

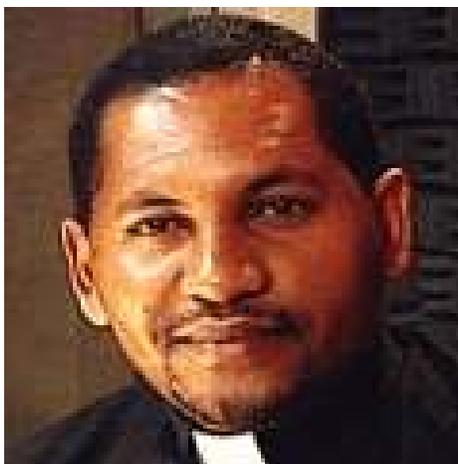
Gemechis Buba accepts call as Missions Director for NALC

The Rev. Dr. Gemechis D. Buba has accepted a call to serve as Missions Director for the North American Lutheran Church.

Dr. Buba is currently the Director of African National Ministries for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He resigned his ELCA position Dec. 8 to accept the call to serve the NALC. He will begin his service in the NALC on Jan. 1.

Dr. Buba is the first prominent leader from the ELCA national offices to leave the church body since its 2009 Churchwide Assembly voted to change ELCA teaching and policy to affirm same-sex sexual relationships and to allow pastors to be in those relationships.

Dr. Buba, a native of Ethiopia, is a widely respected church leader in the United States and around the world. His ties to the dynamic and growing churches of Africa and his vision for the evangelical mission of the Church are especially important to the mission of the NALC.



Dr. Gemechis D. Buba

“Dr. Gemechis Buba is a gifted and inspiring preacher and church leader. The NALC is blessed to have him accept our call to service in the church body,” said NALC Bishop Paull Spring.

“Mission is central to the life and ministry of the North American Lutheran Church, and so it is fitting that the first staff position filled in the NALC is the position of Missions Director,” Bishop Spring said. “We all look forward to working with Gemechis to serve the dozens of mission congregations that have joined or are in the process of joining the NALC.”

“It is with utmost joy and gratitude that I accept God’s call extended to me through the North American Lutheran Church to serve as the missions director in our new denomination,” Dr. Buba said in his letter of acceptance.

“Your call has humbled me since I am going to serve as the first missions director of this new mission-driven church body,” he said. “I am also praying for us that the power of the Holy Spirit will move throughout our church renewing and empowering our churches and leaders for mission.

“I am convinced that the hand of God is in this move. I am willing to do whatever it takes to move us forward in mission locally and globally,” Dr. Buba said.

“As this is a very daunting task, I solicit your prayers, counsel and wisdom as we venture into the mission field together. There is no doubt that God is going to keep God’s end of the promise

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Dr. Buba is widely respected church leader



Dr. Gemechis Buba speaks at the 2010 Lutheran CORE Theological Conference.

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and be with us — Immanuel, God is with us! Therefore let us continue to strive to obey the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.”

“In this time of reconfiguration of Lutheranism in North America, the interest in new mission starts is at a level not seen in a generation. Helping these new congregations grow and thrive is a priority ministry of the NALC, and the calling of Dr. Buba as Missions Director is an important step in that area,” said Ryan Schwarz of the NALC Executive Board.

“We are all excited to work with Dr. Buba in God’s service as we set about renewing the Lutheran Christian witness in North America,” Schwarz said. “Our members will be filled with joy to hear of his decision.”

Dr. Buba, 35, received his Bachelor of Theology with high distinction from Mekane Yesus Theological Seminary in Ethiopia. He also served as a professor at the seminary for two years.

After working on Masters of Theology in Church History at the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology he moved to the United States for further studies. He received a Masters of Divinity degree and a Masters of Arts in Christian Education from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta in 2003.

In 2006, Dr. Buba earned a doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., specializing in Missional Leadership.

Ordained in 2001, he has served as a seminary professor, mission developer, senior pastor, vice president of the Southeastern Black Lutheran Pastors’ Conference, and an assistant to the bishop of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

He was pastor of St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church and the African/Oromo Lutheran Church in Atlanta.

