



# PEAKS AND VALLEYS

## DISTRICT NEWS



LCMS/Erik M. Wolford

Word at work in the waters of Baptism engenders new life.

God’s Word reveals the truths and love of Christ, which permeates preaching and teaching in our congregations, schools and early-childhood centers.

To “Know the Truth” is critical. Yet that is not the end-all. Rather, it’s foundational, it’s the springboard for the remaining two phrases of the district focus.

As we “make known the love of Christ by word and deed within communities,” being a student of the culture becomes significant. When we get to know the residents of the neighborhood, we gain passport with them, understand their values and learn what’s important to them.

Both the Old and New testaments speak of the need to “live the faith” as God’s baptized children. Isaiah 58, similar to Matthew 25, describes how we love and care for others. Is. 58:7 speaks of the good works of a sincere heart:

“Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?”

In Matthew 25, Jesus speaks of the righteous as giving Him (Jesus) food when He was hungry, giving Him a drink when He was thirsty, welcoming Him as a stranger, clothing Him

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# God bless your hearing ... and doing



**Rev. Roger Schlechte**  
District President

The Rocky Mountain District focus — “Know the Truth, Understand the Culture, Live the Faith” — fits nicely with the mission statement of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS):

In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.

Note the actions, both implicit and explicit. The Holy Spirit, at work through the proclamation and teaching of God’s Word, creates faith. The



# Thank you

*The following information is a partial accounting of the offerings of congregations to the Rocky Mountain District. We thank God for these offerings — especially during a pandemic — which enable us together to bring the truth of the Gospel to people in our Rocky Mountain District, as well as mission fields outside of the district.*

City, Congregation	Comm. Members*	FYE 1/31/17	FYE 1/31/18	FYE 1/31/19	FYE 1/31/20	FYE 1/31/21
<b>Denver Northeast Circuit</b>						
Northglenn, Gethsemane	408	—	—	—	239	—
Brighton, Zion	811	48,283	35,566	64,009	50,398	50,724
Commerce City, Our Savior	57	1,000	—	100	—	—
Denver, Cordero de Dios	92	900	1,100	500	200	—
Denver, Faith	58	1,500	1,645	1,500	1,500	500
Denver, Resurrection in the City	23	3,000	3,600	4,200	—	10,255
Denver, Mount Zion	299	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,200
Denver, St. Andrew	43	250	—	—	—	—
Hudson, Grace	106	2,000	—	—	1,000	1,000
Thornton, Summit of Peace	423	—	—	—	—	—
Bennett, Christ Our Redeemer	98	5,000	5,000	2,500	1,000	1,000
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>\$64,333</b>	<b>\$49,311</b>	<b>\$75,209</b>	<b>\$56,737</b>	<b>\$65,679</b>
<b>Denver Northwest Circuit</b>						
Arvada, King of Kings	77	1,100	—	—	—	—
Arvada, Peace	1113	32,338	49,854	36,012	41,623	70,431
Arvada, Risen Christ	144	—	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bailey, Shepherd of the Rockies	107	2,045	3,415	3,325	4,000	2,145
Breckenridge, Christ	25	—	—	—	—	2,400
Frisco, Christ	35	1,000	1,000	250	225	—
Evergreen, Mount Hope	43	—	—	—	—	—
Golden, St. Luke's	92	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,600	1,950
Golden, New Hope	20	200	—	—	—	200
Leadville, Good Shepherd	30	—	—	—	—	—
Lakewood, Bethlehem	1416	—	—	—	—	100
Lakewood, Concordia	339	4,125	4,875	4,125	4,875	3,450
Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge	169	11,000	13,000	12,000	12,526	12,000
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>\$55,908</b>	<b>\$74,444</b>	<b>\$59,312</b>	<b>\$66,849</b>	<b>\$93,676</b>
<b>Denver Southeast Circuit</b>						
Aurora, Hope	306	2,705	2,500	12,000	12,000	12,000
Aurora, Mount Olive	332	25,569	21,510	18,252	13,964	10,212
Aurora, Peace With Christ	279	4,949	3,345	4,847	4,797	5,503
Castle Rock, Epiphany	287	8,520	6,915	10,290	8,910	9,456
Castle Rock, Mount Zion	53	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Centennial, Our Father	1,321	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Denver, Christ	191	30,223	16,004	16,004	16,004	16,006
Denver, University Hills	56	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Franktown, Trinity	353	13,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,100
Elizabeth, Christ Our Savior	48	—	—	—	—	—
Parker, Grace	225	—	500	—	—	—
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>\$120,966</b>	<b>\$99,474</b>	<b>\$110,093</b>	<b>\$104,375</b>	<b>\$101,977</b>
<b>Denver Southwest Circuit</b>						
Centennial, Shep. of the Hills	517	14,208	5,500	5,500	8,250	11,458
Denver, Redeemer	100	—	—	—	—	1,125
Denver, St. John's	602	—	—	—	1,100	1,600
Denver, Trinity	221	2,614	1,250	1,000	1,000	—
Englewood, Immanuel	64	—	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,620
Highlands Ranch, Holy Cross	194	20,603	20,788	10,000	9,583	13,750
Littleton, Hosanna	204	—	—	—	—	—
Littleton, Ascension	525	26,381	20,702	27,685	22,319	24,639
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>\$63,807</b>	<b>\$52,240</b>	<b>\$48,185</b>	<b>\$46,252</b>	<b>\$57,192</b>
<b>Eastern High Plains Circuit</b>						
Arriba, Immanuel	23	1,980	1,000	500	500	675
Burlington, Trinity	198	5,930	5,000	3,000	—	—
Cheyenne Wells, Grace	65	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,125	1,400

