$28,642	6
Special Ed.			
	M		0
	F	\$28,375	2
Average Salary		\$29,978	



Breakdown of the 18,000 teachers in Lutheran schools.



OK District Evangelism Report

February 2, 2012

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Mt 4)

Some may be celebrating Groundhog Day today, celebrating a change from winter to spring, but we're on the verge of celebrating the sober season of Lent and the joy of an Easter resurrection. In the season of Lent, we revisit 'the people dwelling in darkness seeing a great light'. In the season of Lent, we 'pause' and ponder our conversion and the turning away from (*repenting of*) our sinful ways and the turning toward Christ and the cross. God forgave us and saved us and now we have our days to live our lives as a testimony of what we believe in and who we trust (*Jesus Christ is our Redeemer, our Savior*).

Faith in Christ (*and His saving work*) comes by hearing the Good News, and so my goal is still to keep evangelism simple, to stay with the basics, to build relationships with people, to plant gospel seeds while meeting human needs. I believe this goal is being met with the seminar/workshop that is being held the first weekend of May (*see attached sheet*). I pray that many church workers and laypeople take advantage of this training.

I have also been looking into the 'The Family Friendly Partners Network' which trains and equips clusters of congregations to become intentional Christian family forming centers. Participants receive training and coaching through a series of workshops, and can contract on-site delivery days, and phone or email coaching. (*Congregations with or without a Christian Day School or Pre-school are active network participants.*) This networking/training is a three-year process, investment (*about \$2000/year for 3 years*), and commitment, through which churches become partners with families to deliberately pass on faith in Jesus Christ to the next generation.

God Bless your life and labors (*your sharing of God's love*) all for the sake of God using you to possible save others from eternal damnation.

Pastor Dwayne Schroeder
Evangelism Exec.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OUTREACH SEMINAR

PLANTING GOSPEL SEEDS...

While Serving Human Needs

Presented by Rev Carlos Hernandez, LCMS, Director, Church and Community Development

Is Your Congregation Growing? Odds Are It Is Not. And You Are Not Alone:

“With too many of our congregations near death, this is a life-saving experience.” Don Strohmeyer, Organizer, LCMS Housing Support Corp

Equip Your Congregation To Reach Out and GROW

When: Thursday – Saturday, May 2 – 4, 9 am – 5 pm

Where: Lutheran Church of Our Savior
6501 NW 23rd
Bethany, OK 73008

What: Learn and practice a low-key, non-threatening, New Testament Model to discover and address the needs of the neighborhood outside your church door.

Cost: \$25.00 make checks out to LCOS
 mailing them to 6501 NW 23rd Str
 Bethany, OK 73008

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 7840 NW 39th Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008
Reservation can be made by calling 1-800-345-8082
 Hotel # 1 -405-787-6262

RSVP NLT Friday, April 12, calling Mark Walpus - 405.397.5017
 or email mclyne2@cox.net

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LCEF REPORT

Steve Bremer, LCEF Vice President

4rd Quarter 2012

November 30th, 2012 through February 2 2013

BUSINESS SUMMARY:

The economy is resulting in lower than normal loan-demand for Oklahoma and LCEF nationally.

- Through December 31th the Oklahoma District has 27 loans outstanding with an LCEF balance of \$14,351,830.
- The weighted yield on loans has declined. In December 2011 the yield was 4.847% by December 2012, it has declined to 4.576% this is due in part to refinancing loans so congregations can capture the lower interest rates. Congregations continue to make additional principal payments against their loan balance.
- The Oklahoma District has no delinquency.
- Oklahoma District Capital to Asset Ratio is 27.41% through December.
- Oklahoma District has 561 investors. That is down by 12 from the same period 1 year ago.
- 3.5% of LCMS Members are investors and this is up .3 from December 2011.
- Total Amount invested is \$19,027,273. The previous December was at \$18,715,981, an increase of +\$311,292.
- The Oklahoma Districts portion of the LCEF 2012 Operating Results was \$60,495 in operating revenue being returned to the Oklahoma District. (Note: in the November 2012 LCEF Board of directors report this number was stated as "over \$61,000. This was reported incorrectly. The amount to be received by the Oklahoma District is \$60,495) To God is the Glory. These funds were formally requested from LCEF on Monday January 28th

LOAN ACTIVITY:

Resolution 13AOK-08-01- Immanuel Lutheran Church – Broken Arrow, OK approves the extension/modification agreement on the permanent conversion of the construction loan. The loan amount is \$1,000,000 with a twenty (20) year amortization. The rate will be set at 5.375%. This is a 10 year (120 month) fixed rate. Payment types are to be set as blended Principal/Interest. There is no loan fee and the estimated maturity is stated as March of 2033.

