



# DISTRICT NEWS

## SOUTH DAKOTA

### Loving our neighbor

#### *The Gospel in the second table of the Law*

Where is the Gospel in the second table of the Law? Where is the Gospel hidden in commandments 4-10?

Last month we clearly saw the Gospel in the first table of the Law. Each of the first three commandments points us to our relationship with God the Father. The Gospel in the commandments is Jesus and His redeeming work of restoring us to our loving Father.

In the second table of the Law, the Gospel is hidden in the gifts God gives to us to be used in loving our neighbor. Today we take up commandments 4-6.

#### **Commandment Four**

*Honor your father and your mother.*

No sass. No eye roll. No disrespect of the political authorities God has given us (just in case you thought this commandment was only directed at our kids!). The gift the fourth commandment protects is God's authority entrusted to mankind.



**Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher**  
District President

God's authority over creation, over relationships, even His authority to forgive sin, is entrusted to mankind to pronounce in love and service to our neighbor. Our authority challenging sinful nature needs to be confronted by the fourth commandment so that we love and serve our neighbor as Jesus did. Through faith God uses our hands and feet and all our resources to serve our neighbor as Jesus served.

#### **Commandment Five**

*You shall not murder.*

This seems like a no-brainer, doesn't it? Life is a gift from God. God gives life. God sustains life. God brings lives to a close. By faith in Jesus and His work on the cross, He takes those lives to rest with Him until the day He brings all the resting or sleeping in faith to life again.

When it comes to matters of life and death, the world would have us — driven by emotion and selfishness — trust that we know better than God. Death is better than suffering. Death is better than inconvenience. Death is better than an unproductive life.

The fifth commandment drives us to see that loving and protecting our neighbor is loving what God loves. God loves life in His creating work (First Article of the Creed). God's redeeming work through Jesus' death and resurrection (Second Article of the Creed) shows us the depths of His love for us. And God's sanctifying work of the Holy



Spirit through Holy Baptism shows us God's love is seen through the cross, but also through a life of service to others.

Life is a gift. And to make sure all mankind is loved and forgiven, God sent His Son to die our death and give us His holiness. The Gospel is Jesus on the cross for you. We have the joy of serving others so they see Jesus, too.

#### **Commandment Six**

*You shall not commit adultery.*

The sixth commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery." The beautiful gift God protects with the sixth commandment is marriage, family and children. Like all the commandments, anytime there is high emotion, like love, we can quickly believe we know better than God. All sinful mankind is exceptional at justifying our desires driven by our emotions and feelings.

The sixth commandment does not want to stop mankind from enjoying the gifts given in marriage, family and children. Quite the opposite! God's de-

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### Youth attend Higher Things Conference



Nearly 1,000 youth gathered on the campus of Concordia University, Nebraska, July 8-11 for the Higher Things Conference. The theme was “All Things New,” based on God’s declaration and promise in Revelation 21:5.

During the four days of the conference, participants heard presentations about the “Now/Not Yet” aspect of God’s saving work — that right now, even though we can’t yet see it in the midst of sin and death, we can be sure that God will make all things new. The crucified Jesus has been raised from the dead, and what God did for Jesus He will one day do for His whole creation. In addition to the plenary sessions, the youth attended breakout sessions exploring topics including the book of Revelation; living with suffering, anxiety and depression; and how the life and practices of the martyrs can encourage us in faith and life.

Rev. David Warner, pastor of Our Redeemer, Custer, and Our Savior, Hill City, led a breakout session titled, “Eternity Now.” Attendees not only learned about God’s promise and work to make all things new, they also participated in it through daily worship, in which they received the victory of Jesus’ death and resurrection in the promises of forgiveness, life and salvation in Word and Sacrament.

Abram Edwards, a member of Our Redeemer, Rapid City, said, “It was pretty cool and really powerful to hear that many voices sing together in worship.”

In attendance from the South Dakota District were groups from St. Paul, Spearfish; Our Redeemer, Custer; and Our Redeemer, Rapid City.

For more information, visit [higherthings.org](http://higherthings.org).