City, Congregation	Comm. Members*	FYE 1/31/17	FYE 1/31/18	FYE 1/31/19	FYE 1/31/20	FYE 1/31/21
Flagler, Zion	45	710	1,595	1,310	1,890	865
Genoa, Trinity	20	—	600	600	600	600
Kit Carson, Trinity	59	—	—	—	—	—
Lamar, Grace	47	—	700	—	—	—
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>\$9,670</b>	<b>\$9,895</b>	<b>\$6,410</b>	<b>\$4,115</b>	<b>\$3,540</b>
<b>Four Corners Circuit</b>						
Cortez, Trinity	173	2,400	2,200	—	—	1,695
Durango, St. Paul	106	5,000	6,250	9,000	9,250	11,000
Farmington, Zion	190	14,000	11,667	15,167	12,833	2,497
Gallup, Trinity	72	2,368	1,813	1,955	2,485	3,730
Page, Shepherd of the Desert	42	—	200	—	—	—
Pagosa Springs, Our Savior	92	3,896	—	1,624	1,631	1,941
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>\$27,664</b>	<b>\$22,129</b>	<b>\$27,746</b>	<b>\$26,199</b>	<b>\$20,862</b>
<b>Longs Peak Circuit</b>						
Estes Park, Mount Calvary	92	12,087	13,701	13,450	14,050	16,840
Fort Collins, Peace With Christ	291	21,504	28,990	13,660	22,592	17,153
Fort Collins, Redeemer	2022	3,600	5,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Fort Collins, St. John's	279	6,000	5,500	6,000	6,500	5,500
Greeley, Gloria Christi	122	4,964	5,151	1,000	1,000	375
Greeley, Trinity	328	18,712	18,364	20,233	20,729	10,811
Johnstown, Faith	182	2,000	2,000	2,500	3,000	2,500
Loveland, Immanuel	692	1,250	—	—	—	—
Loveland, Mount Olive	225	13,592	12,242	12,650	13,233	12,463
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>\$83,709</b>	<b>\$90,948</b>	<b>\$84,493</b>	<b>\$96,103</b>	<b>\$80,641</b>
<b>Northeastern Circuit</b>						
Akron, Trinity	48	1,567	2,350	300	310	300
Amherst, St. Paul	88	8,000	8,000	8,100	8,000	8,000
Ft Morgan, Trinity	403	6,500	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Haxtun, Immanuel	85	—	—	—	—	—
Holyoke, Zion	327	60,464	54,417	50,856	56,484	58,176
Julesburg, St. Paul's	120	12,000	9,000	8,625	7,500	7,500
Sterling, First English	137	2,489	1,735	1,393	1,670	390
Sterling, Trinity	351	16,500	14,160	14,851	14,715	14,551
Venango, St. Paul	53	2,400	—	1,200	1,200	1,200
Wray, Calvary	355	22,750	21,000	17,176	16,620	15,593
Yuma, St. John's	365	18,466	15,524	16,161	16,918	17,279
Big Springs, Zion	48	7,378	7,000	7,105	1,000	1,000
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>\$158,514</b>	<b>\$138,186</b>	<b>\$131,768</b>	<b>\$130,417</b>	<b>\$129,989</b>
<b>Pecos Circuit</b>						
Carlsbad, Immanuel	61	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,163	6,848
Clovis, Immanuel	62	4,928	4,354	3,845	4,827	5,235
Hobbs, Grace	49	3,000	—	3,000	—	3,000
Artesia, Immanuel	12	—	—	—	—	—
Lovington, Our Savior	25	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,200
Portales, Faith in Christ	41	1,453	460	903	150	—
Roswell, Immanuel	193	10,000	7,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Ruidoso, Shep. of the Hills	91	1,725	1,500	2,000	—	2,500
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>\$24,306</b>	<b>\$16,513</b>	<b>\$18,948</b>	<b>\$14,439</b>	<b>\$24,783</b>
<b>Pikes Peak Circuit</b>						
Buena Vista, Faith	105	2,475	3,300	3,300	3,800	2,750
Monument, Family of Christ	995	—	—	—	1,000	500
Colorado Springs, Holy Cross	998	22,854	22,712	20,549	21,321	20,898
Colorado Springs, Immanuel	218	1,993	2,000	2,000	2,217	2,000
Colorado Springs, Redeemer	117	14,514	30,920	9,697	24,559	26,346
Colorado Springs, Resurrection	80	3,750	2,850	1,200	1,200	1,300

