

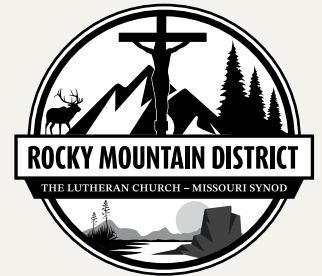
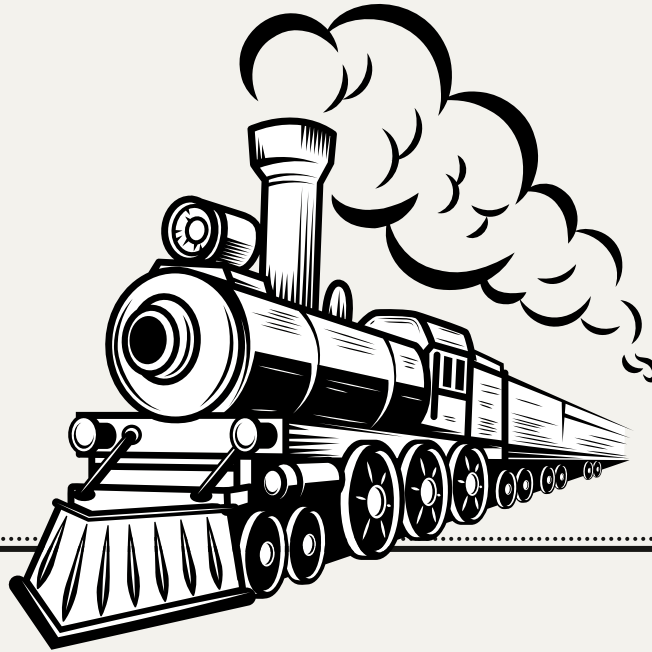
# Rocky Mountain Express

September 2025

Welcome to the LCMS Rocky Mountain District Newsletter!

In this issue you will find...

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- New Staff Members
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- New Teachers
- DCE Corner
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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Change is happening in the Rocky Mountain District.

For starters in this newsletter you'll find out more about our two newest staff members, hired to assist the president's office with the mission work of the District! I am excited for this new chapter in our work to serve in God's Kingdom! And still another chapter is about to begin.

By now most are also aware that Rev. Paul Albers has announced his retirement from the District office.

Paul has served as our Executive for Congregational Services for 25 years! He has shaped a lot of the way our educational programming functioned and he has built a lot of relationships all around the District.

Thank you Paul for all your service! Please pray for all involved as we make this transition!

May He who changest not, abide with us continually!

In His service,  
Rev. James B. Maxwell



## NEW MISSIONS STAFF

September 2025



### Deaconess Melissa DeGroot

Assistant to the President  
for Missions and Mercy

Over the last three months, after thoughtful interviews, Executive Committee discussions, and Board of Directors approvals, it has pleased our Lord, through the district arm of the Church, to place me into a new role: Assistant to the President for Mission and Mercy. I will serve alongside President James Maxwell and Pastor Jason Cody, and I could not be more honored, delighted, and energized to step into this work with them.

#### A Little About Me

I'm Melissa DeGroot, an LCMS deaconess, wife to Pastor Adam DeGroot of Calvary Lutheran Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and mom to our son, Knox, who is now 14. We've called New Mexico home for nearly eight years, though the Lord has sent us far and wide—from North Carolina, Rhode Island, Philadelphia, and New York, to South Africa and the Dominican Republic. For five years, we served as domestic missionaries through church plants in Philadelphia and Albuquerque. I'm an East Coast gal who has learned a lot these last eight years in the wild west. While big sky country has replaced big ocean, I can identify with its bold, independent spirit!

Before motherhood, I worked in an acute care adolescent psychiatric hospital. After seminary deaconess studies, I served in Admissions at Concordia Theological Seminary, traveling nationwide and focusing on recruitment and deaconess formation. During our time in Philadelphia, I partnered with Synod on various projects to reach the urban community. For the past decade, I've poured much of my time into homeschooling and directing at our local Classical Conversations communities while serving at each church where Adam has been called. I also had the pleasure of being an elected member on the Rocky Mountain District's Board of Directors this last triennium. Small business experience as an online teacher and designer dog breeder were pleasant detours in life's mix, but learning new things keeps me going! Also, coffee and exercise - in that order.