Loan Amount:	\$1,000,000
Amortization:	20 years
Rate:	5.375%
	10 year Fixed
Payment Type	Monthly Principal/Interest
Loan Fee:	\$0.00
Estimated maturity	March, 2033

This comes before the Oklahoma Board of Directors:

SECURED - Zion – Stillwater \$1M Facility Expansion Phase I & II – Electrical Upgrade

The Phase 1 – Electrical Upgrade to the Zion Lutheran facility is completed. Fully funded by the congregation, this first phase came in nearly \$100K below budget. We are awaiting the final drawing and cost projections. Labors for Christ will assist in formulating actual construction cost. A meeting is scheduled for next week.

SECURED-TRINITY – WOODWARD, OK \$80,000 - \$65,000 Estimated funds – Re-Build

LCEF requested Rick Lueb from Architect Advisory Committee to review the proposed drawings and we are awaiting action on the recommended changes which will be needed to meet state code guidelines.

OTHER PENDING LOAN Discussions:

Shepherd of the Hills – Skiatook	Long Range	Planning
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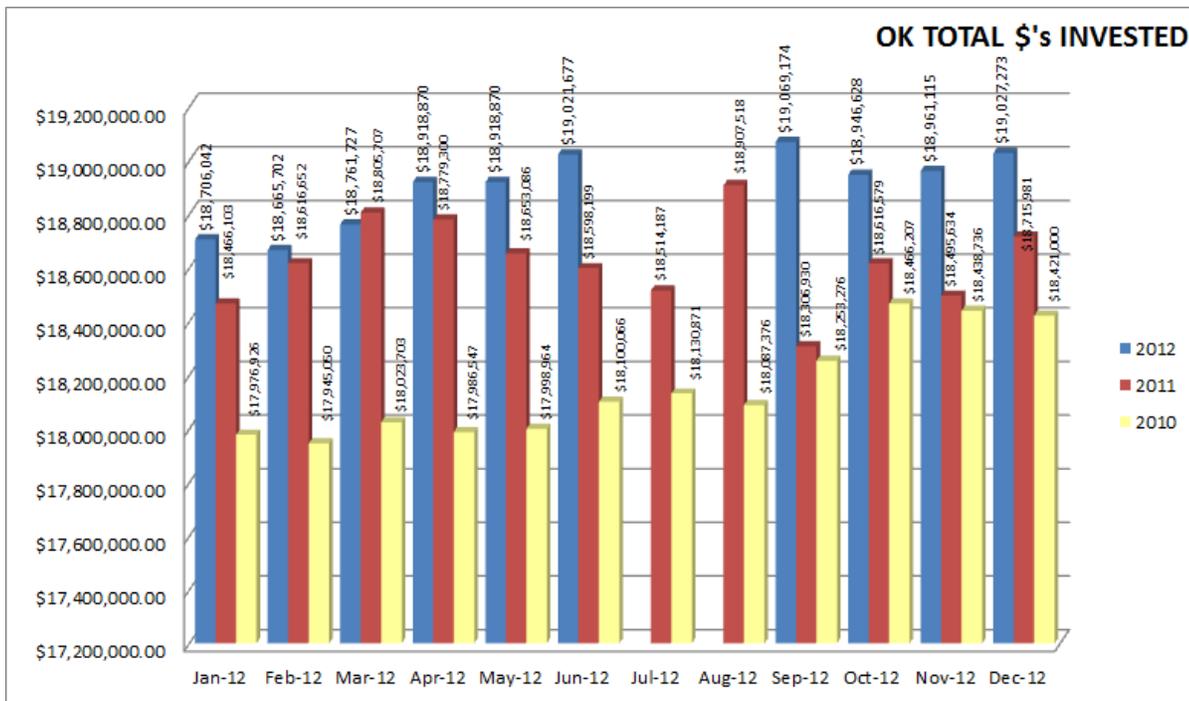
Meeting is scheduled for next week.

