

DISTRICT UPDATE



ST. PAUL-PEACHTREE CITY, GA, celebrated confirmation Sunday recently. The eight youth represented the largest confirmation class in St. Paul's 10-year history. Shown here are (l-r) Kate West, Leigh Karas, Becky Schuler, Carl Eifert, Youth Minister Cory Smith, Senior Pastor Daniel Schepmann, Mark Pinkepank, Shauna Robertson, Morgan Brown and Alex Deters. □



40 TAKEN INTO MEMBERSHIP — October 8 was new member Sunday at Trinity Lutheran-Summerfield, FL. Welcomed to parish membership that day were 40 people, including three who joined through the Rite of Confirmation and the rest through Profession of Faith or transfers from other churches. One child was baptized. The celebration continued after the 10:30 a.m. service with a potluck dinner. New members introduced themselves and congregational officers and chairmen of the various committees gave a short description of their positions on the church council. Trinity Church will begin a three-service schedule in November, with worship each Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday School and Bible study will begin at 9:30 am. This schedule will continue through Easter. □



PRINCE OF PEACE-Orlando welcomed 17 new members to its Spanish service on October 1. Those new members are shown here with Rev. Adolfo Borges, who leads the Spanish ministry at Prince of Peace. □

GRACE-WINTER HAVEN, FL, celebrated its workers on August 6—welcoming a new associate pastor and honoring those who have faithfully served over the years. Rev. Charles T. Reich as installed as Grace's Associate Pastor during an afternoon worship service. Among those attending were (front, l-r) Vicar Tim Ahlman; Rev. Ron Pennekamp; Rev. Dennis Goff; Rev. Norman Springer; Rev. John Koczman; Rev. Charles Reich; Florida-Georgia District President Rev. Dr. Gerhard Michael; Rev. Bill Weis; Rev. Tom Block; Rev. Anthony Douches; (back, l-r) Rev. Karl Thiele; Rev. Ray Malotky; Rev. Dean Pfeffer; Rev. Dr. David Bernthal; and Rev. Dr. John Glamann. Bernthal was recognized for his 35 years in the pastoral ministry. Also honored for their service were (front, l-r) teacher Janice Peterson, 10 years; teacher Irmgard Hendrick, 20 years; school office staffer Twila Beymer, 25 years; teacher Bonnie Seckel, 15 years; (back, l-r) teacher Howard Neitsch, 35 years; and Director of Music Gregg Brukaradt, 15 years. □



Messiah-Tampa Preschool Earns Accreditation

Messiah Lutheran Preschool-Tampa, FL, has earned its Florida-Georgia District and National Lutheran School accreditations.

Mark Brink, Florida-Georgia Executive Director for Lutheran Schools, presented the Certificate of Accreditation from the District and the National Lutheran School Accreditation Committee to Jody Schweichler, Director of Messiah's Preschool during a recent visit.

Accreditation is an in-depth, ongoing process of self evaluation, improvement and

recognition based on rigorous national standards. The accreditation status continues for seven years, with successful completion of annual renewal surveys.

The accreditation of Messiah's Preschool "was the culmination of many months of planning, hard work and prayers," said Schweichler. "Messiah Lutheran Preschool is not only fully accredited, it is also a VPK Provider."

The school has been serving the Carrollwood community since 1987, and currently has an enrollment capacity of 66 students.

"As a Christ-centered educational ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church, Messiah Preschool in partnership with families provides the building blocks for the spiritual, physi-

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CAPSULES

by Rev. Gerhard Michael Jr.
President, Florida-Georgia District

Calling Congregations

Pastor
Athens GA Trinity
Augusta GA Our Redeemer
Brooksville FL Christ
Cape Coral FL Trinity
Cartersville GA Savior of All
Clewiston FL Faith
Gainesville FL Abiding Savior
Hialeah FL St. Andrew's
LaBelle FL Christ the King
North Miami FL Holy Cross
North Palm Beach FL Faith
Savannah GA Trinity
Stockbridge GA Lord of Life
Tallahassee FL Epiphany

Senior Pastor
Atlanta GA Rivercliff

Mission Developer
North Dade County (Miami Shores FL) Redeemer
Oxford FL Mission Planter

Principal/Administrator
Fort Myers FL Zion
Holly Hill FL Trinity
Merritt Island FL Faith
Naples FL Christ Community
Orlando FL Prince of Peace
Orlando FL Trinity

DCE/DCO/Music

Orlando FL Prince of Peace
St. Petersburg FL Grace
Warner Robins GA Mt. Calvary
Winter Haven FL Grace

Calls Extended

Savior of All-Cartersville GA, extended a call to Rev. Michael G. Zwemke, Trinity- Albany GA, as pastor.
Holy Cross-North Miami FL, extended a call to Rev. Paul Dancy, Armada MI, as pastor.

Calls Accepted

Rev. Khampeuy Munnicha, Southeast Asia Lutheran Church-Riverdale GA, accepted the call from Holy Cross-Riverdale GA.

Calls Declined

Rev. Dr. Rodger Meyer, Woodstock GA, declined the call from Living Hope-Kennesaw GA.
Rev. Nathan Kuhlman, Prince of Peace-Carrollton TX, declined the call from Grace- Winter Haven FL.
Rev. John Burger, St. Paul-Utica, NE, declined the call from Lord of Life-Stockbridge GA.

Transferred from Other Districts

Rev. Daniel G. Brammeier from Southeastern
Rev. Geary F. Bird from Southeastern
Mr. John D. Goetz from Minnesota South
Mr. Roy W. Heflin from Texas

Transferred to Other Districts

Mr. Darren D. Hansen to Pacific Southwest
Mrs. Lori V. Hansen to Pacific Southwest

Commissioned Minister Assignments

Ms. Candice Bicondoa - Concordia-St. Paul MN - St. Mark's-Hollywood FL
Ms. Meredith M. Halfmann - Concordia-Ann Arbor MI - Woodlands-Montverde FL

Church Triumphant

Rev. Richard Y. Roseman, Tavernier FL, October 5, 2006.