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Colorado Springs, Rock of Ages	201	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800
Colorado Springs, Shep. of Springs	35	-	-	-	-	-
Falcon, Family of Faith	41	996	1,020	2,000	172	550
Salida, First	73	-	1,416	-	-	-
Woodland Park, Faith	105	11,219	10,851	11,067	9,280	10,507
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>\$86,600</b>	<b>\$103,870</b>	<b>\$78,613</b>	<b>\$92,349</b>	<b>\$93,650</b>
<b>Rio Grande Circuit</b>						
Alamogordo, Trinity	135	16,596	14,405	18,549	17,409	21,309
Deming, Redeemer	29	200	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Ascension	221	16,639	19,093	17,654	18,297	17,592
El Paso, Cross Point	210	13,000	16,000	13,000	11,206	5,700
El Paso, Grace	55	-	-	-	-	-
El Paso, San Pablo	87	616	1,541	-	-	618
El Paso, Zion	295	250	1,000	750	750	1,000
Las Cruces, Mission	137	12,700	13,200	13,200	13,200	12,500
Silver City, Messiah	60	-	-	-	-	-
Truth/Consequences, St. Johns	9	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>\$60,001</b>	<b>\$65,239</b>	<b>\$63,153</b>	<b>\$60,861</b>	<b>\$58,719</b>
<b>Rocky Flats Circuit</b>						
Boulder, Mount Hope	59	8,250	9,750	9,000	9,750	9,413
Boulder, Mount Zion	58	-	6,000	6,000	-	-
Boulder, University Chapel	16	-	-	-	-	-
Broomfield, Beautiful Savior	129	1,225	1,125	136	392	-
Broomfield, Risen Savior	621	3,660	917	1,100	3,208	6,000
Fort Lupton, Mount Calvary	155	11,660	13,201	15,201	13,925	14,421
Lafayette, Eternal Savior	190	13,200	13,200	15,000	16,167	20,350
Longmont, Christ Our Savior	223	4,000	4,000	3,000	5,000	3,750
Longmont, Messiah	249	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>\$41,995</b>	<b>\$48,193</b>	<b>\$49,437</b>	<b>\$48,441</b>	<b>\$53,935</b>
<b>Sandia North Circuit</b>						
Albuquerque, Christ	308	8,005	7,901	11,075	8,972	8,991
Albuquerque, Faith in Christ	84	4,673	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Albuquerque, Grace	300	4,500	9,000	9,000	9,250	11,000
Angel Fire, Christ Our Savior	14	500	-	-	-	-
Cedar Crest, Prince of Peace	132	-	-	-	-	-
Edgewood, Good Shepherd	106	16,318	18,793	19,431	19,104	17,603
Las Vegas, Immanuel	24	600	600	1,200	600	-
Santa Fe, Immanuel	95	7,475	6,000	6,050	6,650	7,200
Springer, Immanuel	6	50	-	-	-	-
Los Alamos, Redeemer	33	1,100	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,520
Taos, Sangre de Cristo	23	2,600	2,400	-	-	1,000
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>\$45,820</b>	<b>\$50,594</b>	<b>\$52,756</b>	<b>\$50,576</b>	<b>\$51,913</b>
<b>Sandia South Circuit</b>						
Albuquerque, Immanuel	404	37,833	36,000	33,000	36,000	33,000
Albuquerque, Our Savior	48	600	600	600	600	120
Albuquerque, Redeemer	178	-	1,865	-	12,166	505
Grants, Mount Calvary	9	300	300	300	300	300