Dr. Buba served the worldwide Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches for three terms as president. “In his visionary leadership and unparalleled commitment of service, the Oromo church around the world recorded a remarkable growth over the past six years and was exposed to national and international stages,” the organization noted upon the completion of his terms as president in 2010.

In addition to academic study and ordained ministry, Dr. Buba participated in multiple international ministries through revivals, leadership development conventions, and evangelical mission events.

Dr. Buba is married to Nassisse Baro Tumsa. They have an infant son named Labsi.

A Call to Prayer

During the December meeting of the NALC's Executive Council we were discussing what it might mean for a church to be driven by the Great Commission,

There were some very creative strategies and methods that were discussed.

What rather surprised me, however, was that the conversation on evangelism turned to the subject of prayer.

We all agreed that new tactics and techniques are essential for evangelism. But we also agreed that the most important task, even for evangelism, is prayer.

Over the course of our discussion, many of us shared personal experiences from our devotional life. In particular, our new missions director related his recent experience in Ethiopia.

Pastor Buba recalled for us a meeting of the leadership council of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. He described to these leaders his hopes for the North American Lutheran Church and the call to serve as our first missions director. Then the leaders of this African church asked him to kneel, they laid their hands on him, and prayed for him.

That story made a deep impression on all of us. So much so, that we all resolved on a plan for prayer. As members of the Executive Council, we



Bishop Paull E. Spring

determined that every Monday at 8:00 a.m., in our respective time zones, we will intentionally join one another in prayer for the life and mission of the North American Lutheran Church.

I cannot tell you how many hundreds of people have assured me that they are praying for me and for our still young church. They tell me this in e-mails, in letters, in Christmas greetings, and in personal conversations on the phone or face to face. I cannot tell you how much this prayer support means to me, how it lifts me and sustains me in my ministry.

We all recognize the pivotal role that prayer plays in the Bible. I think of Moses' intercessions for the people of Israel and the

voices of the Psalms as they call out to God in praise and in petition.

I think of Jesus' prayers to the Father, often for hours, and the gatherings of the first Christians. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). I think of Luther's explanation of the Lord's Prayer in the catechisms and his morning and evening prayers.

Prayer is such a core element of our Christian faith. Gustaf Aulén calls prayer one of the means of grace. In prayer, we turn matters over to God. In prayer we express our dependence on God. In prayer we recognize that there are things that we cannot do by ourselves. In prayer we offer our praise to God; prayer is doxological by its very nature.

In prayer we speak with a God who will ultimately disclose that He has all things in His hands.

I invite you all to join the leaders of our church in prayer. Our staff, Executive Council, and I will be in prayer for the North American Lutheran Church every Monday at 8:00. We will remember you in our prayers, and I invite you to remember us as well.

In Christ,

Paull E. Spring
Bishop

NALC Bishop Paul Spring joins U.S. religious leaders in significant message on marriage

The Rev. Paul Spring, bishop of the North American Lutheran Church, is among the leaders of religious communities in the United States who released an open letter Dec. 6 defending traditional marriage.

“The Protection of Marriage: A Shared Commitment” is an open letter signed by religious leaders of different faith communities throughout the United States that expresses a shared commitment to protecting marriage in our society as the union of one man and one woman.

The Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, signed as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the organizer of the inter-religious effort. He said that Roman Catholic parishes are being asked to share the letter with American Catholics by including it in parish bulletins shared with worshippers.

The Rev. Matthew C. Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and the Most Rev. Robert Duncan, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, were among the other religious leaders who signed the letter. Signatories include leaders of Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Protestant and Evangelical Christian groups, Orthodox Jewish, and other religious traditions.

“Marriage is the permanent and faithful union of one man and one woman. As such, marriage is the natural basis of the family. Marriage is an institution fundamental to the well-being of all of society, not just religious communities,” the letter states.

“As religious leaders across different faith communities, we join together and affirm our shared commitment to promote and protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman. We honor the unique love between husbands and wives; the indispensable place of fathers and mothers; and the corresponding rights and dignity of all children.