## LAW

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sire through the Law is to help us enjoy these wonderful gifts the way God designed them.

Martin Luther is quick to notice this in the way he starts off, “What does this mean?” He writes: “We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do...”

The first and the sixth commandments are the only commandments in which Dr. Luther does not include the prohibition, “so that we do not.” The sixth com-

mandment and all its gifts were given to man and woman before sin distorted everything. Marriage between one man and one woman precedes mankind’s fall into sin. So, God’s gifts in marriage are pure and good and enjoyable — when enjoyed as they were intended.

The Law is good. The commandments are good because they help us to see the true gifts God intends to give us.

In my next message, we’ll explore the gifts and Gospel in commandments 7 through 10.

Rejoicing in the gifts of God for each of us!

## CALL INFORMATION

### PENDING

*The following are prayerfully considering calls:*

**Rev. Greg Hinners**, Our Redeemer, Phillip/St. John, Norris/St. Peter, Midland, to Immanuel, Trenton, Mo., Aug. 18.

**Rev. Dan Grimmer**, Zion, Mitchell, to Immanuel, Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 9.

**Rev. David Lindenberg**, Peace, Rapid City, to Trinity, Fredericktown, Mo., and Zion, Gravelton, Mo., Aug. 7.

### ACCEPTED

**Rev. David Strable**, Trinity, Blunt/Holy Cross, Onida/Immanuel, Harrold, to St. Peter’s, Morrison, Ill., Aug. 6. Pastor Strable declined a previous call to First, Phillipsburg, Kan.

### VACANCIES

- Blessed Redeemer, Brandon
- St. Peter, Wentworth
- Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk (*senior pastor*)
- Concordia, Cresbard/Immanuel, Wecota
- St. Paul, Plankinton/Trinity, White Lake
- Memorial, Sioux Falls (*senior pastor*)
- St. John, Wagner/Trinity, Fairfax
- St. Paul, Freeman
- Mount Calvary, Huron

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**Rev. Timothy Schleusener** was ordained and installed as pastor of Zion, Canistota, and St. John's, Montrose, on July 27. Pastor Schleusener is a recent graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Pictured are, from left, Revs. Al Althoff, Joshua Mork, Wayne Bernau, Matthew Bless, Thomas Christopher, Kurt Laskowsky, Dr. Nabil Nour, Timothy Schleusener, Dr. Chris Ascher, Matthew Wurm, Don McKillop, Brian Mosemann and Phillip Hofinga.



**Rev. Thomas Mueller** was installed as pastor of Zion, Chamberlain, on Aug. 10. Pastor Mueller and his wife, Bobbie, had previously served Emanuel, Sisseton, and Zion, Waubay. Pictured are, from left (front) Revs. David Otten, Thomas Mueller, Randy Sturzenbecher, Mark Mischnick; (middle) David Strable, Thomas Penrod, Wade Meyer, Greg Hinnert, Ray Greenseth; (back) Marcus Ring, Wade Harr (crucifer) and Don McKillop.



## Our 2025-2027 Mission Grants

By **Cathy VandeBraak**,  
VP of Gospel Outreach

**R**esources are currently being created to promote the 33 national Mission Grants that were approved for the 2025-2027 Biennium. The grants, along with a record mission goal of \$2,622,270, were approved at the 41st Biennial Lutheran Women in Mission Convention in Omaha, Neb., in June. The resources will be posted soon. You can learn more about each grant at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants).

Our mites are mighty!

