



## Oklahoma District Updates - May 12, 2021



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Coming to Oklahoma from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne are Richard Dailey and family who will be serving as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Okmulgee and Mark Gaschler who will carry out his vicarage year at Trinity Lutheran Church in Norman.



From Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Justin Bangert will serve as Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond and Joseph Highley will serve as Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Ponca City.

## LCMS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



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### Notable Ordination Anniversaries upcoming in May and June, Congratulations to:

Reverend David Heitner, Good Shepherd, Duncan – 35 years; June 15, 1986

Reverend Mark Erler, St. Mark, Edmond – 30 years; June 9, 1991

Reverend Dwayne Schroeder, Redeemer, Enid – 30 years; June 30, 1991

Reverend Thomas House, St. Paul, Texhoma – 25 years; June 16, 1996

Reverend David Thompson, First, Chickasha – 25 years; June 30, 1996

Reverend Trinidad Castaneda, Christ, Elk City – 15 years; May 21, 2006

Reverend Phillip Borntrager, Trinity, Ardmore – 10 years; June 26, 2011

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Camp Lutherhoma Memorial Day Work Weekend: May 28-31

Work Weekend is a fun way to welcome the summer! We need your help to clean up camp before summer programs begin. Stay at camp, enjoy great meals, and help us clean, repair, and spruce up our facilities. We've got a list of projects for all ages and abilities- so bring the whole family! [Register for Work Weekend](#) [More Information](#)

Camp Lutherhoma Summer Family Camp: July 4-8

No need to cook or clean this week! Make new family memories at camp with the whole family. Each family will be assigned a Host Counselor who will lead your family in activities like arts and crafts, hiking, archery, and more! You can even schedule a day for rafting or kayaking as a family. Dig into God's Word as a family with daily Bible studies, devotion times, and campfires. [Register for Summer Family Camp](#) [More Information](#)

#### Camp Lutherhoma Youth Programs

Spend a week at camp with friends your age and a caring camp counselor! Weekly programs are available for ages 7-18. Spots are filling up fast! Ages 9-18 get to select two Adventure Options to experience during their week at camp.

Adventure Options include: fishing, rafting, kayaking, sports, wilderness, and more!

[Register for Summer Camp](#) [More Information](#)

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### Youth

Junior High School students gathered at Immanuel, Broken Arrow, on Wednesday, April 21 to enjoy air hockey, pool, rumble ball pit, 9 square in the air and more! The group had dinner, devotions, games and more sponsored by Camp Lutherhoma. View the [slideshow](#)! High school youth from five area LCMS congregations including Immanuel, Broken Arrow, gathered at Immanuel for a High School Game Night sponsored by Concordia University, Nebraska. They played games, ice breakers, ate pizza and s'mores and had a ton of fun. A Concordia Admissions Counselor led the students in a devotion and shared a lot of great information about Concordia Nebraska with them. View the [slideshow](#)!

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### Education

First Lutheran, Ponca City, [recognized](#) retiring teachers Shelly Schatte and Carol Powell for their 41 and 36 years of teaching at FLS. (Pictured in the middle of some of the students they have each taught in the past few years.)



Learn about the value of Lutheran Education in this [special video](#) from teachers at Messiah Lutheran School in Oklahoma City.

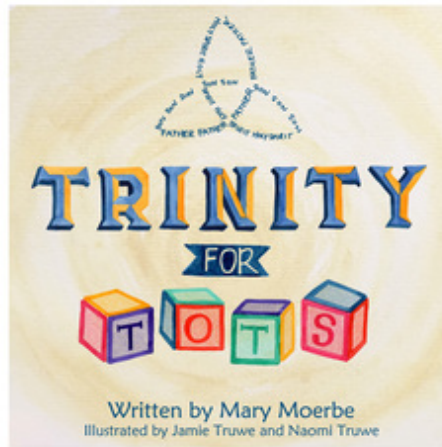
Now in Season 12, the TEC21 workshop program for teachers is trusted by hundreds of schools across the U.S. and globally. Learn more and how to register [here](#).

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### Recap of Hymn Conference Available Online

Teaching and Expressing the Faith: Hymns in The Life of the Christian took place on April 24th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Norman. The conference examined how hymnody is shaped by the Scriptures, teaches us about our sacramental faith and can be an essential part of our devotional life. Watch the video and view a slideshow [here](#)!

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Deaconess Mary J Moerbe of Trinity, Blackwell, is pleased to announce her newest children's book, *Trinity for Tots*, is available in time for Trinity Sunday from [Ad Crucem](#) and [Amazon](#).

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### **Keeping up with the Tiews: Sharing the Gospel in Germany**

The Rev. Dr. Christian and Gudula (Lula) Tiews (formerly of Trinity Lutheran, Okmulgee) now serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Germany. Keep up with the latest news about their work, learn how you can support their mission, and sign up for their newsletter at <https://tiewsfamily.org/>

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### **LCMS News**

[The 2020 Annual Report is now available](#), containing important audited financial information from the FY 2019–2020, as well as general information about Synod work.

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