“Marriage thus defined is a great good in itself, and it also serves the good of others and society in innumerable ways. The preservation of the unique meaning of marriage is not a special or limited interest but serves the good of all. Therefore, we invite and encourage all people, both within and beyond our faith communities, to stand with us in promoting and protecting marriage as the union of one man and one woman,” the letter says.

The letter is the result of discussions among leaders from a wide variety of religions represented in our nation. Against the backdrop of legal and legislative attempts to redefine marriage in ways that are contrary to reason and religious conviction, these leaders decided that it would be important and helpful to publicize their shared commitment to defending marriage as an institution that is fundamental to the health of our society.

“It is significant that religious leaders from diverse Christian communities and from other faith traditions have been able to work together to affirm and defend God’s intention for marriage and its importance for our society,” said Bishop Spring.

“We believe and confess that the marriage of male and female is an institution created and blessed by God. From marriage, God forms families to serve as the building blocks of all human civilization and community,” said Bishop Spring, quoting from The Common Confession affirmed by the North American Lutheran Church. “Alongside all faithful Christians, Lutherans have affirmed this traditional understanding of marriage for nearly 500 years.”

“The broad consensus reflected in this letter — across great religious divides — is clear: The law of marriage is not about imposing the religion of anyone, but about protecting the common good of everyone,” said Archbishop Dolan. “People of any faith or no faith at all can recognize that when the law defines marriage as between one man and one woman, it legally binds a mother and a father to each other and their children, reinforcing the foundational cell of human society.”

New Groups and Ministries for New People

By Pastor Don Brandt

Our biblical mandate is clear. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matthew 28:19) And yet, even when we accept Christ’s challenge, we sometimes fail to understand the ways congregations unintentionally undermine their own efforts to reach those who are not yet a part of the Body of Christ.

Perhaps the most tragic example of these unintended consequences is when a congregation functions more like a family than a mission agency. Not just any type of family, I might add, but a dysfunctional and enmeshed family. So how do we know when congregational life is displaying this kind of dysfunction?

1. One clue is when any congregational growth is met with comments like, “I miss the days when I was on a first-name basis with everyone in our church.” Translated, this means, “My needs for a warm, cozy Christian fellowship trump Christ’s call to spread the Good News.”

2. Another clue is when members resist new congregational ministries because they’re already too busy with church obligations. In other words, they have difficulty being supportive of new ministries unless they will be able to participate. It doesn’t occur to them that a new ministry might be for those who are not yet fully involved in congregational life.

3. A third clue is when congregational leaders no longer advocate for a strong youth and children’s ministry. When asked why, they explain that their own kids have already “left the nest!” They fail to understand that a disproportionate percentage of a congregation’s resources need to always be focused on nesting-stage parents and their children. Why? Three reasons:

a. Nesting-stage parents are in a life stage where they are most motivated — even if they are unchurched — to consider church involvement. (You guessed it: “For the sake of the kids.”)

b. Once a congregation no longer offers organized ministries for children and youth, any visiting families are extremely unlikely to ever join.

c. A congregation without active nesting stage families faces a pretty dismal future. (One possible exception: Your church is located in a retirement community.)

4. Another clue that a church has become enmeshed and dysfunctional is when there is a long history of internal congregational conflict. When congregations are focused on outreach they usually do not have either the discretionary time or energy to be in conflict.

5. Another clue: When discussion among congregational leaders is far more likely to revolve around “who will we upset” rather than “who we might reach.”

To end this on a more positive note, consider this congregational growth and mission strategy: New Groups and Ministries for New People. This is possibly the single most effective ministry strategy for a congregation that seeks to reach new people with the Gospel.

Since the primary barriers to growth are often relational, new people are most likely to respond to new ministries and new groups. Seems obvious. Yet most congregations fail to consistently apply this principle when engaged in ministry planning.

Just one example of how this works: If your congregation has small groups meeting on a regular basis for study and discussion you should periodically launch a new small group. Why? Because your already-organized groups, over time, begin to unintentionally “close down” to new participants (i.e., “outsiders”). Also, a new person is more likely to consider involvement in a new group than a pre-existing group whose members already have a long history together. Now you’ll need a trusted member or members to lead any new group, but be sure to identify this group as “new” so that uninvolved people realize they are invited!