### 2025–2027 Mission Grants

1. LERT Shower Trailers, LCMS Disaster Response – \$81,500
2. Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons, Orphan Grain Train, Europe – \$100,000
3. Portable Laundry Trailer, Forged by Fire – \$100,700
4. The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education – \$100,000
5. Growing Together to Share Braille and Large Print, Lutheran Braille Workers – \$100,000
6. Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients, Phil's Friends – \$100,000
7. Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers, A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wis. – \$75,000
8. Building a Place of Care, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota – \$60,000
9. Introducing Muslims to the Savior – Lutheran Heritage Foundation – \$100,000
10. Healing Your Heart – Faith-based Child Counseling, Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin – \$100,000
11. NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis, Lutheran Family Service, Iowa – \$92,500
12. Gospel Outreach through the Digital Mission Field, Lutheran Hour Ministries – \$100,000
13. Reaching God's Children in Haiti, Trinity HOPE – \$61,782
14. Reaching Jewish People with the Gospel in Israel, The Apple of His Eye Mission Society – \$100,000
15. Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA, Concordia Publishing House – \$125,000
16. The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa, Project: Pastoral Education West Africa – \$86,000
17. Mobilizing After School Care for Teens, Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Neb. – \$69,500
18. Scholarships to Support International Deaconesses in Tanzania, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne – \$100,000
19. Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber, LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic – \$10,000
20. Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry, LCMS Office of National Mission – \$84,500
21. Shining a Bright Gospel Light, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Mobile, Ala. – \$78,675
22. Redeeming Life New Moms and Babies Transition Home, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Illinois – \$100,000
23. Sharing Faith and Food with Single Mothers, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kan. – \$38,800
24. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Arizona – \$100,000
25. Pastoral Wellness: Pastor Family Week, Camp Linn Haven, North Carolina – \$15,000
26. Developing Capable Christian High School Leaders, Sioux Falls Lutheran School, S.D. – \$100,000
27. Teaching Christ to the Physically Handicapped, Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans – \$12,000
28. Mission Opportunities for a New Generation, MOST Ministries – \$50,000
29. Sharing God's Love and Changing Lives of Families, Camp Restore Detroit – \$81,313
30. Increasing Access to Lutheran Counseling Services, Concordia Counseling, Indiana – \$100,000
31. Speaking Truth Around the Table, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – \$75,000
32. Proclaiming Christ in Honduras, Mision Evangelica Luterana Confesional en Honduras – \$25,000
33. Reaching Out with God's Love in a Safe Place, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb. – \$100,000



**Pictured are Heavenlight Mono (left) and Victoria Kiula, who serve as deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Through an LWML Mission Grant (#18), they are enrolled in the distance deaconess studies program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.**

### Moments with Mary Jo



**Mary Jo Stier**  
LWML District  
President

## Praying through grief

As many of you are aware, my world came crashing down on July 29 when my husband died unexpectedly. I look back to then and wish time would have stopped before that date, but I know that time doesn't stop. Even in the face of death, other lives, including mine, continue through the grace of God.

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind for my family. There have been many tears shed and a searching for a "new normal." Each day I

look for the little signs that show me that things are going to be OK.

The first sign I saw was a full rainbow with all its beautiful colors shining over a freshly cut wheat field the day before I laid my husband to rest. What an awesome sight it was.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the words of comfort, the tears shed with me and the grace shown to me. While my heart aches, I have the comfort of knowing that my best friend and husband is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior and one day I will see him again.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**PREDICTABLE.  
RELIABLE.  
CERTAIN.**

I always look forward to October. As I write this, it is the beginning of August. Today's high will be in the 90s, and tomorrow's will be in the 100s. I don't much care for that kind of heat. But October is coming, bringing with it cooler temperatures, harvests and a routine sense of things that have a certain comfort.

Of course, this is South Dakota, and you may be reading this during a snowstorm, or during a heat wave. I can't tell the future, but I do know that Reformation Day will be Oct. 31. That comes predictably every year, and every year we hear predictably the same message: We are saved from our sins, from death and the power of the devil, not by gold or silver, but by the holy precious blood of Jesus, the Son of God. We are saved by this grace of God through faith in this act of God on our behalf. This message is predictably going to come from pulpits throughout our district. It is predictable. It is reliable. It is certain.

Yet that does not diminish the sweetness of that Gospel does it? In fact, it may be even sweeter because of its predictability, reliability and certainty.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. **ROMANS 11:29**

"What about my sins against God's holy and righteous Law?" you ask.