Being a wife and mother are my primary joys. Knox is now attending an aviation charter school, and Adam is supportive of this and my new role. I'm enjoying a new season of life apart from homeschooling - yet still donning New Mexico Warriors' royal blues and bellowing cringey crazy support (some of you have witnessed this) as a hockey mom and team manager. (And yes—driver's ed is right around the corner. Yikes!)

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### Pastor Jason Cody

Assistant to the President for  
Missions and Advancement

"In Him we move and live and have our being." These are the faithful words of the apostle Paul to the pagan philosophers and Athenians on the Areopagus in the book of Acts 17. These are also important words for us to keep in constant memory about everyone we come in contact with. We're not alone. We're not simply an individual, but members of one another and as believers members the body of Christ. This is not our own doing, but the gift of God.

In the Rocky Mountain District we all need each other. Here's the best part, God has blessed us to have so many amazing brothers and sisters to lean on and serve! He's given us a wealth of resources, and a marvelous mission!

My name is Jason Cody. I'm husband to Patrica, Father to Jasmine, Daisy, David, Daniel, Lilyan, Isabelle, Dalton, Violet, Victor and Gus. I also have been serving as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church & School in Alamosa, Colorado now for the last 10 years. I enjoy hunting, fishing, golf, studying counseling and the ocean. I love being a husband, a dad and a pastor.

My story is unique I began my ministry in the LCMS at Trinity as worker-priest associate pastor after my time at the seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. During my tenure in bi-vocational ministry I've been blessed to face unique challenges and learn so many things about missions and what it takes to, by grace, keep ministry alive, vibrant and well. In today's world I believe it takes two things: A faithful confession and "out of the box" mission minded thinking. On these two points we cannot give even a millimeter.

It's often said now days that the church is changing, shrinking and that the future may hold many more bi-vocational calls and unique ministry situations. While this has always been the case in mission settings, many predict it may become the norm for parish ministry as well. If that's the case, together in the Rocky Mountain District we'll be humbly ready if and when that reality comes our way.

As your the new assistant to the District President of Mission and advancement, I'm excited to share the talents and experience God has entrusted to me with our entire district. My time as a pastor has taught me that God isn't just at work in the church, but everywhere (as the apostle stated in Acts 17). Christ's forgiveness holds all things together, not just some things. It's just that in the church we know who's forgiveness we're receiving and sharing. Outside the church, in the workplace, Universities, and many other places, it's still forgiveness, grace and mercy that unite all things, but in so many places and understandings it's being hijacked and counterfeit.

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# NEW STAFF MEMBERS

September 2025

## My Hope in This Role As the Church

We are called to serve humbly yet with confidence! There's a lot of work to be done as we employ ways to revitalize and reconnect with you, the second-largest geographic district of the LCMS. The 53rd Rocky Mountain District Convention has shaped the trajectory of our goals, with a unanimous vote to strengthen support for our churches and clergy in Utah. Together, we are further emphasizing church worker care—including, but not limited to, sabbatical grants, modernized communications, and mental health resources—while also prioritizing church planting. Our shared mission remains clear: to proclaim the pure Gospel and bring hope to the lost and suffering.

To achieve all these aims, wise fundraising and careful stewardship are essential. While serious plans are being put in place for the next triennium, accomplishing them will require time, energy, and partnership. God bless these efforts. Your support and prayers are much appreciated. What encourages me is that President Maxwell, Pastor Cody and I share daily, deliberate and thoughtful communication on how to meet these objectives. With our combined skills in Lutheran theology, business, organization, and budding technological acumen, I look forward to contributing and carrying out these plans. Our grounded and faithful attitudes shape the work ahead.

As Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in *Life Together*, “The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and His work become the one and only thing that is vital between us.” Looking Ahead Pastor Cody and I are getting to work, creating a three-year plan, and reaching out to many.

And as we labor together, I hold fast to these words: “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” —Colossians 3:17

By God's grace, I seek to serve Christ and neighbor alongside all of you in the bold and holy endeavor to support the proclamation of the Gospel in the Rocky Mountain District. Our Triune God is faithful, and He will surely and rightly work through each of us to see His Church flourish.

Deaconess Melissa Degroot

I spent the better part of 2 decades operating small businesses in Colorado in the craft brewing and spirits industry. I wasn't just doing business, I was doing Lutheran ministry. In breweries and distilleries, from malting workshops and distilling conventions, all throughout the nation, I watched as it was only Christ's gift that held people together. They just didn't know from “whence it came.” Through the blessings and challenges these vocations had to offer me, I learned many unique lessons in missions and ministry.