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New translation of Luther's Small Catechism is published by Reclaim

A new translation of Martin Luther's Small Catechism has been produced by Reclaim Resources.

The primary translator for the catechism was the Rev. Scott Grorud of Hutchinson, Minn. Pastor Grorud served for many years on the Lutheran CORE Steering Committee and on the Board of Directors of the WordAlone Network.

This edition of the catechism is being incorporated into the new Sola Confirmation Series being developed by Sola Publishing. Future adult studies

and commentary versions based on this edition are planned by Sola.

"This wonderful new resource from Reclaim Resources focuses on restoring faithful translation of Luther's original work in language that is easy to understand and memorize," said the Rev. Steven King of Sola Publishing.

You can order the new catechism from Reclaim Resources at www.reclaimresources.org or 800-590-6001 or from Sola Publishing at www.solapublishing.org or 888-887-9840.

Pursuing Great Commission Evangelism in your congregation

"New Groups and Ministries for New People" is the second in a series of articles on the theme "Pursuing Great Commission Evangelism in Your Congregation." This monthly column lifts up Great Commission evangelism as one of the top priorities for Lutheran CORE and the NALC.

Practical articles focusing on congregational outreach and evangelism will be offered each month. Most of these articles will be unapologetically pragmatic in content, while at the same time stressing the importance of congregations seeing evangelism as their top ministry priority.

Pastors and lay leaders are encouraged to contribute articles to this column in the firm conviction that we can learn from one another. We are looking for "how-to" articles that describe a particularly effective ministry in the life of your congregation.

Pastor Don Brandt of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem, Oregon, is coordinating this monthly column. Please send articles to him at DonB@oursaviorssalem.org.

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Finally, just one personal ministry anecdote. Many years back I served a congregation where an active member approached me after we had launched a new group. The member wanted to apologize. Since this new group was meeting simultaneously with a church group she was already involved with, she wouldn't be able to be a part of the new group! To her credit, she was indicating that both groups interested her. I responded to her apology by telling her this might be a kind of "breakthrough" for her. It was now going to be impossible for her to be involved in everything! (I didn't mention that this also meant she wouldn't be taking up a seat in the new group; a seat I hoped would be filled by someone who was not yet active in the life of our congregation.) Just an example of one small victory in the on-going challenge of offering new groups and ministries for new people.

New book includes lectures from Lutheran CORE theological conference

Seeking New Directions for Lutheranism: Biblical, Theological and Churchly Perspectives

A new book featuring the papers presented at Lutheran CORE's 2010 Theological Conference is now available from the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau.

The book shares its title with the theme of the theological conference, *Seeking New Directions for Lutheranism: Biblical, Theological and Churchly Perspectives*.

More than 800 people attended the conference, which may be the most significant theological conference on North American Lutheranism in many years, Aug. 24-26 in Columbus, Ohio.

The book features the lectures presented at the conference expanded for publication. "The

unabridged texts of these papers are about 20 percent longer than the lectures as presented in Columbus," the publisher notes.

The book was edited by the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Braaten. It includes an introduction by Prof. Braaten and a preface by Bishop Paull Spring.

Orders may be placed online at alpb.org/seeking.html or by calling 607-746-7511.

Here are the contents of the book:

Sermon: Can anything Good Come out of Columbus?
Frank C. Senn

Lutheranism at a Crossroads
Carl E. Braaten

Holy Scripture and Word of God: Biblical Authority in the Church
Stephen J. Hultgren

Speech to, for and about the Triune God
Robert W. Jenson

Authority in the Church: A Plea for Critical Dogmatics
Paul R. Hinlicky

Renewing the Moral Vision for Lutheranism
Robert Benne

No Church of Christ without Christ
Steven D. Paulson

Mission: Gospel Roots with Global Reach
Paul V. Martinson

Women's group is being formed for Lutheran CORE and North American Lutheran Church

A group of women is working to unite the women's organizations of the congregations of the North American Lutheran Church and of congregations that are members of Lutheran CORE.