Delinquent Loans: None to report

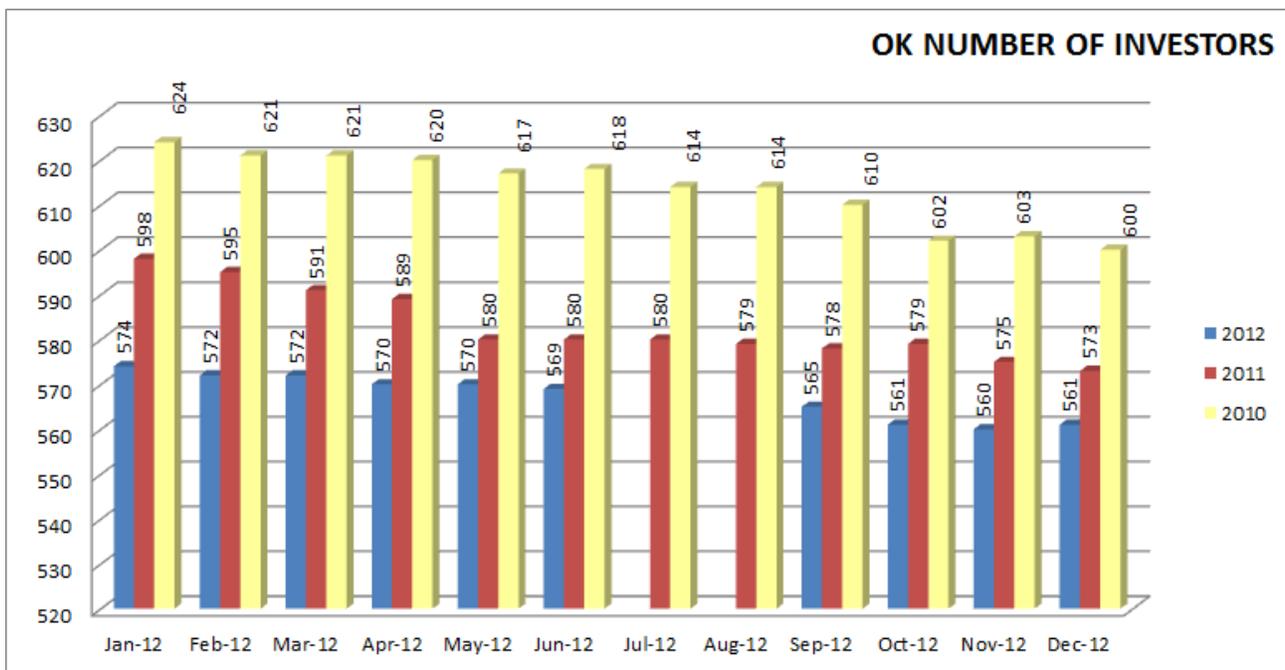
14 DAY DELINQUENT:	None to report
30 DAY DELINQUENT:	None to report
60 DAY DELINQUENT:	None to report
120+ DAY DELINQUENT:	None to Report

PROMOTIONS/MARKETING:

INVESTMENT SUMMARY: DOLLARS INVESTED: For the month ending December the dollar amount invested increased by \$66,158 to end 2012 with \$19,027,273. This is an increase over 2010 and 2011.

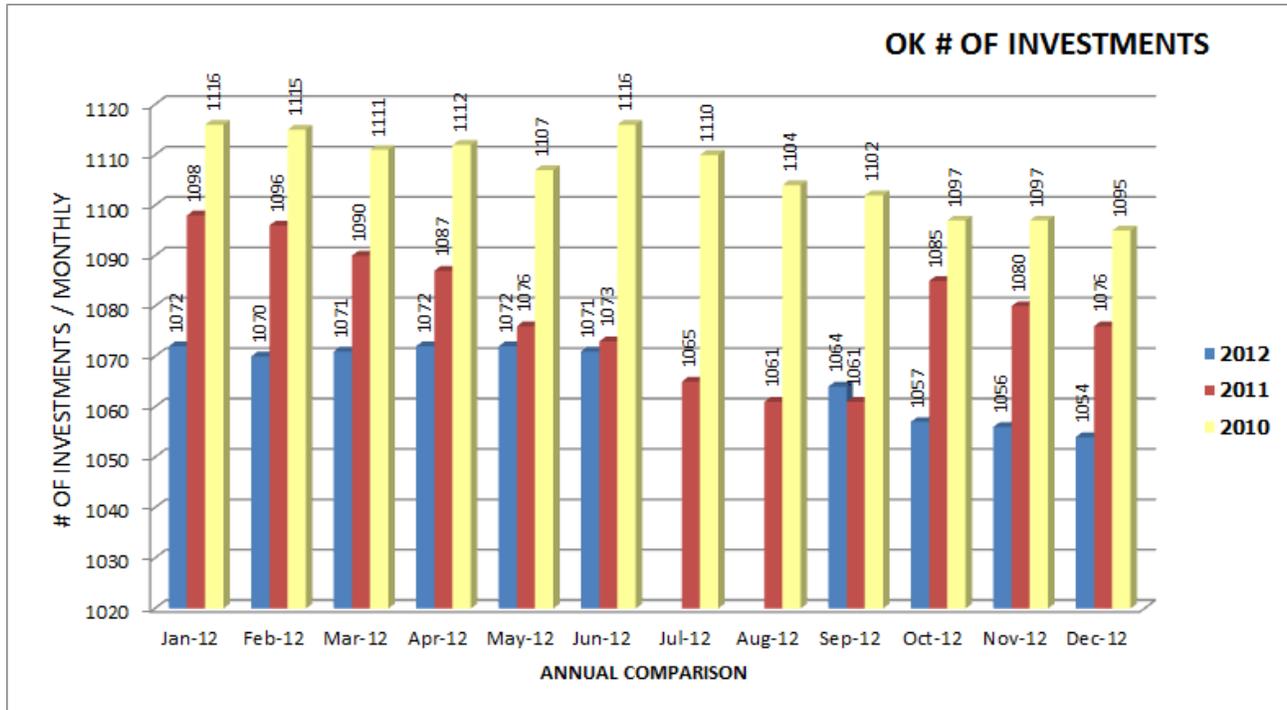


OF INVESTORS: For the month of December the # of investors increased to 561. During December there was one account closed as in house transfer. The % of members that are invested went back up to 3.5% in December after taking a drop in November.