I also have much experience in dealing with business financials, large fundraising campaigns, caring for employees, balancing the stresses and joys of work/family life, burnout, and mental health, debt & reconciliation. I've been blessed with experience in domestic and international contract law, business contract negotiations and I stood at the helm as our company stretched its legs for into Europe and Scandinavia. I've also seen from the working in craft beer and spirits for decades, that the things the world calls “cool” and its idols are only “a yard wide and a foot deep.” I believe through these sufferings God has made me able to be of service to His church and my brothers and sister in our district in very unique ways.

From Miller Coors to New Belgium, from Anheuser-Busch to the local nano breweries, What people really need is Christ. His cross and resurrection, His baptism and His gifts of faith and forgiveness. People everywhere and in every vocation already benefit from His gifts, both first and second article, they just sadly need someone to explain to them who the source of these gifts truly is. They need someone to speak the Gospel to them so they may be given the true sight of faith. It reminds me of God's Word to the prophet Isaiah:

“Who will go for us?”

I'm humbled and honored to serve alongside Melissa DeGroot and President Maxwell. I know together in Christ, and under President Maxwell's leadership our district can and will thrive as the Lord blesses it. He has mighty things in store for us and He is forever faithful to His church.

I'd like to end on this note. We so often believe that being a Christian is all about who Christ makes us. It is, but its not all about that. Being a follower of Jesus isn't really about us at all, it's all about Him. “For in Him we move and live and have our being.”

In Service to Jesus. Amen.  
Pastor Jason Cody

## ALL WORKERS CONFERENCE

September 2025

### Called Upward

Rocky Mountain District Conference 2025  
Philippians 2:12-15



One more  
week to  
register!

#### School Leaders' Conference

Oct. 7-8

(Click above to register for the  
Tuesday PM-Wednesday AM  
conference)

#### Educator Registration

Oct. 8-10

(Click above to register teachers,  
principals, directors, DCEs, aides,  
music directors, and lay leaders.)

#### Pastor and Deaconess Registration

Oct. 8-10

(Click above to register pastors and  
deaconesses)

**Registration closes September 22, 2025**

**Book your room at Beaver Run by  
September 22!**

click here for  
conference  
schedule

Check out the [RMD website](#) for more information  
about the All Workers Conference



# ORDINATIONS & INSTALLATIONS

September 2025

## Rev. Benjamin Davis

Rev. Davis was Ordained and Installed on August 9 in Taos, New Mexico

After two years of serving as a Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Vicar, Ben was ordained and installed as Pastor of Sangre de Cristo Ev. Lutheran Church, Taos, NM and Christ our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Angel Fire, NM. Ben also serves the members of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Springer, NM. He will continue in the SMP program for another two years.

Ben is a fifth-generation rancher born and raised in northeastern New Mexico. As a bi-vocational Pastor, Ben works as Grazing Manager for Pi Diversified Inc., Eagles Nest, NM, implementing regenerative agriculture practices to improve rangeland ecology.



A note from Rev. Davis:

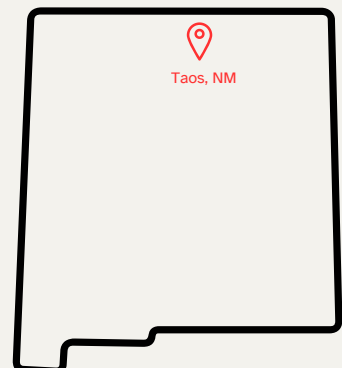
I am a fifth-generation rancher born and raised in northeastern New Mexico. I met my wife Rachel, from Zacatecas, Mexico, at a classical Christian college in Virginia where I studied history and she Literature and Pedagogy. In 2020 I obtained from the University of New Mexico my master's degree in US West History with a special interest in Southwestern borderlands. That spring we moved into my childhood home in Eagle Nest, joined the family business and began attending Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Angel Fire. In the absence of a pastor, the congregations at Taos, Angel Fire, and Springer asked me to provide pulpit supply as a layman in 2021.

