



Church and State!

Church and State Missouri Synod Lutherans! Front (L-R): Rep Thomas Gerhold (St Stephens, Atkins); Rep Samantha Fett (Holy Cross, Carlisle); Mrs Kim Laube (LFS); Sen Jason Schultz (Immanuel, Schleswig); Sen Annette Sweeney (St Paul, Buckeye); Rev Paul Schulz (Zion, Ayrshire, and Trinity, Mallard); Rev Alex Post (Redeemer, Marshalltown). Back (L-R): Sen Kerry Gruenhagen (Risen Christ, Davenport); Rev Paul Egger (IDW); Rev Cory Kroonblawd (St Paul's, Sac City); Treasurer Roby Smith (Trinity, Davenport); Sen Tim Kraayenbrink (St Paul, Fort Dodge).

Our Heavenly Father delighted in us praying together. He provided a nice meal for us together. God loved us as we discussed His gifts of life and education and finances and government and more. Each LCMS government official reported on key legislation concerning us as God's dear children: Religious freedom in public schools; fetal development education in public schools; life at conception; protecting women and unborn children; keeping violent prisoners in prison; property rights. Kim Laube pointed out legislative updates. Revs Schulz and Kroonblawd announced plans for our June 20 March for Life events (9am Matins at Trinity, Des Moines, followed by Speaker Martin Cannon of the Thomas Moore Society, vendor booths and lunch, and then the 1pm Life Rally at the Capitol). CHURCH AND STATE! Pray for and support our LCMS state leaders and all our governmental leaders. May God grant order and peace!

Looking back, additional January blessings. During the month, God enabled me to worship with His people in five of His congregations: Faith, Sioux City; Prince of Peace and St Paul's, Fort Dodge; First English and Christ the King, Spencer. Other January highlights include leading chapel services at four of our Lutheran schools: Iowa Great Lakes, Paullina, Denison and Fort Dodge. Enrollments continue to grow by God's grace as Jesus loves God's children! Our Kapfer symposium committee invited me to lead the opening devotion at our symposium in Carroll. I had numerous zoom meetings and in-person meetings at the district office and out and about. I met with God's people at Prince of Peace and St Paul's Fort Dodge, and also First English Spencer for pastoral pre-call meetings. I returned to our Capitol a second time to represent our district for Pastors' Day on the Hill.

As angels sing,
Pastor Paul Egger