OF INVESTMENTS:

The total number of investments for Oklahoma in the month of December decreased to 1,054 investments.

**SERVICES/PROMOTIONS:**

On December 30th I attended the Centennial Festival and Reunion Day at Immanuel in Broken Arrow to celebrate their 100 year birthday and growth.

Pastor Rains of Zion in Guthrie has invited me to come present at the voters meeting and potluck on January 27th. He has also invited me to Reformation Festival in October 2013 which will be held at Zion.

One of our main objectives of the OK LCEF Congregational Promotional Director is to secure congregational Ambassadors. This is in efforts to help increase the LCEF visibility, exposure, and participation at the congregational level in LCEF sponsored grants and youth fund raiser contest. The Oklahoma District has signed eighteen (18) new congregational Ambassadors for LCEF since October of 2012. The Kansas District has signed sixteen (16) new Ambassadors in the same period.

Oklahoma:

Doris Norton-	Redeemer/Shawnee,	Beverly Dyer	Trinity/Broken Arrow,
Ronald Trautwein -	Christ/Mustang,	Johnny Barfield	Christ/Tulsa,
Danielle Shelton -	First Lutheran/Tahlequah,	Nelly Castenada	Cristo Rey/OKC,
Steven Coldasure	Good Shepherd/MWC,	James & Jennifer Delpierre	Our Savior/Bethany,
Ted Harrison & Glenda	St John/Pryor	William Schneider	St John/Lawton,
Kim Hill	St Mark/Edmond	Richard Postier	Shepherd Hills/Skiatook,
Kathy Loeber	Holy Trinity/Edmond	Amy Bowe	Good Shepherd/Tulsa,
Shannon Elliott	Holy Trinity/Edmond	Eddie Morris	Our Savior/Tulsa,
Gail McCurry	Hope/Suphur,	Krystine Gibson	King of Kings/Glenpool,
Susan Copen	First/Muskogee,		

KANSAS:

Jeanette Mueller	Grace/Wichita	Jennifer Savage	St John/Alma,
Linda Claypool	Trinity/Wichita	Miriam Wehling	Grace/Liberal
Tim Hamer	Faith/Derby	Paula Frey	St Luke/Manhattan
Mark Crabtree	Immanuel/Lawrence	Bill Roelfs	King of Kings/Gardner
Leland Jackson	Trinity/Garden City	Karen Gahagan	Christ/Overland
Troy Slater	Our Redeemer/Herington	Jeff Duncan	St Andrews/Wichita
Kim Kristalyn	Grace/Iola	Bob Todd	Immanuel/Wichita
Pamela Webb	Hope/Shawnee	Heather Williams	Calvary/Topeka

January 2013 we launched **"Who Wants to be a Lutheranaire"** grant/contest in the form of an online quiz to assist congregations in supporting their respective youth ministry in raising fund for future youth activities. The churches that wanted to participate had to have an ambassador (lay person) who would be the point of contact between LCEF and the congregation.

Twelve (12) Grants will be given to the winning congregations/youth groups. Grant awards range from \$400 to \$100. A total of \$2,000 will be awarded in the Oklahoma District up to twelve (12) congregations.

All church wishing to participate must have an ambassador (**lay person**) to register their congregation for the contest and be the Point of Contact between LCEF and the congregation during this and future mailings or events. The December newsletters primary article was focused on the grant/contest and to follow it up during December Becky will travel to the churches visit the pastors and leave them a one page reminder on the need for an ambassador to participate in the On-Line Quiz *"DO YOU WANT TO BE A LUTHERANAIRE"*.

The grant/contest, **"Who Wants to be a Lutheranaire"** is underway, and the Ambassadors are given the grant/contest standings weekly to keep their congregation informed and to encourage participation. Below is the report update sent to participating Ambassadors for this past week.



Greetings All,

The updated leader board for the **Who Wants to be a Lutheran** quiz is below. Please continue to encourage the members of your congregation to participate. If your congregation has wireless internet, you may want to bring a laptop to church and allow people to take the quiz during fellowship time.

Many have asked if you can take the quiz multiple times. Only one score will count per person, but if someone would like to re-take the quiz and try for a better score that is fine. We will count the highest grade they receive towards the total.