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Los Lunas, Christ the King	49	1,650	-	-	-	-
Rio Rancho, Calvary	134	1,064	660	1,000	1,000	1,085
Socorro, Hope	13	500	500	500	500	500
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>\$41,947</b>	<b>\$39,925</b>	<b>\$35,400</b>	<b>\$50,566</b>	<b>\$35,510</b>
<b>Sangre de Cristo Circuit</b>						
Alamosa, Trinity	131	3,500	-	-	-	995
Canon City, St. John	117	7,500	7,500	7,500	8,770	10,273
La Junta, Trinity	44	-	-	-	-	-
Monte Vista, St. Peter	135	2,660	2,331	2,966	1,984	1,850
Pueblo, Bethany	74	1,210	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,270
Pueblo, Trinity	294	5,000	5,000	6,308	5,000	5,000
Pueblo West, Our Savior's	110	2,400	4,200	4,750	4,750	6,400
Rocky Ford, St. Peter's	51	-	-	-	-	-
Westcliffe, Hope Lutheran	84	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>\$22,270</b>	<b>\$20,231</b>	<b>\$22,724</b>	<b>\$21,704</b>	<b>\$25,788</b>
<b>Utah Circuit</b>						
Bountiful, Cross of Christ	95	2,400	2,400	2,283	1,000	833
Cedar City, Trinity	55	800	600	600	800	200
Logan, Holy Trinity	84	9,800	9,800	8,800	8,800	8,800
Murray, Christ	106	-	-	-	-	-
Ogden, St. Paul	229	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	10,083
Richfield, Good Shepherd	14	-	-	-	-	-
Salt Lake City, Redeemer	125	4,000	4,000	8,000	-	8,000
Salt Lake City, St. John	47	-	-	2,000	1,500	-
Sandy, Grace	194	9,459	6,696	-	700	1,300
St George, Trinity	175	8,000	8,000	8,002	8,004	8,542
Tooele, First	85	-	-	-	-	-
Riverton, Holy Trinity	217	-	-	3,275	6,793	10,313
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>\$46,009</b>	<b>\$42,996</b>	<b>\$44,060</b>	<b>\$38,597</b>	<b>\$48,072</b>
<b>Western Circuit</b>						
Carbondale, Faith	43	1,686	-	2,500	-	-
Craig, Faith	73	2,579	2,873	1,689	1,046	1,540
Delta, Redeemer	134	10,800	12,000	16,500	9,900	8,100
Edwards, Gracious Savior	112	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Junction, Messiah	783	-	31,512	972	-	15,099
Gunnison, Mount Calvary	69	2,050	-	-	3,000	-
Gypsum, Grace Fellowship	80	250	250	250	250	250
Montrose, Hope Evan.	40	-	-	-	3,000	-
Paonia, Immanuel	53	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	-
Rifle, Emmanuel	295	9,425	8,700	8,700	8,700	7,975
Steamboat Springs, Concordia	160	4,813	5,688	5,250	5,250	5,250
Vernal, Our Savior	79	-	2,500	2,750	-	1,000
<b>Circuit Total</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>\$33,603</b>	<b>\$65,522</b>	<b>\$39,611</b>	<b>\$32,146</b>	<b>\$39,214</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>32,438</b>	<b>\$987,161</b>	<b>\$989,749</b>	<b>\$947,956</b>	<b>\$940,767</b>	<b>\$985,181</b>