**Rev. Christopher McCarthy**  
LWML District Counselor

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **ROMANS 5:8**

"What about the death of my loved one? We weren't ready!"

"I am the Resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." **JOHN 11:25**

"What about the evil one, prowling like a lion, causing so much evil and corruption in our world, in my family, in my church?"

"...the ruler of this world is judged." **JOHN 16:11**

See, there are many things that change in this world and in our lives. Good relationships grow cold. Family members die, others are born. You finally cease struggling with one sin, only for another struggle with sin to flare up. It might be cold in October, it might be 100 degrees.

But there is one thing certain in all our lives: the objective and historical truth of Christ, the Son of God, born in human flesh, who lived the perfect life in our stead, died the sinner's death in our place, rose from the dead to bring new life, ascended into heaven to intercede for sinners and is returning in glory to bring with Him all His people to their heavenly home.

This God-Man's work was applied to your credit in your Baptism into Him. It was and is pronounced on you in the Absolution. It was and is received by you in His Supper. This Good News for your life is predictable. It is reliable. It is certain that "Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Amen.

## History reports due Nov. 1

By Lurene M. Denke

LWML District Archivist/Historian

When we lose a loved one to the Lord, we end up sorting their treasures on earth. If a loved one was a member of an organization, he or she may have items that does not mean anything to you, but would mean a lot to the organization. Consider asking members of that organization if any of your loved one's memorabilia would be of value to them.

Did your loved one collect convention pins, books or jewelry? Case in point: I lost my first convention charm in 1985 somewhere in our church. A member of our church, a fellow LWML member with whom I had attended that first convention, found out I had lost my pin. She gave me hers.

They say photos are as good as the names to go with them, so don't neglect the importance of labeling pictures.

Reports from conventions and other events can be important. They can indicate who attended events and who to contact if someone has questions.

I learned at my history meeting to have a contingency plan to catalogue items on a computer and back up those files. A shout out to our webmaster, who puts items of importance on the computer for fast reference. You can also back up a catalogue of items with paper copies, stored in banker boxes by year.

Thanks for keeping history alive and sharing your reports with me by Nov. 1. You are special to me and others in our organization.

## Aberdeen Zone update

By Betty Ochsner

Aberdeen Zone President

Our spring Christian Workshop was held on April 12, hosted by the ladies of St. John's, Britton. Rev. Robert Moeller, St. John's pastor, spoke on the topic, "Counting on Faith: The Significance of Numbers in Scripture." Rev. Jacob Smith, assistant pastor of St. Paul's, Aberdeen, gave the opening and closing devotions, focusing on grey hair — an entertaining and appropriate topic for our group of ladies.

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‘Loving on little ones’

# Fostering children, even in the midst of sorrow

By Rev. Ryan Drevlow

Life Coordinator, South Dakota District

Matthew and Rebecca Thorn are friends of mine and members of Our Redeemer, Sioux Falls. They have a beautiful story of supporting life.

They tragically lost their son, Henry, to cancer on his birthday in 2021. Over time, Rebecca and Matthew became Treatment Foster Care parents. They foster kids who have difficult medical conditions or who are born prematurely and face difficulties due to the level of care they need and the level of care the parents can provide.

Rebecca graciously shares her story for this month's Lutherans For Life installment:

After God answered my pleas for Henry's healing and my petitions for his life with a sharp "no," I struggled with the questions: What is the point of living? What does God want from me? I concluded that we as humans were created to serve God, worship Him and spread the Gospel.

But how do we do that? I have a terrible singing voice and was never very good musically, so musical worship was out. I am not meant for the mission field. I'm far too introverted and shy to go knocking on doors, spreading the Good News or inviting people to church. I'm not wealthy, so philanthropy is out of the question. I am a busy, full-time working mom of three earthly dwelling children (and one heavenly dwelling child), so I don't have time to volunteer.

But God granted me the most precious gifts of all, which have been my children. I can't do anything that takes time and attention away from raising them in Christ.

