

## Grace Welcomes New Pastor

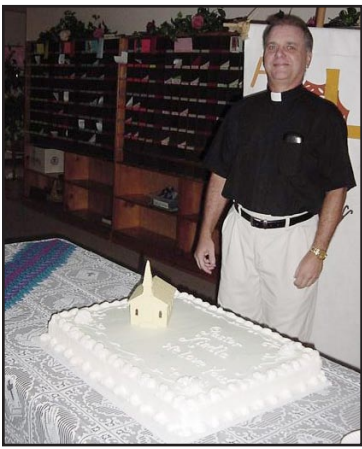
Rev. David E. Nabinger was ordained and installed as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church-Arcadia, FL, during an afternoon service on July 9. Rev. Dr. Randy Winkel, Sarasota Circuit Counselor, officiated at the service. Rev. Jon Zehnder, pastor of St. Michael-Fort Myers, was the guest preacher.

Nabinger was called to serve Grace after graduating in May from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN, with a master of divinity degree. □



Pastors participating in the service included (left to right) Allen Strefling; Dan Fulmer, Shepherd's Creek-Bradenton; Rev. Dr. Randy Winkel, Lakeside-Venice; Rev. Theodore Hanus, retired; Rev. David Nabinger, Grace-Arcadia; Rev. Robert Hinz, Bradenton; Rev. Jon Zehnder, St. Michael-Fort Myers; and Rev. Kenneth Redmann, Lutheran Church of the Cross-Port Charlotte.

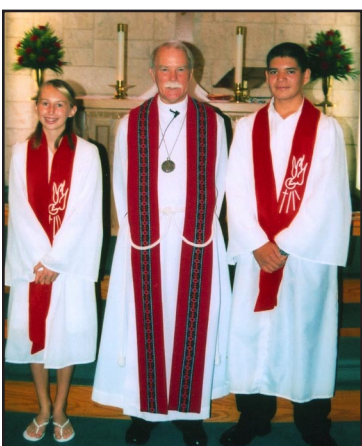
**FAITH-SEBRING CELEBRATES** — Rev. Gary Kindle recently completed his first year as pastor of Faith and was honored by congregation members with a reception. Kindle was ordained



and installed as Faith's pastor in July of 2005. The Chicago native graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1973 with a BS degree in Education. After becoming a draftsman, land surveyor and construction inspector for a civil engineering firm, Kindle was led to enter the ministry. He completed his vicarage at St. John-Hannibal MO in 2004 and graduated from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis in May 2005. □



**THE 2006 CONFIRMATION** class at Beautiful Savior-Sarasota, FL, included six young people. After two years of study, they were confirmed on Sunday, April 9. Lindsey Jones, one of the confirmands, was baptized prior to her confirmation. Her sponsors were fellow confirmands. Shown here with Beautiful Savior Pastor Rossetter Leavitt are confirmands (left to right) Tyler Conway, Jessica Price, Lindsey Jones, Casey Najjan, Zachary Pumphrey and Sean Sattanno. Beautiful Savior member Donna Thomas made the special commemorative banners for each confirmand. □



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer-Vero Beach, FL, was June 4. Affirming their faith that day were Andrea Splendoria and Matthew Melendez, shown here with Pastor Robert C. Weikert. □

## DCE Michelle Pitts Installed

Michelle Pitts was installed as Director of Christian Education for Trinity Lutheran-Savannah, GA, on Sunday, July 30.

She was installed by Rev. Victor Belton, pastor of her home church of Peace-Decatur, GA. Rev. David Brighton, Senior Pastor of Mt. Calvary-Warner Robins and East Georgia Circuit Counselor, was the guest preacher.

Serving as lectors were Mark Waltz, who chaired Trinity's DCE call committee, and Rev. Don Lunick, the congregation's pastor emeritus. Rev. Bob Besalski, who is serving Trinity as interim pastor, was the liturgist.

Previously Pitts served at First Good Shepherd-Las Vegas, NV; Peace-Decatur; and Mt. Calvary-Milwaukee, WI, as Director of Christian Outreach.

A native of Cleveland, OH, Pitts was raised in Ellenwood, GA. The youngest daughter of the late Joseph and Claudette Pitts, she has two sisters and one brother.

Pitts worked in the Dekalb County School System before attending Concordia University-St. Paul to begin her studies as a

director of Christian education. She served at St. Michael's Lutheran-Bloomington, MN, while in school.

Pitts completed her pre-internship at Our Savior-Orlando. She has traveled to Nigeria and Israel under the supervision of Concordia President Robert Holst. □



## 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  
Cumming GA .....Living Faith  
Ft. Lauderdale .....Trinity  
Gainesville FL .....Abiding Savior  
Hialeah FL ..... St. Andrew's  
LaBelle FL ..... Christ the King  
North Miami FL .....Holy Cross  
North Palm Beach FL ..... Faith  
Riverdale GA .....Holy Cross  
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

### Principal/Administrator

Orlando FL ..... Prince of Peace  
Orlando FL .....Trinity  
St. Petersburg FL..... Grace

### DCE/DCO

St. Petersburg, FL ..... Grace  
Winter Haven, FL ..... Grace

### Calls Extended

Our Savior-St. Petersburg FL, extended a call to Rev. Paul Burtzloff, St. Paul-Westlake OH, as Sr. Pastor.  
Living Faith-Cumming GA, extended a call to Rev. John R. Jones, Rivercliff-Atlanta GA, as pastor.  
Christ the King-LaBelle FL, extended a call to Rev. Matthew G. Prince, Board for Mission Services, Puerto Rico, as pastor.