My preparation for the ministry came principally from the virtues of my own family's devotional life, a background in Greek and public speaking, and a love for the unique communities in which I live and work. Rachel grew up as a pastor's kid on the mission field and has a degree in Biblical studies, as well as significant experience in youth ministry. In 2022, I enrolled in the four-year Specific Ministry Pastor Program through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and was ordained in August of 2025. Alongside pastoral labors, I work as Grazing Manager for my parents' company Pi Diversified, Inc., implementing regenerative agriculture practices to improve rangeland ecology. Rachel works cattle, as well as teaching youth Bible courses for the church and Spanish and literature classes for the local homeschooling community.

As I step into this new calling, I am passionate about the truth that the Holy Spirit is not impersonally at work in an abstract entity known as "church." He is in fact at work in the particular lives of people who are living in a particular place at a particular time in history. It is we – these particular, foibled individuals – who He is making into the living body of Christ. In my particular ministry, I look forward to doing a great deal of visitation with the elderly, as well as ministry to the sick and dying. As we see in the Bible, age is not a safe time: we walk in danger all the way. There are great battles being fought in the consciences of individuals who are sometimes looking back on a life full of regrets. What a privilege to bring the Word and Sacrament and proclaim God's peace. I pray for the grace to plant seeds knowing that God alone brings the increase.



(front row, from l to r :) Aaron Richert, Lyle Steuhrenberg, Solomona Rakotonirina, SMP Pastor Ben Davis, RMD President James Maxwell, Johannes Nieminen, Dustin Kear, J.R. Crain (Crucifer);  
(back row, from l to r:) Douglas Escue, Doyle Boykin, Robert Mueller, Randy Bolt, Donald Neidigk, Tim Norton, Adam deGroot, Andrew Cave, Ray Smith



# NEW TEACHERS

September 2025

**Welcome to the new educators in the Rocky Mountain District!**

**Below is a list of new educators, educators who transferred to the RM District, those who are newly commissioned and installed, and new teaching staff at our schools.**

## Colorado

Beautiful Savior – *Broomfield*

Kimberly Bower: Middle School Teacher

Marlena Heyworth: Preschool Teacher

Anna Houk: Toddler 2 Teacher

Shara Lievens: Toddler 1 Teacher

Bethlehem – *Denver*

Alina Ehry: Ventura: P/T ELC Teacher

Edward Kennedy: ELC Aide

Emily Magny: ELC Aide

Katy Spaw: ELC Teacher

Christ – *Denver*

Dawnine Haskins: Director

Aracely Monrroy: Assistant Teacher

Messiah – *Grand Junction*

Steven Johnson: P/T PE

Teacher/Athletic Director

Our Father – *Centennial*

Natasha Roth: Teacher

Meg Williams: Teacher

Tanja Zweifelhoefer: Teacher

Redeemer – *Delta*

Cheryl Engelbrecht: Middle School

John Engelbrecht: Middle School

Rock of Ages – *Colorado Springs*

Madeline Proctor: PreK Teacher

Samantha Villarreal: Preschool Teacher

Trinity – *Alamosa*

Alexis Mondragon: Preschool

Assistant Teacher

Katie Hensley: Kindergarten Teacher

Lisa Ziegler: Music Teacher

Lutheran High School – *Parker*

Dr. David Reuter: Theology Teacher

St. Johns – *Denver*

Marenda Macking – Deaconess

Immanuel – *Loveland*

Emma Giger – DCE

Trinity- *Cortez*

Anna Crites – Assistant Teacher

Trinity – *Fort Morgan*

Salena Chavis: Preschool Teacher

Katie Krier: Preschool Teacher

Trinity – *Franktown*

Jayden Ayers: Kindergarten Teacher

Christa Mekled: 6th Grade Teacher

Rhaya Shull: 4th Grade Teacher

Trinity – *Greeley*

Erin Butterworth: Elementary Teacher, 5th- 7th

Abby Conner: EC Classroom Assistant

Moriah Olsen: EC Classroom Assistant

Debbie Schwartz: Early Childhood/Elementary

Tatiana Vega: Gama: EC Classroom Assistant

Trinity – *Sterling*

Maria Abarca : Early Ed Asst Teacher

Liz Gilstrap : Early Ed Teacher

Alexis Gutierrez : Early Ed /School Age Teacher

Mary Hurst : Early Ed Teacher

Sheryl Kuskie : Center Cook / Aid

Clarissa Medrano : Early Ed Teacher

Ashton Nichols : Early Ed Asst Teacher

Rocio Sanchez : Early Ed School Age Teacher

Zion – *Brighton*

Chelsea Keiper: Preschool Aide: 3's PS

Cameo Wolfe: PE/Music Teacher

Sarah Wondrasch: Preschool Aide: 4's PreK



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### New Mexico

Christ – *Albuquerque*

Lisa Sandoval

Immanuel – *Albuquerque*

Marina Garza: 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher

Talitha (Tallie) Schroeder: 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Teacher