Organizers envision a new type of structure — one that supports local congregations and communities as well as the mission of the wider church. They plan to offer resources to help women's groups organize or reorganize.

They are encouraging all interested women to contact them and to provide input into the structure of the new women's organization. They want the new women's organization to be what best serves the women in our congregations.

Congregational women's groups are asked to send them information about their group and to provide a contact person and contact information for their congregation.

Please send the information to Jeanne Wallace - 830-998-2300 jw@beecreek.net or Jane Tredinnick - 215-836-7018 russjane1@comcast.net.

Sola Publishing offers excellent and faithful resources for women's and men's group Bible studies. You can learn more about Sola Publishing and its Bible studies and other curriculum resources at www.solapublishing.org or by calling 888-887-9840.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Whitewood, South Dakota

Whitewood is a town of 850 people nestled in the Black Hills of South Dakota — a few minutes from Sturgis, Deadwood and Spearfish.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Whitewood was founded in 1921. For almost all of its history, Immanuel has been a part of a multiple-point parish — it has shared a pastor with congregations in neighboring communities.

In the 1960s, the South Dakota District of the American Lutheran Church wanted to close Immanuel because the area ALC churches didn't want to share their pastor. Immanuel refused to die and made arrangements with a Lutheran Church in America pastor to serve them. The congregation then left the ALC for LCA.

For almost three decades, Immanuel shared a pastor with that LCA parish that included a congregation in Lead, S.D., 18 miles away and another congregation 100 miles away, north of Buffalo, S.D.

In 1994, Immanuel's members made a commitment to grow — both in membership and in stewardship — to be able to reach the goal of "independence."



Working with the other congregations, it was decided that one of the parish's two pastors would live in Whitewood and would help Immanuel grow toward independence. Pastor David Baer was called to serve the three-point parish as associate pastor but to live in Whitewood.

By 2002, the senior pastor of the parish had left and the church north of Buffalo had closed. After a new pastor was called by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead, Immanuel began life on its own.



Immanuel's effort toward independence was much more than a commitment to itself. It was a commitment to grow both in membership and in stewardship.

Many people have been moving into the area around Whitewood. There has been significant growth in people moving to the area for retirement. Members have invited them to worship, and they have become vital members of the congregation. About half of the congregation's members are new to Immanuel in the last 10-15 years.

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Getting to know other NALC congregations

As we begin life together in the North American Lutheran Church we want to get to know each other. To help with that process, the *NALC News* is publishing a series of profiles of our congregations

Last month we featured two of the first congregations to join the NALC: St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Charleston, W.Va., and Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs.

Immanuel

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In recent months, Immanuel has also been a refuge for people leaving the ELCA.

Probably the most significant growth in the congregation has been its growth in stewardship. Immanuel's budget has more than doubled in the last 15 years as has its support for mission beyond itself. Immanuel currently gives more than 14 percent of its income to mission beyond the congregation.

In addition to providing church body support for the North American Lutheran Church, Immanuel chooses ministries to support with 1 percent shares

This month we feature Immanuel Lutheran Church in Whitewood, S.D.

All NALC congregations are encouraged to send a profile introducing their congregation to others in the NALC. Please share whatever you'd like others to know about your congregation, your area, and especially your mission. Send the article and a few photos to news@thenalc.org.



of its income. The ministries to receive those 1 percent shares in 2011 include the Whitewood food pantry, South Dakota Lutheran church camps, a South Dakota prison ministry, the Institute of Lutheran Theology, Lutheran CORE, Lutheran World Relief, Global Health Ministries, Friends of Madagascar Mission, and the World Mission Prayer League.

One of Immanuel's favorite outreach projects is an annual Day Camp for the children of the community. The congregation works with a Lutheran church camp to bring camp counselors to Whitewood for a week-long camp experience for young children. The congregation covers all of the costs of the camp experience to make it possible for area children to attend as the city of Whitewood includes many families with limited incomes.

As a part of its ministry to the wider church, Immanuel shares some of its pastor's time with Lutheran CORE and the NALC. Immanuel's pastor serves as editor of *NALC News* and *CORE Connection*.



