

## *2021-22 Graduation Exercise – Update!*

### **JEM Lutheran Seminary, West Africa**

The graduation and placement ceremony for the 2021-2022 academic year was performed June 18, 2022. The exercise increased the workforce of the LCN “ministerium,” expanding the confessional Lutheran capacity for manifesting and propagating of the Gospel to West Africa.



Twenty-three men were admitted in 2020 into the two-year Evangelist Program. This is the lowest number of in-takes since I have been here at the JEM Lutheran Seminary. We could not admit more because of our limited resources for their training. As a result, only the Evangelist class who were planning to graduate in 2022 were offered admission. There have been no pastoral admissions since 2020. Remarkably, this year's graduation ceremony was a special one: the sending out of those who had entered the seminary during COVID-19. The graduates were admitted into the seminary and commenced their classes when the COVID-19 wave was still blowing very hard. The joy is this: not one contacted the virus! Thankfully, they were all sound and healthy, reaping the fruits of their resilience and tenacity, on June 18, 2022 (the day of graduation and placement ceremony). The men were taught, reshaped, and equipped to serve as confessional missionaries of LCN. It is a blessing God gave to His church.

JEM Lutheran Seminary remains undaunted in its teaching of the pure/unadulterated Word of God and in the right administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In line with the vision and mission statement of LCN, the seminarians were coached on the strategies and the various ways of remaining confessional, as they embark on mission outreach, church planting, and evangelism aimed at opening new preaching stations to be inducted as chartered congregations within three years. These men are also to revive existing congregations that are dormant.

Dearly beloved supporters/sponsors, I am delighted to give you update on some of the activities here at JEM Lutheran Seminary, beginning with brief details of the awards during the graduation ceremony. The number of awards presented to students at the graduation increased. Last year, 2021, we had three new awards. One was in memory of the Sainted Rev'd (Dr) Kurt E. Marquart. This “St. Polycarp ‘Most Courageous Award’” was given to two pastoral candidates: ages 71 and 68. This year, there were two new awards. First, the best Hebrew language student. The second new award was again in memory of the Sainted Rev'd (Dr) Kurt E. Marquart. This was for the “Most



Encouraging Student(s),” sponsored by St. Barnabas West Africa Mission Society. This was awarded to the three Evangelist students who converted from Islam seven years ago. The total number of awards for graduating students in the seminary now stands at thirteen. Each award has a minimum cash remuneration of [the equivalent of] \$100.00, as well as other gifts for each recipient.

-- Vicarage program was set for the Pastoral Three class. It runs from September 1, 2022, until June 30, 2023. Each vicar will have at least two supervisions to be carried out by the JEM Lutheran Seminary Dean of Worship and Spiritual life, and some other members of the faculty.

-- His Grace, the Most Rev'd (Dr) Christian O. Ekong, Arch-Bishop and President of LCN, is yet again in the process of upgrading facilities in the seminary. This has included, very importantly, the new classrooms, library, staff offices, toilet facilities, renovation of the Rector's office, renovation of my residential quarter in the Seminary, with solar panels, security cameras, WiFi/internet facilities, to mention but a few.



A very special thanks to the friend of the Arch-Bishop, Mr Randy Kirk, of Wisconsin, USA, for providing the electronic equipment for use in the seminary compound, my residence, etc. Mr Kirk was physically present to supervise the installations of this equipment. May I use this medium to thank you my very compassionate sponsors for your sacrifice of love. You have contributed in no small measure to enhance the successful training of seminarians, in particular the 2021/2022 graduates and for your continued support for my mission work in Africa. Thank you profoundly from the bottom of my heart. May the triune Lord replenish you and keep you healthy. Amen.

#### SNIPPET(S):

- Summer school in-session, to end August 31st, 2022.
- 2021-2022 Pastoral Three students' vicarage ends July 31st, 2022.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayer for journey mercies for the returning year four (final year) students after vicarage.
- Pray for the safety of the domestic missionaries, in particular, the new missionaries in Muslim-dominated areas of West Africa.

Now may the God of Peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ... continue to equip you with everything good as you embark on this journey of equipping the church-at-large with trained confessional Lutheran pastors and missionaries, working primarily in West Africa, which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sincerely-in-Christ,

***The Rev'd Fr. Prof. Wokoma***

1 Tim. 1:15.

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# *Make Music to the Lord!*

A great way to make new friends, or to re-build those old relationships is to join the music ministry. Music is an integral part of Lutheran worship and has been used historically to elevate and enhance our thanks and praise to the Lord. OSL offers several ways that someone can share their gifts that God has given them. There is always room for one more and the phrase “you’ve got several of this or that” isn’t important. If you’ve ever thought about becoming part of this ministry, please don’t hesitate to contact me or stop me at church. I’d love to talk further with you.