Let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything we can help you with.

God's Blessings,
Steve Bremer and Becky Elliott

Highest GPA

1. Our Savior - Bethany
2. Holy Trinity - Edmond
3. Our Savior - Tulsa
4. Redeemer - Cushing
5. Trinity - El Reno
6. Christ the Redeemer - Tulsa

Most Responses

1. Trinity - Broken Arrow
2. Immanuel - Broken Arrow
3. Good Shepherd - Tulsa

Highest Percentage of Responses

1. St. Mark - Edmond
2. King of Kings - Glenpool
3. Christ - Mustang

Visit www.lcefcontest.com to take the quiz.

The grant/contest ends February 18, 2013

Blessings,

Lutheran Church Extension Fund – Oklahoma District

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OKLAHOMA DISTRICT, LCMS

FEBRUARY 2, 2013

Rev. Leonard Busch, District Missions Secretary

“The Cross Crosses all Boundaries”

1. NEW CHURCH PLANTS (Goal: 12 by 2017)

- ***King of Kings, Glenpool*** – Rev. Rick Tabisz.
- ***Lord of Life, Bixby*** – District subsidy for this project ends after the first quarter of 2013. The congregation is now making use of another church’s facility. I will facilitate a planning process to determine the congregation’s future next Saturday. Strategic recommendations for approaching specific target demographics in the Bixby area available from LCEF will be used in the planning process.
- ***Ablaze! Live, East Tulsa & Broken Arrow*** – Rev. Tim Dreier.
- ***Trinity, McAlester: Clayton & Atoka Satellites*** – Rev. Glenn Meyer
- ***“Gift of God” NW Oklahoma City/Piedmont*** – Contact with the Seminary to secure a deferred vicar to further this project is ongoing. Two congregations have indicated willingness to provide supervision. Broader congregational support seems to be strengthening, even with the possibility that an appropriate vicarage candidate may not be available until Spring 2014.
- ***Shepherd of the Hills, Skiatook*** – Under the pastoral direction of Rev. Sean McCoy, Shepherd of the Hills has become a self-sustaining congregation no longer requiring District subsidy.
- ***Ethnic Ministries***
 - ***Muslim Outreach, Oklahoma City*** – As part of his work of Muslim outreach (*encl.1*) Rev. Nourreddine Bennai is available to speak in District congregations on Sundays. Honoraria are covered by the District, but provision of travel expenses by host congregations will be appreciated
 - ***African (Liberian) Outreach, Tulsa*** – Robert Knuckles
 - ***Hmong Outreach, Tulsa*** – Sing Vang and Wangdoua Chang are in the midst of Doctrinal, Old Testament, and New Testament Theology courses offered online by *Mission Training Center* as pre-requisites to enrollment in the EIIT program in Fall 2013. Given the level of Sing Vang’s course work , I am recommending that he enter the more challenging SMP program.
 - ***Karen (Burmese) Outreach, Guymon*** – Rev. Mark Wescoatt
 - ***Zomi-Chin (Burmese) Outreach, Tulsa*** – The vacation Bible school collaboration by 8 LCMS congregations and 2 ethnic outreach ministries in July was followed up by a distribution of school supplies in August. More than 200 members of the Burmese community attended a Christmas celebration at Good Shepherd, Tulsa on December 22. Funding for this effort was provided in part by offerings from the Fall 2012 Oklahoma District Workers’ Conference and the Fall 2013 District Youth Gathering. In addition, participation by a number of Tulsa area LCMS congregations was excellent (*encl.2*). At some point it is hoped that a group may be gathered for catechesis and worship and further, that candidates for formation as ethnic-specific workers may be identified. Outreach efforts continue to be planned toward the accomplishment of these ends.

- ***Cristo Rey, Oklahoma City*** – Rev. Trini Castaneda.
- ***Buen Pastor, Tulsa*** – Rev. Bernardo Rangel, full-time Missionary at Large for Hispanic Ministry, was called by the Oklahoma District in 2005. In view of a number of factors, he is transitioning to bi-vocational status in 2013 (*encl.3*).
- ***Notes on New Church Plants***
 - 4 Chartered as *Independent* congregations
 - 2 Operating as *Satellites* of existing congregations
 - 1 in initial *Start Up Mode* (in development for first worship service)
 - 8 *Ethnic* efforts (7 of which are subsets of existing Anglo congregations)
 - 4 as *Ethnic Specific Worshiping Groups*
 - 4 as *Ethnic Outreach Efforts* (no separate worship service)
 - 2 additional *Ethnic Outreach Effort* being considered
- ***Process Notes on Ethnic Outreach Efforts***

What follows is not intended to establish a specific order which must be followed by every *Outreach Effort*. Rather it lists key constituent elements which may occur in various sequences in any *Outreach Effort* process.