Having worked in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for the past 17 years as a registered nurse, I identified a need for infants with *in utero* drug exposure to have a safe, nurturing and



loving place to go, especially in their early years as they develop and grow. I love and have always loved babies and children. To me, the more the merrier. It is nothing for me to shlep around a baby or, as it turned out, an extra two babies while raising my own children and caring out the tasks of daily living.

I believe that God grants each of us certain talents and abilities and that if we use these talents to serve Him, we will find true joy. God blessed me with an abundance of patience for tiny people and the ability to quickly identify their needs and wants based on their sometimes-subtle cues.

Enter our foster babies! Lucky for me, I have a loving and devoted husband who is always willing to put up with my shenanigans.

I lived for over three years with such overwhelming grief and sorrow (after the death of our son). While the pain remains, my soul has been challenged to keep on loving on little lives who have no one else to love them. The darkness

is slowly fading. Adding more chaos to an already chaotic household has at times been overwhelming, but God provides me the strength to thrive each day.

When we started our foster journey, we had no intention of adopting. Our goal has always been to bridge the gap between hospital and rehabilitation or kinship placement, and to help mentor families to be successful. But then God gave us Elinor, an 11-month-old girl with an ostomy and Down syndrome, who has lived with us since she left the NICU at 2.5 months in late 2024. She needed medical placement and found the perfect place to go with an NICU-nurse foster mom. Through Elinor, we realize that God's intentions for our future are often more than we could ever anticipate. What a blessing it is to be granted His most precious gifts!

Fostering has been a blessing to our entire family. It has helped me teach my children to put others before

themselves, and that not everyone has a loving home with two parents who can provide them with everything they need. Fostering has provided the opportunity to teach my children the devastating effects drug abuse can have on people's lives, and that there are consequences for people's actions that affect more than just themselves.

Fostering has enriched our lives in so many ways and provided endless hope and healing.

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people, we are called to support life of all kinds, at all stages. There is no age or ability that makes life less valuable.

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If you want more information on treatment foster care please contact me at [pastordrevlow@gmail.com](mailto:pastordrevlow@gmail.com).

Rev. Drevlow also serves as senior pastor of St. Paul's, Aberdeen.

## LFS offers hope and healing

By Jason Rensner

Associate Pastor, Faith, Sioux Falls

How many of you remember a television show that ran from 1998 to 2000 called *Sports Night*? It was about a daily sports news program and the cast of characters that produced and anchored the show. It was probably based on a show like ESPN's *SportsCenter*.

Why do I ask? Back at that time, *TV Guide* ranked it among the top shows that were "Canceled Too Soon." Another TV critic described *Sports Night* as "the best show that no one is watching."

If you are not familiar with this show you have missed something very clever and entertaining.

A monthly presentation by Dr. Mark Vande Braak from Lutheran Family Service is an event that, like *Sports Night*, you can't know what you're missing until you experience it.

Each month since August 2024, Dr. Vande Braak has led interactive Zoom



Dr. Mark Vande Braak

calls on topics that are connected to grief. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share their own experiences with the grief topic at hand. Topics have included loss of a parent, sibling, grandparent, child, or spouse; miscarriage and stillbirth; suicide; and voluntary death.

Upcoming sessions are:

**Oct. 15**—Loss of child through voluntary adoption placement

**Nov. 19**—Loss of a job/home/life stability

As someone who has attended every

session and who will continue to be involved, I can assure you that if you have not yet taken advantage of these monthly Zoom sessions you are missing out on something very valuable and more than worth the time. Even if you have not experienced a specific aspect of loss being discussed, Dr. Vande Braak's sessions show us how to minister to people who have experienced such loss.

You can learn more or register for sessions through Lutheran Family Service's grief support page at [lutheranfamilyservice.org/drmarkseries](https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/drmarkseries).

Dr. Vande Braak brings over 30 years of experience and a unique approach that blends education, faith and short-term support to the issue of grief. He is based in Sioux Falls but offers telehealth services nationwide. He is ready to walk with you through whatever grief you are experiencing.

Along with the issue of grief, Lutheran Family Service (LFS) offers a wide range of counseling services from a Christian perspective that are invaluable and highly recommended. I have known many people who have been blessed with the counseling offered through LFS. They are ready and willing to walk with you!