**Jubilate Choir:** This is our Adult mixed voice choir. This choir sings twice a month, (on Communion Sundays), and all Feast Days. We have lots of fun and work hard, but the journey is worth it. This group practices in the choir loft on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm until 8:15pm.

**Carillon Ringers:** This is our handbell choir. You don’t need to be able to read music to be in this choir. If you can tell your left from your right hand and be able to count to six, we can teach you to ring. This group practices in the choir loft on Thursday evenings at 6:15pm to 7:00pm.

**Laudate Choir:** This is our women’s choir. This groups practices twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month following Bible class. We practice for about 30 minutes and sing when a piece has been prepared.

**Exultae:** This is our brass group. We practice as needed and play when we’ve prepared a piece. Members of this group are expected to learn the music on their own and be ready to play when scheduled. This is the group for:

1. Trumpet
2. Trombone
3. Tuba
4. French horn

**Cantate:** This is our string and woodwind group. We practice as needed and play when we’ve prepared a piece. Members of this group are expected to learn the music on their own and be ready to play when scheduled. This is the group for:

1. Violin
2. Viola
3. Cello
4. Harp
5. Flute
6. Clarinet

There are no auditions for any of these groups and all groups

are open to anyone in high school and older. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the Thursday groups, and Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for the Laudate Choir. We would love to have you and are always welcoming new people. ***Don’t be shy, come join us as we make music to the Lord and sing a joyful song!***

Blessings,

***Jeff Armstrong***





# Nativity News...

**Gentlemen**, start growing out your beards! **Ladies** (and gentlemen), see what things in your “giveaway” pile might look at home in 1st Century Bethlehem! We are gearing up for the upcoming 2022 OSL Nativity!

At this time, we are in need of the following:



- **dense Styrofoam** (like the packing material around electronics, to be used in building “stone” sets)
- **wooden pallets** (or other lumber...see Ed Witt for specifics)
- **low-pile carpet** (old carpet is fine, even stained, but clean and odor-free, please)
- **solid or striped fabric** (all weights... some for costumes, some for rustic tents)
- rustic items like woven **baskets**, unglazed or natural-looking **pottery**, woven **textiles**, etc
- If you would like to make a financial contribution, simply mark it “Nativity”



If you have questions, please ask **Sarah Baughman** in the church office. If you would like to purchase specific items for the Nativity, here is a code from which to draw inspiration, or simply to purchase. If you have a place to purchase for less, or know of a place that might donate something similar, we are more than happy to accept that.



*Also, please prayerfully consider participating in this activity, whether a character in costume or behind-the-scenes support personnel. Our aim is for it to be an outreach from our congregation to the community, sharing the Word of God in this memorable evening.*

## Thank You!

Evangelism Board





## *Dear OSL Church family,*

Your school has been busy preparing for the start of the new school year on Wednesday, August 17. We will open with a morning chapel at 9:45 a.m. We invite you to join us each Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. to worship with our scholars and thank and praise our God who abundantly provides for us through you.

We are thankful to God for providing us with a full staff. We are pleased to welcome Beth Prestwood and Stephanie Cholak to two of our Kindergarten classrooms, Rosalie Chapman and Amanda Crabtree to two of our Prekindergarten classrooms, Chelsie Pigeon and Nicole Spangler to our Preschool classrooms, Melissa Theis to a 3rd-grade classroom, and Kristin Ripple to a 4th-grade classroom. Alec Kemnitz will be our P.E. teacher and Megan Leamon will serve in Grades 3-8 Art and Gigi Spence in K-2 Art, and Laura Molitor will teach our ECE music classes, as well. We are extremely thankful to God for our teachers and staff members who continue to serve faithfully with us. We also welcome Maria Lozano as the School Registrar and Diane White as our School Manager. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Our enrollment continues to climb. We are welcoming 69 new students as of the writing of this letter. God continues to provide us with young scholars to share His Good News and His love with these new families and our returning scholars.

Our teachers and staff engaged in many professional development opportunities this summer with conferences in Fort Wayne, Dallas, Kentucky, and at OSL. We are so blessed with teachers and staff willing to continue their education to better serve our families. We are so pleased that Mrs. Cherington, our ECE Director/Assistant Principal, has completed all coursework for colloquy and had her paper accepted to move to the interview level for acceptance into the LC-MS roster. Well done, Lynette!

