

# **Pacific Southwest District Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod As It Looked July 2, 1930**

## **History of the Pacific Southwest District -Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

Established: July 2, 1930 at Zion Lutheran Church, Anaheim, California as the Southern California District

Pastors: 45

Congregations: 47

Communicant Members: 4,900

Day Schools: 7

Teachers: 16

### **OFFICERS**

#### **President**

Rev. Gotthold H. Smukal, St. John's, Los Angeles

1930 - 1942

#### **Vice Presidents - 1930**

First: Rev. Walter Troeger  
Pilgrim, Santa Monica

Second: Rev. William J. Lankow  
Trinity, San Bernardino

#### **Secretary**

Rev. J. Harry Heiserman, St. Paul's, Pomona

#### **Financial Secretary**

W. G. Dettman, Los Angeles

#### **Treasurer**

P. E. Johannes, First, Long Beach

### **VISITORS**

Los Angeles Circuit, Rev. R. H. Jeske

Foothill Circuit, Rev. W. Lankow

Orange Circuit, Rev. H. G. Schmelzer

San Fernando Circuit, Rev. M. J. Von Der Au

**THE ROLL OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT  
AS OF JULY 2, 1930**

**Voting congregations and Pastors**

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
Alhambra - Emmaus	A. C. Keck	F. C. Kola
Anaheim - Zion	H. Schmelzer	C. Daus
Burbank - First	Vacant: H. Schmitt, supply	No delegate
Covina - St. John	H. C. Michel	G. Dittberner
Escondido - Grace	W. F. Hoffman***	G. Steeve**
Glendale - Zion	Henry O. Kringel	H. Rathe
Hollywood - Bethany	G. Witte	E. C. Amling*
Lancaster - Grace	M. W. Lankow	H. Krieger
Long Beach - First	A. M. Wyneken	F. J. Schinnerer
Los Angeles - Christ	R. Kuehnert**	C. F. Wulfestig
Los Angeles - Emanuel	G. E. Theiss	A. Marguardt**
Los Angeles - Faith	C. Berner	J. T. Hoffman
Los Angeles - Grace	O. W. Wismar*	W. Koepsel
Los Angeles - St. John	G. H. Smukal	W. Reisig
Los Angeles - Trinity	A. E. Michel	F. Lange
Monrovia - First	H. Heinecke	E. Ruhter
Olive - St. Paul	E. H. Kreidt	No delegate
Orange - Immanuel	W. Loretz	H. J. Hinrichs
Orange - St. John	A. C. Bode	F. Bandick
Oxnard - St. John	M. J. Von der Au	No delegate
Pasadena - St. Paul (First)	(Vacant)	W. Pfeiffer
Pomona - St. Paul	J. H. Heiserman	H. C. Warner
Redondo Beach - Immanuel	(Vacant: E. Joesting, supply)	*
Riverside - Immanuel	G. Hillmer	S. Lynch
San Bernardino - Trinity	W. J. Lankow	H. Kosanke
San Diego - Trinity	K. Knippenberg **	F. C. Schroeder
Santa Ana - Trinity	W. Schmoock	H. Faacks
Santa Barbara - Emanuel	W. A. Theiss	D. Lebahn
Santa Monica - Pilgrim	W. F. Troeger	A. J. Troeger
South Gate - Redeemer	H. Gihring	P. M. Long
Van Nuys - First	H. M. Tietjen	H. Bruer
Whittier - Trinity	R. Jeske	F. Thill

**Advisory Pastors and Teachers**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Teachers</b>
E. Joesting	E. Dankworth
J. Andreae***	K. Kuehnert
E. Wachholz**	S. Wiegmann
J. C. Schmidt	J. R. Stenske
H. Fischer	A. W. Schmid
O. Burkhardt	W. Batterman
J. McDavid	J. J. Troester
H. W. Schmitt	P. Hedder
O. Skov	E. T. Pingel
G. H. Ferber	F. F. Hersbt
A. Kaiser**	M. Burkhardt

