

# From Pastor's desk...

JANUARY 2022

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

It is the New Year! But as Christians, we are already over a month into our New Church Year! And it won't be over until well into Pentecost of 2022!

What will this year bring? Only God knows. But we are assured of some pretty important things. God has not abandoned His people. We can still come to His house, receive His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His blessed Means of Grace. And even if the worst should happen, and we were prevented from gathering together, we would still be "The Redeemed of the Lord." No one can take that away from Christian people!

So, how will our lives look in 2022? I suspect that we will all undergo some changes. Some of them gains, some of them losses. And we surely cannot predict what the weather here in the flatlands is going to do!

But we do know that because Jesus was born into human flesh, grew up a strong and wise young man, preached and taught, healed and removed demons, and pointed people the way to salvation, we know where we are going in this and every other year God gives us here in this time and place. And finally, we are heaven-bound!

So, we relax! We put all things into His Almighty, powerful hands! And we continue to uphold the One whose Word has made us free!

Blessings!  
Pastor Kitchard



The Annual Meeting of the Voter's Assembly will be held following the Divine Service on January 16. All voters are encouraged to attend. New members of the voter's assembly are welcome. Simply attend the meeting.

2022 Offering Envelopes are now available. Sorted alphabetically, they are on the table by the mailboxes. If you cannot find yours, please see Eric Oschwald or Sue Matzat.

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Many thanks to the family of Roy Boesdorfer for designating Memorial Funds to purchase 6 beautiful banners to be used throughout the church year. Many of our banners were damaged beyond repair and the new banners are a welcome addition to our Sanctuary decorations.

Nomination forms for positions in the Central Illinois District are available on the counter in the All Saints Addition. Anyone can nominate for the various positions. Nomination forms should be mailed to the Central Illinois District Office, 1850 N. Grand Ave., West, Springfield, IL 62702. Offices for election are on the information sheet with the nomination forms. Voting will take place at the district convention in 2022.

Also thanks to Gary Klekamp for installing decorative holders for the banners. For the past 50 years, nails have been used to display our banners.

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Have you noticed the new benches in the entryway to the All Saints Addition? Pastor and Cindy discovered these treasures at the Habitat for Humanity Resale Store recently and acquired them for us. They are an attractive addition to our entryway! Thanks Pastor & Cindy!


2022 Membership Directory and the 2021 Annual Report will be available by the end of January. Please be sure the church office has your correct address, phone number and email address.

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On January 23 and January 30, we will be privileged to have District President, Rev. Mark Miller lead our Adult Bible Study and Divine Services while Pastor and Cindy are away on vacation.



# ‘Never done learning’: Disaster Response holds conference in St. Louis

 [reporter.lcms.org/2021/never-done-learning-disaster-response-holds-conference-in-st-louis](https://reporter.lcms.org/2021/never-done-learning-disaster-response-holds-conference-in-st-louis)

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The Rev. Robert Wurst Jr., volunteer manager for LCMS Disaster Response, talks about Lutheran Early Response Team at the October 2021 Disaster Response Conference. (LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford)

*By Stacey Egger*

The 2021 LCMS Disaster Response Conference was held Oct. 6–8 at the The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) International Center in St. Louis. The conference, which is scheduled annually but was postponed last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, drew 78 attendees from 20 districts.

After a year’s hiatus, there was much to discuss: significant updates to LCMS Disaster Response and the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) network and training process, and recaps of responses to a number of disasters over the past year.

The conference included two and a half days of presentations from a variety of disaster response professionals and others.

## **Presentations included updates on:**

- LCMS Disaster Response and its network, including a new LERT Chainsaw Training Manual and an upcoming LERT Quick Response Guide for more standardized and efficient disaster response training;
- Upcoming changes to LERT training to make it more accessible to congregations;
- The opening of LERT training and some LERT volunteer opportunities for youth ages 14 and up;
- The inclusion of background checks for LERT volunteers in certain circumstances; and
- The operation of a new volunteer management site at [lcms-lert.org](https://lcms-lert.org).

## The conference also offered:

- Recaps of the disaster response efforts of Lutherans from across the country in the wake of the Iowa derecho last summer and several Gulf Coast hurricanes over the past two years;
- Roundtable discussions with the various district disaster response coordinators (DDRCs) in attendance, and with LERT and disaster response site coordinators; and
- A variety of other presentations on disaster training, the Lutheran understanding of suffering and human care, spiritual care in disaster zones and basecamps, and other topics related to disaster response in the LCMS.