Holy Cross-Riverdale GA, extended a call to Rev. Khamphuey Munnicha, Southeast Asia Lutheran Church-Riverdale GA, as pastor.  
Living Faith-Cumming GA, extended a call to Rev. Timothy Droegemueller, Jacksonville FL, as pastor.

St. Mark's-Hollywood FL, extended a call to Jerry L. Hoyum, Holy Cross-Dallas TX as teacher/Minister of Music.  
St. Mark's-Hollywood FL, extended a call to Lynette M. Hoyum, Holy Cross-Dallas TX as Music Teacher/Director of Worship Ministries.

Trinity-Orlando FL, extended a call to Mrs. Heidi Dancy, Macomb MI, as teacher.

St. Mark's-Hollywood FL, extended a call to Joy Reitsma as teacher.

### Calls Received

Rev. Alan Sielk, St. Paul-Miami FL, received a call from St. Paul-Melrose Park IL, as Sr. Pastor.

Rev. Marc Kappel, St. Peter's-Middleburg FL, received a call as missionary at large to Las Vegas NV.

Ms. Cheryl L. Honoree, St. Mark's-Hollywood FL, received a call from Zion-Waldenburg AR, as principal/teacher.

Mr. Benjamin P. Cooper, Orlando Lutheran Academy-Orlando FL, received a call from Harford Lutheran School-Belair MD, as teacher.

### Calls Accepted

Rev. Daniel G. Brammeier, Chapel Hill NC, accepted the call from Immanuel-Brandon FL.

Rev. Paul Burtzloff, St. Paul-Westlake OH, accepted the call from Our Savior-St. Petersburg FL.

Mr. David Geidel, Loveland CO, accepted the call from Immanuel-Brandon FL.

Mrs. Heidi Dancy, Macomb MI, accepted the call from Trinity-Orlando FL.

Mr. Edward Mora, Crossbridge Community Church-Austin TX, accepted the call from Living Hope-Kennesaw GA.

Ms. Cheryl L. Honoree, St. Mark's-Hollywood FL, accepted the call from Zion-Waldenburg AR.

Mr. Benjamin P. Cooper, Orlando Lutheran Academy-Orlando FL, accepted the call from Harford Lutheran School-Belair MD, as teacher.

### Calls Declined

Rev. Matthew G. Prince, Board for Mission Services, Puerto Rico, declined the call from Christ the King-LaBelle FL.

Rev. John R. Jones, Rivercliff-Atlanta GA, declined the call to Living Faith-Cumming GA.

Rev. Alan Sielk, St. Paul-Miami FL, declined the call to St. Paul-Melrose Park IL.

Rev. Marc Kappel, St. Peter's-Middleburg FL, declined the call as missionary at large to Las Vegas NV.

Mr. Nicolas Utech, Shepherd of the Coast-Fort Lauderdale FL, declined the call from Faith-Marietta GA.

Mr. Robert Jacklin, Immanuel-Wentzville MO, declined the call from Faith-Marietta GA.

### Transferred from Other Districts

Mr. David Geidel from Rocky Mountain  
Mr. Gene R. Freitag from Michigan  
Miss Alicia Wilkie from Ohio

### Transferred to Other Districts

Rev. Scott E. Heitshusen to Texas  
Rev. Robert C. Wittler to Atlantic  
Ms. Wendy Pritchard to Northern Illinois  
Ms. Aimee C. Brown to Southeastern  
Ms. Cheryl L. Honoree to Mid-South  
Mr. Benjamin P. Cooper to Southeastern

### Candidate Assignments

Steven D. Schave - Fort Wayne IN - Mission-Perry GA  
Andrew B. Ross - St. Louis MO - Grace-St. Petersburg FL  
Erich Eichinger - St. Louis MO - Faith-Eustis FL  
David Nabinger - Fort Wayne IN - Grace-Arcadia FL  
Vincent Putnam - St. Louis MO - Trinity-Delray Beach FL

### Vicarage Assignments

Jacob Hower - St. Louis MO - St. Paul-Boca Raton FL  
Timothy Ahlmann - St. Louis MO - Grace-Winter Haven FL  
Landon Ledlow - St. Louis MO - First-Gainesville FL  
Aaron Neugebauer - St. Louis MO - Christ the King-Largo FL  
Justin Laughridge - St. Louis MO - Mount Calvary-Warner Robins GA  
Bafel Paul Deng - St. Louis MO (EIT) - Sudanese Ev.-Decatur GA

### Commissioned Minister Assignments

Mr. Timothy Richter - Seward NE - Christ-Brooksville FL

### Resignation

Mrs. Norma J. Halfmann from Holy Trinity, Tampa FL.  
Mrs. Sarah A. Wesche, Blairsville GA.

### Emeritus

Rev. Stephen E. Schroeder, Savannah GA.  
Rev. Gary D. Bomberger, Ch., Col., USAF, Ret., Spring Hill FL.  
Rev. Theodore R. Hanus, Arcadia FL.  
Rev. Karl J. Dunker, Augusta GA  
Mr. Walter K. Halfmann, Tampa FL