O. Henkel  
 A. H. Kuntz\*\*  
 T. Wolfram  
 T Schoessow  
 F. W. Hussman - Emeritus

Ernest Rolf - Emeritus

\* Absent all sessions and excused  
 \*\* Absent part time and excused  
 \*\*\* Absent all sessions, no excuse received

## Congregations received into membership during convention

Belvedere Gardens - St. Matthews	H. A. Fischer
Fontana - First	O. Henkel
Holtville - St. Paul's	A. W. Kaiser
Los Angeles - Fifth Avenue	E. T. Coyner
Los Angeles - St. Andrew	B. H. Saager
North Hollywood - First	H. W. Schmidt
San Fernando - First	T. C. Schoessow
San Pedro - Christ	John C. Schmidt
West Hollywood - St. James	T. C. Schoessow
Wilmington - Redeemer	John C. Schmidt

### MISSION STATIONS

Banning - Grace	O. Skov
Corona	G. Hillmer
El Centro	A. W. Kaiser
Hemet - St. John	O. Skov
Olivenhain	W. F. Hoffman

The following stations were temporarily abandoned: Ossdick, El Segundo, Ventura.

### ENGLISH DISTRICT

Culver City, First	1927	Funeral Home, 9453 Culver Blvd.	E. T. Coyner
Highland Park	1923	6310 Aldama St.	W. G. Ruehle
San Diego, Grace	1913	Park Blvd. and Lincoln Ave.	Clarence Damschroeder

### BOARD FOR COLORED MISSION OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles - St. Paul's	1923	666 East 37th Ave.	John McDavid
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## SCHOOLS

### School

Long Beach - First  
 Los Angeles - St. John's  
 Los Angeles - Trinity  
 Olive, St. Paul  
 Orange - Immanuel  
 Orange - St. John  
 San Bernardino - Trinity

### Teachers

M. Burkhardt  
 Jesse R. Stenske, Miss Irene Matthews  
 F. Dankworth (Principal), K. Kuehnert, S. Wiegmann  
 Adolph W. Schmid, Miss Rose Brott  
 E. T. Pingel  
 William Batterman (Principal), Paul Hedder,  
 John Troester, Miss Helen Behrens, and Edith Gorath  
 F. F. Herbst

## District Budget for 1930

General Synod		\$7,805.00
<b>District:</b>		
Home Mission fund	\$17,000.00	
College Maintenance (Oakland)	196.00	
Students' Aid (six students)	778.00	
District Synodical (expense of officials)	500.00	
District Board of Education	100.00	
District Convention Fund	350.00	
District Organization Expenses	250.00	
Contingent Reserve Fund	<u>4,050.00</u>	
 Total District		 <u>\$23,224.00</u>
 Total Budget		 \$31,029.00

Quota - 4,900 Communicant Members, \$6.33\*

\*Information taken from the *Official Proceedings* Book of the Southern California District, 1930.

### Directory of Churches - July 2, 1930

Congregation	Organized	Address	Pastor
Alhambra - Emmaus	1923	3rd and Commonwealth	A. C. Keck
Anaheim - Zion	1903	118 Emily	H. Schmelzer
Belvedere Gardens - St. Matthews	1929	Arboretum Hall, 936 McBride	H. A. Fischer
Burbank - First	1921	SDA Church, 3rd and Angeleno	Vacant: H. Schmitt, supply
Covina - St. John	1911	3rd and Dexter	H. C. Michel
Escondido - Grace	1919	Grand Ave. and Ivy	W. F. Hoffman
Fontana - First	1930	Met in Public School	H. B. Tietjen
Glendale - Zion	1923	E. California and Ivy	H. O. Kringel
Hollywood - Bethany	1914	Sunset and N. Alexandria	G. Witte
Holtville - St. Paul's	1929	Chestnut near Sixth St.	A. W. Kaiser
Lancaster - Grace	1921	14th and Cedar	M. W. Lankow
Long Beach - First	1905	10th and Linden	A. M. Wyneken
Los Angeles - Christ	1905	E. 46th and Hooper	R. Kuehnert
Los Angeles - Emanuel	1906	N. Griffin and Altura	G. E. Theiss
Los Angeles - Faith	1925	310 W 95th St.	C. Berner
Los Angeles - Fifth Avenue	1922	5th Ave. and W. 15th	E. T. Coyner
Los Angeles - Grace	1906	Vernon and Menlo	O. W. Wismar
Los Angeles - St. Andrew	1930	American Legion Hall, 3545 Glenhurst,	B. H. Saager
Los Angeles - St. John	1906	E. 2nd and Dacotah	G. H. Smukal
Los Angeles - Trinity	1882	18th and Cherry	A. E. Michel

