

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our risen and ascended Lord and Savior!

The 2021-2022 school year has begun for many of our schools and Early Learning Centers, or soon will be. Earlier in the summer we had hoped that the coronavirus would have little effect upon the education process as schools re-opened; yet, that is not the case.

Masking, vaccinations, and the delta virus break throughs are all matters of discussion. Various types of protocols have been put into place in schools.

The more virulent delta variant of the virus creates new concerns. The number of cases continues to grow daily, including children.

These concerns and others bring us to our knees to pray for our schools, staff, students and their parents. We pray that God will protect them from serious illness and that good learning will take place.

There's also good news! During the past school year, many of our Lutheran Schools grew in enrollment because they were conducting in-person learning when area public schools were online. We give thanks to God for the additional children and their parents who hear of God's love through Christ.

Let the prayer of the Psalmist be our prayer: "May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Psalm 20:1 ESV)

In Christ's love and service,

Roger Schlechte
District President

Opportunity for District Pastors

All District Pastors are invited to attend the program portion of the Circuit Visitor Zoom Conference to be held on September 20th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Featured will be Pastor Trevor Sutton who will speak on the topic, "Technology and Theology." Pastor Paul Shults' topic will be "Technology and Mission." Pastors will find these timely topics of special interest and benefit. After each presentation there will be an opportunity for questions.

Put the event on your calendar now!
Information for joining the Conference will be sent at a later time.

Dear Rocky Mountain District,

I will be retiring (officially going on "Candidate" status) effective September 3rd, 2021, so I wanted to write a quick note to the people of the Rocky Mountain District to say "THANK YOU!" for welcoming me into your midst and receiving me so warmly.

My time in the RMD will be far shorter than I had planned (I just made a year in August) as my health is not tolerating well the travel that is required to do my job as Executive Assistant to the President: District Focus. I will return to Louisiana, whence I came. Intentional Interim Ministry may be in my future plans - sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a definite.

In this past year I have visited over 50 churches, and a bunch of schools, and attended 15 out of 17 circuits' meetings, and more than a handful of conferences and seminars. I have seen you all going about the RMD Focus, "*Know the Truth, Understand the Culture, and Live the Faith*" over and over again via Word & Sacrament Ministry, faithfully teaching and preaching the Word, and reaching out with the Love of Christ in and to your communities and beyond! Well done!

I thank God for you and for the time I have been with you.

May He continue to bless you abundantly.

In Christ!

Rev. Dave Buss

Chaplain Robert Mueller of the VA Health Care System in Albuquerque has shared resources for veterans who might be concerned with issues regarding the current events in Afghanistan. [Click here](#) for the resources available. Feel free to share them with veterans



For information and registration about the October Educators Conference [CLICK HERE](#)

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