- ***Contact***
 - May begin as works of ***Mercy (Diakonia)*** such as ESL classes, school mentoring, food pantries, leadership training, or other “side-door events,” which, by gaining trust and building relationships, serve to open portals for effective:
 - Gospel presentation or ***Witness (Martyria)*** in the cultural/linguistic idiom of the hearers and may be manifested in modes such as:
 - Proclamation (*Kerygma*)
 - Instruction (*Didache/Catechesis*)
 - Baptism.
- ***Gathering a Congregation*** – As individuals come to faith they gather with others, thus initiating the tasks of ***Life Together (Koinonia)***. It should be noted that the term *Congregation* is used here to describe *Ethnic Specific Worshiping Groups* which may or may not become chartered as *Independent* congregations.
- ***Identification/Development of Indigenous Pastoral Leadership***

2. NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

- Proposals for two additional mission projects have been received
 - ***Tanzanian Mission*** – an amount to supplement funds contributed in honor of Immanuel, Broken Arrow’s 100th anniversary will help provide support for the missions assistant to the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania (*encl.4*).
 - ***Pryor Nursing Home Outreach*** – Assistance has been requested for reimbursement of travel expenses for ministry to nursing homes in northeast Oklahoma under the supervision of St. John, Pryor (*encl.5*).

3. CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION (Goal: 40 congregations by 2017)

- For use in the Oklahoma District, a revitalization process will be defined as: *A process in which a congregation or representation of its membership gathers for an intense and intentional encounter with God's Word (focused on a study of God's purpose for congregations), accompanied by study of the congregation's particular context, fervent prayer for God's guidance in discerning His calling for the congregation at its current time and place, and connected with ministry planning.* By this definition, processes have been conducted for 56 congregations.

4. CAMPUS MINISTRY

- Sites with active campus ministries include. An annual planning meeting was held in Stillwater in July.
 - *Holy Trinity, Edmond (UCO)*
 - *Trinity, Norman (OU)*
 - *Zion, Stillwater (OSU)*
 - *Grace, Tulsa (TU)*
 - *First, Tahlequah (NSU)**

5. DISTANCE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (EIT/SMP)

- In order to provide workers prepared for the harvest field, the Oklahoma District works with Concordia Seminary's distance theological education programs: EIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) and SMP (Specific Ministry Pastors).

6. IMMIGRATION

- ***Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) Consultation on Immigration***
I was invited to serve as a theological consultant in El Paso September 2011 as CTCR continued work on its forthcoming document on immigration issues.
- ***Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service (LIRS) Leadership Summit***
I was invited to contribute to a Leadership Summit exploring best practices developed by community, congregational, judicatorial, and denominational leaders representing constituent entities of LIRS in August in Minneapolis.
- ***Lutheran Immigration Volunteer Network of Oklahoma (LIVN—OK)***
Interest by volunteers at the VBS effort in continuing the work of, "Welcoming the stranger" has led to the formation of this (currently) ad-hoc work group. To date, projects have included:
 - School supplies
 - Immigration paperwork assistance
 - Christmas Angel Tree
- ***Fitting Pieces Together*** – An international event, based on a theme taken from Colossians 1:15-22 took place on January 19. Dr. John Nunes, Executive Director of Lutheran World Relief, preached in the worship service which also included elements from African American, Burmese, Hispanic, Hmong, Liberian, and Anglo cultures.

Stewardship Report to Oklahoma District Board of Directors

02/02/13

2013 Congregational Pledges

Summary:

2012 pledges: 679,973

2012 Actual: 784,072

2013 Pledges: 641,208

Expected from non-responders: 150,573

Total anticipated income for 2013: 791,781

34 congregations increased their pledges for 2103.

9 congregations decreased their pledge.

For details, please see the attachment following this page.

Other Stewardship business

Consecrated Stewards

Congregations that are using CS and other programs in the series continue to realize significant increases in congregational giving. I will continue to offer myself as a resource to congregations. Please let folks know that I would be available to address congregations or church workers circuit meetings.

2013 Stewardship Leaders Conference

I will be attending this conference in February. Please let me know of any specific questions or issues that you would like to address to the other districts on the subject of Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Rick Tabisz
Oklahoma District Stewardship Secretary.