Laura Trujillo: Preschool Teacher

Mission – *Las Cruces*

Monique Harrison: 4/5th Grade Teacher



### Utah

Redeemer – *Salt Lake City*

Lindy Carlton – Director

Sylvia King – Lead Tchr Infant Room/Dir  
Designee

Ginger Cooley – Lead Teacher Toddler's Room

Sandra Johnson – Asst. Teacher Toddler's Room

Samantha Sanchez – Asst. Teacher Two's Room

Karley Coonradt – Lead Teacher 3 & 4's Room

Allana Haynes – Asst. Teacher 3 & 4's Room

Nyah Morris – P/T Floater

**EDUCATOR HIGHLIGHT***September 2025*

# Jason Koester

## District NLSA Coordinator



My immediate family consists of my wife Mari (who is a Kindergarten Teacher at St. John's School where I teach as well), and my daughter Emersyn (we call her "Emmy"). Emersyn is 4 years old, and in one of the Pre-K classes here at St. John's. My parents both live here in the Denver area and are in assisted living or care facilities. As a family we love having meals together, having "family movie nights", and spending time in the mountains.

I began teaching way back in 2001 in the public school system (I taught 4th grade in the Adams 12 District). I began teaching in Lutheran Schools in November of 2002 at St. John's Lutheran School and have been teaching here ever since. I have taught 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th grade during my time at St. John's. I currently serve as the Director of Curriculum & Assessment and team teacher in 5th grade. I am also serving the Rocky Mountain District as the NLSA Commissioner for the District (NLSA - National Lutheran Schools Accreditation), helping our schools through the accreditation process with the ultimate goal of helping them to grow and improve, becoming schools of choice in their communities.

In my teaching and administration ministry I am excited to see our students grow in their faith, excel in their education, and thrive in their community (this is our new graduation promise to our parents at St. John's). I am also excited to help those schools who are going through NLSA accreditation this year navigate new self study protocols and the new online accreditation management software that has been implemented. We are learning lots as we move forward, and I am looking forward to helping our schools improve.



# DCE CORNER

September 2025



## Denver Cluster

At the end of August, the Denver-area Directors of Christian Education and parish educators gathered at St. John's Denver. It was a joy to reconnect after a busy summer of ministry! Together we recapped our summers, laid out plans for the upcoming year, and lifted one another up in prayer. After our time of sharing and encouragement, we continued the fellowship over lunch. These monthly gatherings provide a valuable rhythm for DCEs and DCE- types across the Denver metro area. Each month we meet in a different location to learn from one another, exchange resources, and offer support as we serve in our unique ministry contexts. It is a gift to walk together in this calling, encouraging one another in faith and service.

## CALL UPDATE



## Welcome Marenda Macking, DCE!

Marenda Macking has completed her DCE internship at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins and has now received her first call to serve as the Director of Children and Family Ministry at St. John's Denver. Originally from sunny St. Petersburg, Florida, Marenda studied Theology at Concordia University Irvine before moving to Colorado. When she's not serving in ministry, she enjoys fishing, exploring new off-road trails in her Land Cruiser, and spending time with her Rottweiler and Shikoku.

We celebrate Marenda's first call and look forward to the many ways God will use her gifts at St. John's!



*Thank you!*

A heartfelt thank-you to all the Directors of Christian Education who served at the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. This incredible event could not happen without the many talented volunteers who give their time and gifts. Your faithful service helped young people experience what it means to Endure in Christ!

# ANNIVERSARIES

September 2025

75<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

Redeemer, Salt Lake City  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!



Pictured:  
Pastor Mark Below



100<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

Immanuel, Englewood  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The congregation celebrated their anniversary through reflection of the theme of Immanuel - the virgin will conceive, and they shall call his name Immanuel.