May God continue to bless our school with His provisions and grace for another school year. Please be in prayer for our teachers and scholars as we prepare for the start of the school year.

Ever your faithful servant in Christ,

**Kate Thielke**

Principal

*"To the Glory of God and the Salvation of Man"*

Our Savior Lutheran School







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Save the Date!



YOU, your family, and your friends can Run/Walk For Life 2022! It's a 2 mile walk or a 5K fun run celebrating HCL's 20th Anniversary, on Saturday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **8:00am - 11:00am**, at **All Saints Catholic Church, 215 E 10th Street, Houston, TX 77008**. Funds raised will benefit Houston Coalition for Life's expanding Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers: Big Blue, Baby Blue, our newest addition – The Little One – and our main office. Your support will help us continue offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and Christian Counseling to women in crisis pregnancies. **Registration Opens on August 1st!** Look for an email reminder and instructions on how you can join this life-saving work by registering to walk/run or be a sponsor! <https://www.houstoncoalition.com/>



Register  
Aug 1





## Baptized Into Christ



*Marshall Odell Savage became a child of God in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, July 17; his parents are Lindsey & James Savage; sponsors are Emily Jokic, Ross & Jenni George, and Melissa Comperry.*

## Membership Changes

*As of the Elders Meeting, July 2022*

### INCOMING –

#### Transfer:

Bill & Beth Prestwood from Amarillo, TX

#### Baptisms:

Marshall Odell Savage – July 17, 2022

Caroline Grace Key – July 31, 2022

### OUTGOING –

#### Transfer:

Taylor & Kimberly Hobertz  
to Temple, TX

#### Death:

Gus Hillegeist – July 8, 2022

## Memorials:

Henry Dietrich .....

Alan & Sandy Fritsche

Michael Alan Evers .....

Virginia Evers

Gus Hillegeist .....

Alan & Sandy Fritsche

## Missions:

Fritsche Mission .....

Norman & Debbie Adams

Laura Boyd

Pueblo Nuevo – DR.....

Gary & Ruth Palmer

Wokoma – Africa.....

Laura Boyd

Trinity Lutheran Church – Tryon, NC



### **Sailing For The DR**

Make a \$250 donation to OSL (memo=DR, Pueblo Nuevo) and get a 4 hour sail on Galveston Bay (up to 4 people).

All proceeds to benefit mission work in the Dominican Republic.

**Contact Bruce Blake with questions or to pick a date.**

**713-459-7508**

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| 01 Brian Ginn<br>Annie Thoeke<br>Olivia Thoeke   | 11 Archer Cheng<br>Austin Homfeld<br>Dean Mushinski   | 21 Ernie Gessner<br>Dennis Mueller<br>Brian Nitsch<br>Cheryl Savitt |
| 03 Olen Curry<br>Jessica Smith<br>Marjorie Washington  | 12 Alex Erickson<br>Lorie Moehlman  | 22 Philip Bush<br>Andre Lehr<br>Maci Mackinnon                      |
| 04 Huck Bender<br>Cindy Blake<br>Addie Vasquez   | 13 Channing Wood III  | 23 Kelsey Craft<br>Mary Beth Witt                                   |
| 05 John Cruz<br>Lena Eckert<br>Jeff Pampell  | 14 Taneal Arri  | 25 Carol Henke<br>Lyle Schmidt<br>Deanie Stephens<br>Brandon Shipes |
| 06 Ernest Gessner Jr.<br>Lorenzo Gonzales<br>Matthew Manriquez<br>Nelda Pampell<br>Pastor White<br>Rhonda Wood | 15 Bannan Holeman<br>Bobbie Kelly<br>Diana Stachowiak<br>Norka Vera                                       | 26 Alexander Jee  |
| 07 Kelby Clothier<br>Gary Schmidt  | 16 Elizabeth Cooper<br>Abigail Dodds<br>John Hoffmeyer<br>Curtis Pietsch                                  | 27 Angela Zoch  |
| 08 Barbara Mushinski<br>Chad Symcox<br>Libby Trevino   | 17 Alycia Matei<br>Barbara Martens  | 28 Charlie Hinrichsen<br>Kathy Otter<br>Scott Ripple                |
| 09 Sergei Fritsche   | 18 James Rankin<br>David Spencer  | 29 Andy Adams<br>Jacob Skweres                                      |
| 10 Kathy Delaitsch<br>Diane Guevara<br>RK Halbert<br>Nathanael Mc Caleb<br>Jirah Thomas                        | 19 Lon Huse<br>Darren Lankford  | 31 Emily Bynum<br>Tracy Dacus<br>Rod Neal                           |
|  | 20 Sarah Cherington<br>Shelby Garner<br>Danny Greenwood<br>Jaina Lowery<br>Glyn Lunsford<br>April Schatte |   |



