

Central States Synod 2024 Synod Assembly

June 6-8, 2024

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THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY**

Baptized, we welcome one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ and workers with us in the reign of God. Our merciful God gives us particular companions to know and to love in our pilgrimage here on earth. Since the last assembly, the following rostered ministers, whom we remember with thanksgiving and reverence, have died:

The Rev. Gerry Leaf, retired, McPherson, KS (12/6/2023)

The Rev. Ray Otto, retired, St. Joseph, MO (1/12/2024)

The Rev. Len Dale, retired, Olathe, KS (1/22/2024)

The Rev. Roger Gieschen, retired, Lenexa, KS (1/23/2024)

The following persons have served the Church faithfully, using their gifts and abilities to build up the Body of Christ, and have now retired from active ministry on the roster of the Church since the last Central States Synod Assembly:

The Rev. Richard Mueller, from Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Florissant, MO (7/1/2023)

The Rev. Cynthia Schnaath, from Interim Ministry, Lenexa, KS (8/1/2023)

Cherri Jestmore, Deacon, Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS (8/1/2023)

The Rev. Mike Malone, from On Leave from Call, Jackson, MO (11/1/2023)

The Rev. Linda Bollenbach, from Disabled Roster, Springfield, MO (10/1/2023)

The Rev. Katherine Hayes, from On Leave from Call, Springfield, MO (10/1/2023)

The Rev. Barb Jones, from On Leave from Call, Shawnee, KS (3/1/2024)

The Rev. Merle Brockhoff, from Interim Ministry, Kansas City, MO (4/1/2024)

The Rev. Randy Chapman, from Specialized Ministry, Topeka, KS (4/1/2024)

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The body of Christ gathers as congregations to proclaim the gospel, share the means of grace, and empowered to carry out God's mission in the world. The following congregation(s) disaffiliated from the ELCA, discerning that they were called to participate in God's mission through other denominations:

Zion Lutheran Church, Wakeeney, KS took their second vote to disaffiliate on 6/25/2023.

Zion Lutheran Church, Beloit, KS, took their second vote to disaffiliate on 8/27/2023.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis, KS took their second vote to disaffiliate on 12/3/2023.

After many years of faithful ministry, the following congregation(s) closed, trusting that in the midst of death, there is always resurrection, and the mission of the church continues:

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Derby KS, (10/15/23)

Therefore, be it resolved that this Assembly recognizes and gives thanks for the ministry of these ministers and these congregations.