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The ladies of St. Paul's, Aberdeen, have been busy making quilts. The group meets every Thursday to cut, design, sew, put together and tie quilts. We also have coffee and fellowship. We donate the quilts to Avera cancer care and dialysis patients; Journey Home (homeless shelter), Safe Harbor (women's shelter), Orphan Grain Train and others in need.

We also give our quilts to all the confirmands each year and to all the babies who are baptized in our church.



**DCE Joshua Schmitt** is pictured leading a session at the LCMS Youth Gathering, titled "Enduring Our Corruption: An Understanding of Original Sin." DCE Schmitt serves at St. John's, Yankton. The gathering was held July 19–23 in New Orleans; the next gathering will be held July 3–7, 2028, in San Antonio.



### Welcome Vicar Moore!



Zion, Mitchell, welcomed Vicar Joe Moore, his wife Maggie, and their daughter, Evie, with a picnic following his installation on Aug. 3. Vicar Moore is a student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and will serve Zion for the 2025–2026 academic year. As a vicar, he will continue to develop the skills and habits of a pastor through preaching, teaching and care work in the congregation, before returning to seminary for his final year of study. Vicar Moore will serve under the supervision of Rev. Dan Grimmer, Zion pastor.



### Request a book from LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Does your church or school have those whose first language isn't English? Why not share a Lutheran book about Jesus with them in their heart language? Get free resources from Lutheran Heritage Foundation, including children's Bible storybooks and Luther's Small Catechism in more than 180 languages! Visit [lhfmissons.org](http://lhfmissons.org) for more information.

### In memoriam

#### Rev. Dr. Dale Sattgast • 1949-2025

Rev. Dr. Dale L. Sattgast, longtime pastor, beloved friend and former South Dakota District president, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Aug. 1. Friends and family gathered at Mount Calvary, Huron, on Aug. 9, to mourn his passing and give God thanks for His faithful servant.

Pastor Sattgast was born in Payette, Idaho, on July 12, 1949, to Herman and Dorothy Sattgast. He became a child of God and a lifelong LCMS member when he was baptized on Aug. 28, 1949. He grew up and worked hard on the family dairy farm near New Plymouth, Idaho. He joined the U.S. Navy right after high school and, after specialized training, became the youngest air traffic controller serving at that time.

After military service, he earned an associate of Arts degree at Concordia College, Portland, Ore. There, he met Deborah Heins, and they were married in 1974.

Dale earned a Bachelor of Arts at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., and a Master of Divinity at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He served as a vicar in Flint, Mich.

Pastor Sattgast's first call was to the dual parish of Zion, Canistota, and St. John's, Montrose, where he was ordained in 1980. He then accepted a call to a mission congregation in Albuquerque, N.M., and served there from 1984 to 1987. He accepted a call back to South Dakota — Mount Calvary, Huron — where he served as senior pastor for 19 years.

In 2006, he was elected as South Dakota District president, and he continued as a faithful shepherd in that role for nine years (three terms). During that time, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn. After retiring, he continued to assist where needed in multiple congregations.

Throughout his life, Pastor Sattgast was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, camping and gardening.

Pastor Sattgast is survived by his wife, Deborah; their children, Rachel (Robert) Lail of Spokane, Wash.; Mark (Amanda) Sattgast of West Lafayette, Ind.; and Joel (Laura) Sattgast of Spokane, Wash.; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by three older sisters, Vera, Verna and Donna (Bill), and his younger brother, John (Debbie), and his sisters-and brothers-in-law, Claudia, Steven (Eileen), Joanne (David) and Susan, in addition to many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family prefers memorials in lieu of flowers. Memorials given to the family will be designated for a scholarship in Pastor Sattgast's memory for a Concordia seminary or university.

The South Dakota District is grateful for Pastor Sattgast's 45 years of faithful ministry as a pastor and district president. In all he did, he always pointed people to Christ. The memorial service can be watched at [mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream](http://mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream).