# August

## BIRTHDAYS

## Church Staff Directory

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Bible Classes at 8:15 & 10:45am

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Church Office Hours:  
8:00 am-5 pm, Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am-4 pm, Friday



# **AUGUST** 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins-Baptism 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Life Team Meeting	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm Adult Information Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	<b>2</b> 10:00am Circle of Grace-FR 7:00pm Church Council-BC	<b>3</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b> 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  8:30am Men Alive-A101 10:30am Bon Appetit
<b>7</b> 8:15am Bible Class <b>9:30am Matins - Baptism</b> 10:45am Sunday School 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00pm Adult Information Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	<b>9</b> <i>8:30am Braille</i> 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	<b>10</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>11</b> 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:15am Bible Class <b>9:30am Communion</b> 10:45am Sunday School 12:30pm LWML Meeting-BC	<b>15</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 2:00pm - 6:00pm School Supply Drop-off 7:00pm Adult Information Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Night Circle-FR	<b>17</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:00am - 3:15pm First Day of School 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 	<b>18</b> 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Evangelism Meeting - BC 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	<b>19</b> 12:00pm Young at Heart-BC 	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:15am Bible Class <b>9:30am Matins - Teacher Installation</b> 10:45am Sunday School 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting 	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Adult Information Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00pm Back to School Night	<b>25</b> 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:15am Bible Class <b>9:30am Communion</b> 10:45am Sunday School 4:30pm Jr Youth Fusion-A101	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Adult Information Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Parochial Ed-A102E	<b>31</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline			

A=Gym/Cafeteria • B=Early Childhood Ctr • C=Classrooms • BC=Bible Class Room • FR=Family Room • *Italics*=not @ OS� • YR=Youth Room



## Those to Serve in August 2022

Acolytes	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Emma Guevara / Maja Stephens
Carts	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Team 10
Sound	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	08/07/22	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Kaden Resendez / Cade Witt
Altar Guild	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Jeanene Lunsford Team
Carts	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Brad Whiting / Aaron White
Elders	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Team 1
Sound	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	08/14/22	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Ava Symcox / Kendall Horn
Carts	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Team 2
Sound	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	08/21/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Sophie Bennett / Heidi Nitsch
Altar Guild	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Barbara Mushinski Team
Carts	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Comm Asst.	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Brad Whiting / Aaron White
Elders	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Team 1 Garry
Greeters	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Team 3
Sound	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Wilbanks/Witt
Ushers	08/28/22	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team



### *Life With God - New Member Classes:*

Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. It should be particularly interesting for both member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. **Classes are on Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm, and will continue through August.** Babysitting and refreshments are provided.



# 2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference

## October 21-22



Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center • Rock Island, Illinois

## *Blessed For Life*

*Blessed with the gift of life  
Blessed by God for one's entire life  
Blessed to be a blessing to others*

Lutherans For Life national and regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

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All day Friday until Saturday at noon • Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities)

REGISTER HERE – <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>

**Speakers:** Melissa Ohden | Jeanne Mancini | Steve Deace

**Workshop Leaders:** Rev. B. Keith Haney | Father Frank Pavone | Rev. Fred Hinz | Col. John Eidsmoe | Rev. Dr. Wade Mobley | Deaconess Pam Nielsen | Dr. Roni Grad | Dr. Kim Marxhausen | Deaconess Tiffany Manor | Rev. Michael Salemink | Rev. Scott Licht | Michelle Bauman | Virginia Flo | Deaconess Chrissie Gillett | Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, PhD

**Special Friday Night Banquet Music:** Wendysue Fluegge

**Conference Registration:** LFL Members: \$125 | Non-Members: \$150 | Students: \$25 | Children 12 and under: FREE

**Hotel Information:** Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, 226 17th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201, 309-794-1212  
*A block of rooms has been set aside for the conference.*



# *Our Savior Lutheran Church & School*

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*Serving Families for Jesus Christ*

## OSL School begins Aug 17!



*Teacher  
Installation  
Sunday  
Aug 21  
@ 9:30am*