“Our doctrinal understanding of what the Bible says about evil in the world ... enables us to react with a kind of compassion that the rest of the world can’t, because we recognize that God’s hand is at work in this to bring the world to repentance and to warn us of what’s coming,” said the Rev. Dr. David Petersen, senior pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Ind., who gave a presentation on “Suffering and Human Care.”

“We are actually coming with an understanding that there is a problem,” Petersen continued, “that sin has created this terrible situation, and the solution to that is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the new heavens and the new earth. So, our doctrinal basis ... gives us the ability to speak to people in pain with real nuance and depth, instead of just platitudes.”



The Rev. Michael Meyer (right), director of LCMS Disaster Training, talks with attendees during a break at the 2021 LCMS Disaster Conference.  
(LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford)

Conference attendees included DDRCs, LERT trainers and volunteers, and others involved in disaster response efforts.

Steve Carbno, a recent retiree who has worked in disaster response for the past 34 years, is looking to spend time in his retirement encouraging more LERT participation in the LCMS North Dakota District, where he is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot, N.D.

“For me, it’s ministry with your sleeves rolled up,” said Carbno. “You can share Jesus with people with a hammer in your hand.”

Carbno first became involved with LCMS Disaster Response nine years ago when he was running Hope Village, a program that connected volunteers from Our Savior with families affected by the 2011 flood in the area. He said that conferences like this are very helpful for disaster responders.

“No disaster is alike. You can go in and do two days’ worth of work and be done, or [it can be] like Hurricane Katrina, that went for years. The flood in Minot went for years. You can share those experiences and ... how people made it work or ... didn’t make it work, and [you can] learn from that. In disaster preparedness, you are never done learning.”

In addition to presentations, fellowship and daily chapel, attendees participated in a service project, packing up dozens of disaster survival kits containing emergency food rations, water, first-aid supplies, thermal blankets, matches, candles and more.

Learn more or support the Synod’s disaster work.

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### Birthday's

- 1/1 Sierra Shae Brandt
- 1/2 David Hecht
- 1/2 Robin Krone
- 1/8 Delaina Manuel
- 1/9 Michael Greene
- 1/10 Dean Kindhart
- 1/13 Brooklyn Hermes
- 1/14 Eric Oswald
- 1/14 Colbie Stremsterfer
- 1/15 Ashleigh Sparling
- 1/15 David White
- 1/25 Jon Debowey
- 1/25 Alberta Kindhart
- 1/26 Dennis Boesdorfer
- 1/27 Russel Miner
- 1/30 Romen Nolting
- 1/31 Jo Boesdorfer

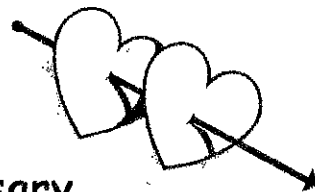
### Baptism Birthday's

- 1/2 Laura Hecht
- 1/4 Katryna Tewes
- 1/8 Shannon Rennecker
- 1/10 Evan Manker
- 1/11 Harold Jurgens
- 1/14 Mary Bernoteit
- 1/15 Patsy Klekamp
- 1/15 Jane Webster
- 1/30 David Hecht
- 1/30 Dawson Wieland
- 1/31 Gary Klekamp

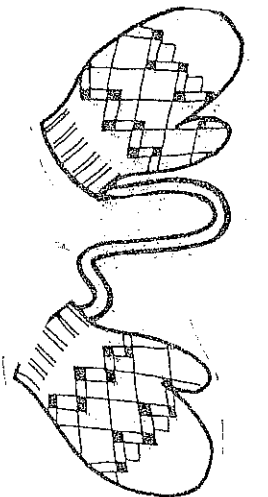


### Wedding Anniversary

- 1/1 Edward and Marie Balfour



# January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00P.M. - 7:15 P.M.						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Annual Voter's Meeting following service Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Rev. Mark Miller - Guest Pastor						
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Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Rev. Mark Miller - Guest Pastor		Annual Voter's Assembly Meeting immediately following the Divine Service on January 16. Pastor Pritchard will be on vacation January 19 - February 2. District President, Rev. Mark Miller will be officiating in his absence.				

# Zion's Newsletter

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Sunday School 9:00 A.M.  
Adult Bible Class 9:00 A.M.  
Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

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