Oklahoma District Pledges

Prepared by Rick Tabisz, Stewardship Exec

PLEASE NOTE: Actual Amounts are as of 1/28/13

	2012	2012	2012.00	2013	Δ pledge \$	Δ pledge %
Congregation	Pledge (\$)	Actual (\$)	Difference (\$)	Pledge (\$)	2012 vs 2013	2012 vs 2013
Ada, First Lutheran	5,200.00	4,523.63	-676.37	5,400.00	200.00	103.8%
Adair, Bethlehem	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	-	100.0%
Altus, Faith	800.00	825.00	25.00	660.00	(140.00)	82.5%
Alva, Zion		12,000.00	12000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Apache, St. Peter		1,000.00	1000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Ardmore, Trinity	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	-	100.0%
Bartlesville, Redeemer	37,272.00	40,260.00	2988.00	43,680.00	6,408.00	117.2%
Beaver, Peace		1,200.00	1200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Bethany, Our Savior	10,000.00	9,990.42	-9.58	10,000.00	-	100.0%
Blackwell, St. John	2,500.00	7,219.00	4719.00	3,000.00	500.00	120.0%
Blackwell, Trinity	4,100.00	4,000.00	-100.00	4,100.00	-	100.0%
Boise City, Hope			0.00		-	
Breckinridge / Enid, Immanuel	10,000.00	11,931.00	1931.00	10,000.00	-	100.0%
Broken Arrow, Immanuel	74,000.00	95,877.00	21877.00	82,203.00	8,203.00	111.1%
Bixby, Lord of Life			0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Broken Arrow, Trinity	15,500.00	17,363.62	1863.62	14,400.00	(1,100.00)	92.9%
Buffalo, Zion	400.00	900	500.00	400.00	-	100.0%
Chelsea, Zion			0.00		-	
Chickasha, First		7,188.35	7188.35	7,188.00	7,188.00	
Claremore, Redeemer	21,600.00	22,600.00	1000.00	21,600.00	-	100.0%
Covington, St. John	1,500.00	2,100.00	600.00	1,500.00	-	100.0%
Cushing, Our Redeemer	600.00		-600.00	600.00	-	100.0%
Duncan, Good Shepherd	4,900.00	4,300.00	-600.00	4,900.00	-	100.0%
Edmond, Holy Trinity	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	66,000.00	6,000.00	110.0%
Edmond, St. Mark	22,151.00	22,072.00	-79.00	21,959.00	(192.00)	99.1%
El Reno, Trinity		10301	10301.00	10,301.00	10,301.00	
Elk City, Christ	1,000.00	500	-500.00	1,000.00	-	100.0%
Enid, Redeemer	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	-	100.0%
Enid, St. Paul	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00	-	100.0%
Enid, Trinity		783.90	783.90	783.00	783.00	
Eufaula, Good Shepherd		1,813.90	1813.90	1,813.00	1,813.00	
Fairland, St. Paul	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	-	100.0%
Fairmont, Zion	18,000.00	10,550.00	-7450.00	18,000.00	-	100.0%

notes

Please Note: Those highlighted in yellow did not respond. "Pledge" values are projections, based on 2012 giving history.

10% of offerings

2012 OK District Pledges

	2012	2012	2012.00	2013	Δ pledge \$	Δ pledge %	notes
Congregation	Pledge (\$)	Actual (\$)	Difference (\$)	Pledge (\$)	2012 vs 2013	2012 vs 2013	
Garber, Immanuel	5,000.00	3750	-1250.00	5,000.00	-	100.0%	
Glenpool, King of Kings	7,750.00	8,449.91	699.91	6,250.00	(1,500.00)	80.6%	
Granite, St. John		14,400.00	14400.00	14,400.00	14,400.00		
Grove, Immanuel	1,600.00	2850	1250.00	1,600.00	-	100.0%	
Guthrie, Our Savior	2,535.00	3,106.63	571.63	2,535.00	-	100.0%	
Guthrie, Zion	6,500.00	6,115.07	-384.93	7,221.00	721.00	111.1%	
Guymon, Trinity	10,000.00	9,999.96	-0.04	10,000.00	-	100.0%	
Hinton, St. John	2,000.00	3,000.00	1000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	250.0%	
Hooker, St. John	1,000.00	1,250.00	250.00	1,000.00	-	100.0%	
Kingfisher, Emmanuel		11,825.00	11825.00	11,825.00	11,825.00		
Lahoma, Zion	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	-	100.0%	
Lawton, Holy Cross		600	600.00	600.00	600.00		
Lawton, St. John	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	-	100.0%	
Lone Wolf, St. John	6,500.00	7,088.80	588.80	6,500.00	-	100.0%	
McAlester, Trinity	3,000.00	1750.00	-1250.00	3,000.00	-	100.0%	Tentative
Miami, Mt. Olive		2,403.03	2403.03	2,400.00	2,400.00		
Mid West City, Good Shepherd	7,500.00	11,914.00	4414.00	7,000.00	(500.00)	93.3%	
Moore, St. John	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00	-	100.0%	
Muskogee, First		307.00	307.00	307.00	307.00		
Mustang, Christ	2,400.00	2,000.00	-400.00	2,400.00	-	100.0%	
Newkirk, St. John	6,000.00	5,278.00	-722.00	6,000.00	-	100.0%	
Norman, Trinity	17,250.00	17,250.00	0.00	17,500.00	250.00	101.4%	
Okarche, St. John	18,000.00	21198	3198.00	18,000.00	-	100.0%	
Oklahoma City, Cristo Rey			0.00		-		
Oklahoma City, Faith		2,750.00	2750.00	2,750.00	2,750.00		
Oklahoma City, Immanuel	14,400.00	14,400.00	0.00	15,600.00	1,200.00	108.3%	
Oklahoma City, Messiah	30,000.00	41,765.00	11765.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	133.3%	
Oklahoma City, Zion	12,400.00	16,721.83	4321.83	12,400.00	-	100.0%	
Okmulgee, Trinity	6,000.00	3,750.00	-2250.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	50.0%	
Owasso, Faith		1,865.25	1865.25	1,865.00	1,865.00		
Perry, Christ	10,000.00	10,612.00	612.00	10,600.00	600.00	106.0%	
Ponca City, First	18,000.00	19,500.00	1500.00	18,000.00	-	100.0%	
Ponca City, St. John			0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Pond Creek, First		341.00	341.00	341.00	341.00		
Pryor, St. John	-		0.00		-		
Sallisaw, Trinity	600.00		-600.00	500.00	(100.00)	83.3%	
Shattuck, Christ	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	-	100.0%	