Shopping for Women's Shelter

NALC is experiencing rapid growth

More than 90 congregations have voted to join NALC in first four months

The North American Lutheran Church has been experiencing rapid growth since it was constituted on Aug. 27.

The NALC has formally received 75 congregations during its first four months of existence. Seven are new mission starts.

Another 18 congregations have passed a congregational resolution indicating their intention to join the NALC upon completion of their departure from their current church body. Many more congregations are expected to vote to join the church body in the coming weeks and months.

The current list of NALC congregations is available online at www.thenalc.org. It is updated as new congregations are received each week by the NALC Executive Committee.

Alaska

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Kodiak, Alaska

Arizona

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Mesa, Ariz.

Colorado

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Florida

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Dade City, Fla.

Oasis Church
Lake Mary, Fla.

San Pedro Lutheran Church
Miami, Fla.

Georgia

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Evans, Ga.

Word of God Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Ga.

Illinois

First Lutheran Church
Kirkland, Ill.

American Lutheran Church
Rantoul, Ill.

St. John Lutheran Church
Royal, Ill.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Thomasboro, Ill.

Indiana

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Auburn, Ind.

St. John Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Antioch Lutheran Church
Hoagland, Ind.

Iowa

Zion Lutheran Church
Ruthven, Iowa

Mission in Christ Lutheran Church
Strawberry Point, Iowa

Michigan

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Owosso, Mich.

Minnesota

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Crosby, Minn.

Grace Lutheran Church
Erskine, Minn.

Faith Lutheran Church
Mentor, Minn.

Riverside Lutheran Church
Wannaska, Minn.

Missouri

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ava, Mo.

New York

Nile Lutheran Mission
Rochester, N.Y.

North Carolina

St. John Lutheran Church
Asheboro, N.C.

Concordia Lutheran Church
China Grove, N.C.

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
Claremont, N.C.

Miller's Lutheran Church
Hickory, N.C.

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Hickory, N.C.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Landis, N.C.

Grace Lutheran Church
Newton, N.C.

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Mansfield (Covington), Pa.

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
Fredericksburg, Texas

St. James Lutheran Church
Newton, N.C.

One in Christ Lutheran Mission
Philadelphia (Telford), Pa.

Peace Lutheran Church
Rockdale, Texas

Christiana Lutheran Church
Salisbury, N.C.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Peace Lutheran Church
Rosenberg, Texas

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Salisbury, N.C.

Zion Lutheran Church
Pittsburgh (Brentwood), Pa.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Three Rivers, Texas

Union Lutheran Church
Salisbury, N.C.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sarver, Pa.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Tyler, Texas

North Dakota

Puerto Rico

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Yorktown, Texas

First Lutheran Church
Washburn, N.D.

Iglesia Luterana Resurrección
Carolina, Puerto Rico

Virginia

Ohio

South Dakota

Reformation Lutheran Church
Culpeper, Va.

Upper Arlington Lutheran Church
Columbus, Ohio

American Lutheran Church
Castlewood, S.D.

Lebanon Lutheran Church
Lebanon Church, Va.

St. John Lutheran Church
Greenville, Ohio

Hayti Lutheran Church
Hayti, S.D.

Advent Lutheran Church
Winchester, Va.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran
Church
Grove City, Ohio

New Hope Lutheran Church
Hayti, S.D.

Washington

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Mansfield, Ohio

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lake Norden, S.D.

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Seattle, Wash.

Oakland Lutheran Church
Mansfield, Ohio

First Lutheran Church
Philip, S.D.

West Virginia

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Port Clinton, Ohio

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Whitewood, S.D.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Charleston, W.Va.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Springfield, Ohio

Tennessee

Zion Lutheran Church
Letart, W.Va.

Pennsylvania

Faith Lutheran Church
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Wisconsin

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church
Abington, Pa.

Word of Life Lutheran Church
Maryville, Tenn.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Nekimi
Oshkosh, Wis.

Dunmyer Lutheran Church
Johnstown, Pa.

Texas

Wyoming

Salem Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Welcome
Brenham, Texas

Christ the King Lutheran Church
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