\*Communicant members is from 2019 Parochial Report  
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# Share your news with us!

We are always in need of more submissions for *Peaks and Valleys*. Why should you send them in? It helps remind us of what God is doing around the Rocky Mountain District. It is also a way to share ideas for nurturing those God has already gathered into His church and for reaching those still outside of the flock with the Good News about Jesus. It finally reminds each of us that Christ's Church

is much larger than just our particular congregation.

We welcome pictures and stories of congregational events, youth events, outreach events, installations, events from your men's or women's group, servant events, conferences, anniversaries, church renovations or additions, and much more. If you would



like an upcoming event publicized, please make sure we have the information at least two months in advance.

Send submissions to Jan Hoener at **communications@rm.lcms.org**. You may also mail your submissions to Jan at 5446 Knoll Place, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130.

**The deadline for the August 2021 issue is June 15.**

# Get the kids to **SUMMER CAMP!**

Are you looking for a way to get your kids out to enjoy nature this summer? What better way than a full week of adventures in the beautiful Rocky Mountains!

Lutheran Valley Retreat's (LVR) summer camps will run from June through the first week of August. Campers can experience ziplining, rock climbing, rappelling, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafts, worship and so much more! "Unfailing" is the 2021 theme, based on Ps. 13:5: "But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation."

Summer camp is more important than ever as so many of our young people are missing out on regular peer interactions and outdoor activities due to pandemic restrictions. A study conducted by Philliber Research Associates and the American Camp Association found that camp helps develop peer relationships, independence, social comfort, friendship skills, environmental awareness, leadership skills and self-esteem.

The same study revealed that young people who attend Christian camps in particular exhibit higher growth in empathy and compassion, self-identity, appreciation for diversity and faith measurements ([ACAacamps.org/research](http://ACAacamps.org/research)). These invaluable skills transfer into helping campers deal with real-life situations.

Register or find out more about LVR and the camps being offered at [lvr.org](http://lvr.org).



## DISTRICT CALLS/CHANGES

### Calls extended

- ▶ Messiah, Grand Junction, Colo., (principal/teacher) to **Karen Mead**, Messiah, Grand Junction, Colo.
- ▶ Our Savior, Pagosa Springs, Colo., associate pastor/headmaster to **Rev. Weslie Odom**, Beautiful Savior, Arlington, Texas.

### Calls accepted

- ▶ **Elinor Paulison**, Aurora, Colo., candidate, to Peace with Christ, Aurora, Colo.
- ▶ **Rebecca Chaplin**, Bethlehem,

Lakewood, Colo., to Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nev.

### Calls declined

- ▶ **Rev. Andrew Preus**, Trinity/St. Paul, Guttenberg/Gregor, Iowa, to University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, Colo.
- ▶ **Keith Vieregge**, Clinton Township, Mich., candidate status, to Trinity, Fort Morgan, Colo.

### Change of status

- ▶ **Rev. Terry Beltz**, Trinity, Franktown, Colo., to emeritus

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when he was naked, visiting Him when he was sick and in prison. These actions were done to Him when they were done to the least of His brothers.

The Christian faith doesn't end with knowing the truth of God's Word! It continues throughout our lives as we act upon the Word, serving others and thus serving Jesus.

Jesus' conclusion to His Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 7:24-27) reinforces the concept that we are not to be hearers of His Word only, but we are to be doers of it! God bless your hearing and your doing!