2012 OK District Pledges

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Congregation	Pledge (\$)	Actual (\$)	Difference (\$)	Pledge (\$)	2012 vs 2013	2012 vs 2013	
Shawnee, Redeemer	3,000.00		-3000.00	3,000.00	-	100.0%	
Skiatook, Shephard of the Hills	10,000.00	9200.00	-800.00	11,275.00	1,275.00	112.8%	
Stillwater, Zion	9,000.00		-9000.00	9,000.00	-	100.0%	+1200 sem support
Sulpher, Hope	220.00	200.00	-20.00	200.00	(20.00)	90.9%	
Tahlequah, First	3,600.00	3,000.00	-600.00	3,600.00	-	100.0%	
Texhoma, St. Paul	-		0.00		-		
Tulsa, Christ the Redeemer	65,445.00	71,185.67	5740.67	71,000.00	5,555.00	108.5%	
Tulsa, Good Shepherd	12,000.00		-12000.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	50.0%	
Tulsa, Grace	15,500.00	16,000.00	500.00	15,500.00	-	100.0%	
Tulsa, Our Savior	9,050.00	9647.32	597.32	9,225.00	175.00	101.9%	
Vinita, Messiah	2,400.00	2500	100.00	2,700.00	300.00	112.5%	
Watonga, Mount Calvary		5,000.00	5000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Wellston, St. Paul			0.00		-		
Woodward, Trinity			0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Totals	\$679,973.00	\$ 784,072.29	104099.29	791,781.00	111,808.00	116.4%	

- Count: 78

Notes:

# of congregations increasing pledge	34
# of congregations decreasing pledge	9

The Bottom Line

2012 pledges totaled	670,973.00
2012 actual giving to District was	784,072.29
Total of 2013 Pledges	641,208.00
Adding current year giving for non-respondents	150,573.00

Total Anticipated Revenue from Congregations: 791,781.00



DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY EXECUTIVE REPORT for February 2, 2013

“The mission and ministry of the Oklahoma District Youth Board is to provide Christian support, encouragement and direction to the youth and youth leaders of the churches in our District.”

(Mission Statement of the Oklahoma District Youth Board)

The Oklahoma District Youth Ministry Board has worked to provide the following activities and events to support the youth and congregations of the district:

District Youth Gatherings:

J.O.Y. in Christ: The next J.O.Y District Event will take place in October 2013. This event is for 6-8th graders in the Oklahoma District.

Ok'd in Christ: The Planning Committee will meet in late February to evaluate this year's success and failures. Due to the decreasing numbers from past years, the committee will look at possible reasons for the decline as well as remedies to increase attendance. (This event is for high school youth in the Oklahoma District)

Journey in January 2013: 23rd annual Journey In January High School Retreat took place on January 18-20, 2013. This weekend was planned and led by high school youth.

National Youth Gathering 2013: The National Youth Gathering will be held in San Antonio, TX on July 1-5, 2013. The Oklahoma District Coordinators, Hannah Miller (OKC) and Heath Louis (Edmond).

Leadership opportunities: There are several leadership opportunities for our Oklahoma youth. The Oklahoma district typically sends 2 youth and 1 adult to CLYFR training each year in St. Louis during the month of March. CLYFR stands for Council of Lutheran Youth Fellowship Representatives. These students are trained in leadership and Christian outreach and then return to the district to hold training events. The current representatives from the Oklahoma district have held one successful training event during the OK'd in Christ gathering. The cost of this training to the district this year was approximately \$2500.

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