Circuit Visitor Rick Langness reads the Gospel at Immanuel's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service



# UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2025

## **S.O.A.R. (Serving Our Awesome Redeemer) Adult Ministry Committee Fall Seminar Flyer**



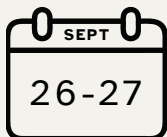
Theme: "Anchored In Faith"  
When: September 20, 2025  
Cost: \$30/person  
First time guests are \$15/person



Location: Peace Lutheran Church, 5675 Field Street Arvada, CO 80002  
Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing will lead us through the book of Exodus in his keynote address and Bible Study. Dr. Lessing is the chair of Old Testament Studies and the director of the pre-seminary program at Concordia University, St. Paul Minnesota and the author of several books. Alyssa Petty from Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia Missouri will share the accomplishment that SOAR and LBT have nearly completed during the five-year alliance of the two organizations. The shared goal is to provide total funding for the translation, publication, and distribution of the Bible to the Bandi community in Liberia. Rev. John Larson serves as pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, CO. He will be sharing some of the highlights that have been enjoyed by SOAR members since its beginning in 1995 up to present.

The day begins with registration and continental breakfast at 8:45 am. Lunch will be served at 11:45. The gathering ends with entertainment by A TOUCH OF GRASS. The six members of the group met at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska while preparing for careers in church work. They shared their musical talents in nearby venues before sensibly graduating and departing for their call to be church workers. They have reunited and will entertain us today. The closing of the day will be after announcements, closing hymn, prayer and sendoff at 3:30pm.

Previous attendees received a registration form as did RMD congregations. Registration can also be completed through RMD website.



Christ Lutheran Church in Murray, UT is hosting a **Higher Things Retreat** - "All the Cool Kids Aren't Doing It"

When: September 26-27, 2025  
Where: Christ Lutheran Church Murray, UT  
Who: Middle and High School Youth  
Cost: \$50 per person  
Contact: Adam Losser, [ajrlosser@gmail.com](mailto:ajrlosser@gmail.com)

See Flyer [Murray-UT-HT-Retreat](#)  
See flyer for registration form.



**"ALL THE COOL KIDS AREN'T DOING IT"**

Christ Lutheran Church in Murray, UT  
September 26-27, 2025

# UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2025



## Save the Dates

Registration  
now open!

BECOMING HUMAN: A THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TODAY

**LUTHERAN LAY  
CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, SEP 27, 2025  
9:00AM TO 4:00PM

&

**CONTINUING ED.  
WORKSHOP**

SEPT. 29-OCT. 1, 2025



SEE EVENT LINK [HERE](#)  
SEE BROCHURE [HERE](#)

In this course, we'll consider what it means to think of the body theologically and then apply that to the various assaults on the body in today's world. We'll apply this theology of the body to marriage & divorce, gender & sexuality, death & burial, and the sacramental gift of Christ to the body. Sin corrupted our flesh, but the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ restores that flesh to incorruption and immortality. As we navigate the culture's distrust and disregard of the body, we'll find our trust and hope--even our restored humanity--in the body of Christ our Savior.



SEE EVENT LINK [HERE](#)  
SEE BROCHURE [HERE](#)

PRESENTER: REV. DR. GEOFFREY BOYLE,  
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions Director of Field Education

WHEAT RIDGE EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH (WHEAT RIDGE, CO)  
8600 W 38TH AVE  
WHEAT RIDGE, CO 80033-4366

For more upcoming events please  
visit the [RMD Events website](#)

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

September 2025

### Affirming Life



In August 2025, Deaconess Melissa DeGroot and her husband Rev. Adam DeGroot attended the Right to Life Gala in New Mexico at the invitation of National Right to Life President Carol Tobias

See our [Affirming Life](#) page for more information and other resources

**Two Podcasts. One Goal.**  
Stronger Church Workers and Ministries

**ministry moments**  
Ministry Moments Podcast  
Real conversations about vision, planning and ministry health.  
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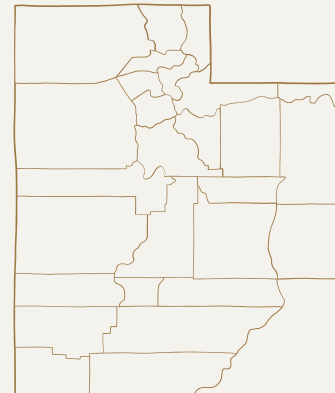
**the Grace Place PODCAST**  
Grace Place Podcast  
Candid stories and spiritual encouragement for church workers.  
[lcef.org/listen](https://lcef.org/listen)

**LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND**

### Lutheran Church Extension Fund Podcasts Links

[Ministry Moments Podcast](#)

[Grace Place Podcast](#)



### Utah Mission Work

Progress Report:

Mission executives ✓

Meeting with Utah pastors scheduled ✓

Still working on...

Strategic Plan

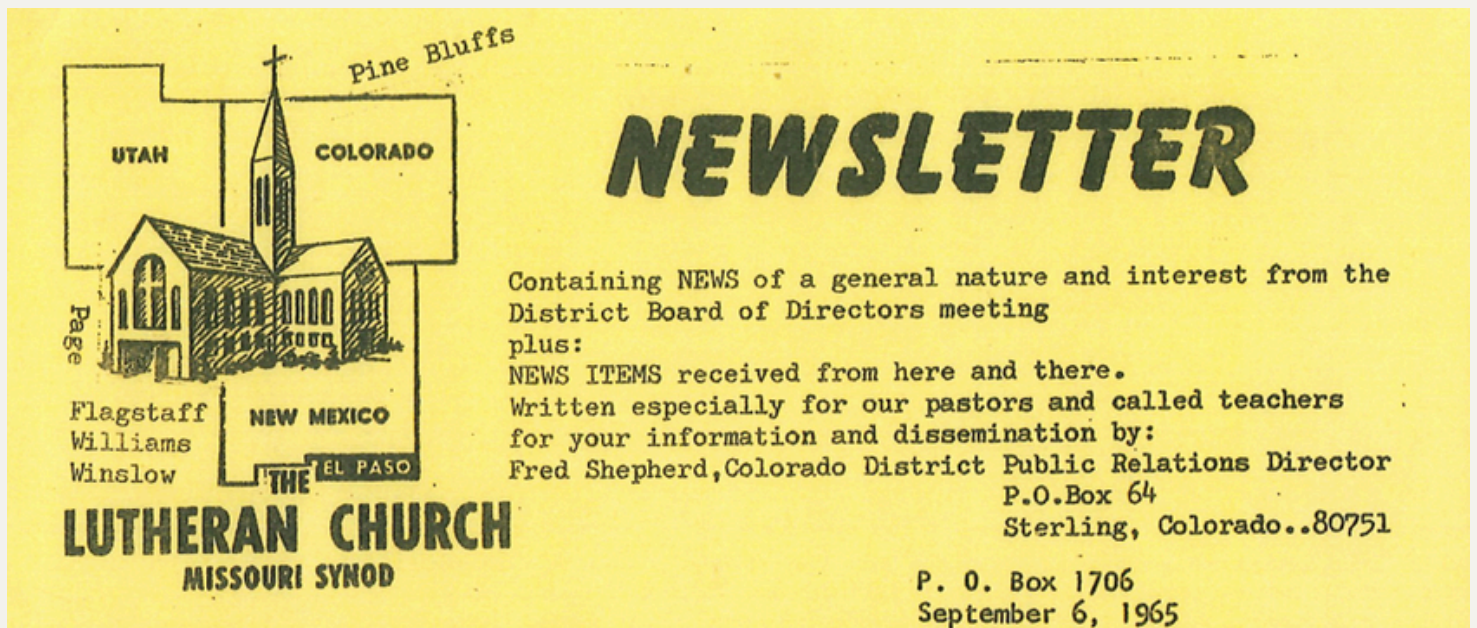
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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

September 2025

# 60 AGO!

**YEARS**



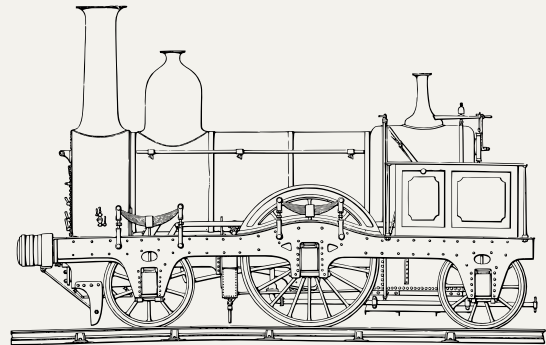
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# EXTRAS

*September 2025*

To update your roster paperwork, or if you have any other questions, please contact  
Ms. Monique Hjalmquist  
monique@rm.lcms.org  
Administrative Assistant to  
Rev. James Maxwell, District President  
Rev. Paul Albers, District Education  
Executive

To see any current vacancies within the District, please click [here](#)



## Contact Information

### **Newsletter Deadline - First of Each Month**

Send news to  
communications@rm.lcms.org

To contact the Rocky Mountain  
District, please email  
info@rm.lcms.org