Los Angeles - Walther League Hospice, 1923	1210 West 28th St.	
Monrovia - First 1926	329 W. Olive	H. Heinecke
North Hollywood - First 1928	Women's Clubhouse, Vineland Ave.	H. W. Schmidt
Olive - St. Paul 1907	Olive	E. H. Kreidt
Orange - Immanuel 1922	Chapman and Pine	W. Loretz
Orange - St. John 1882	Center and Almond	A. C. Bode
Oxnard - St. John 1900	C and 7th	M. J. Von der Au
Pasadena - St. Paul (First) 1892	379 E Orange Grove	(Vacant)
Pomona - St. Paul 1920	San Antonio and Pasadena	J. H. Heiserman
Redondo Beach - Immanuel 1926	311 Beryl St.	(Vacant: E. Joesting, supply)
Riverside - Immanuel 1912	Orange and 12th	G. Hillmer
San Bernardino - Trinity 1910	6th and Catick	W. J. Lankow
San Diego - Trinity 1901	Ocean View and Dewy	K. Knippenberg
San Fernando - First 1929	San Fernando	T. C. Schoessow?
San Pedro - Christ 1925	SDA Church, 555 W. 12th	John C. Schmidt
Santa Ana - Trinity 1910	E. 6th and Lacey	W. Schmooch
Santa Barbara - Emanuel 1915	326 W. Sola	W. A. Theiss
Santa Monica - Pilgrim 1914	14th and Arizona	Walter F. Troeger
South Gate - Redeemer 1922	2720 Santa Ana	Hugo Gihring
Van Nuys - First 1920	Kittredge and Vesper	H. M. Tietjen
West Hollywood - St. James 1929	Melrose Hall, 7816 Melrose	T. C. Schoessow
Whittier - Trinity 1909	248 S. Pickering	Reno Jeske
Wilmington - Redeemer	Broad Ave. and F	John C. Schmidt

**MISSION STATIONS**

Banning - Grace 1920	Women's Club	O. Skov
Corona - Mission 1924		G. Hillmer
El Centro - Mission Established: 1925		A. W. Kaiser
Hemet - St. John 1928	Public Library Basement	O. Skov
Olivenhain - Mission Established: 1903	Public School	W. F. Hoffman
The following stations were temporarily abandoned: Ossdick, El Segundo, Ventura.		

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Los Angeles - St. Paul's 1923	666 East 37th Ave.	John McDavid
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**Presidents of the District**

**President**

Rev. Gotthold H. Smukal, St. John's, Los Angeles  
1930 - 1942

**President**

Rev. Walter F. Troeger  
1942 - 1948

**President**

Rev. Armand E. Mueller  
1948 -1955

**President**

Rev. Victor L. Behnken  
1955 - 1969

**President**

Dr. Arnold G. Kuntz  
1969- 1985

**President**

Dr. Loren T. Kramer  
1985 - 2000

**President**

Rev. Larry Stoterau  
2000- Present

## CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

Trinity Lutheran Church  
18th and Cherry  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. Arthur E. Michel, Pastor  
Organized: 1882

Trinity Lutheran School  
Los Angeles, California  
Principal: F. Dankworth  
Teachers: Karl Kuehnert, Sigmund Wiegmann  
Established: 1883

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Center and Almond  
Orange, California  
Rev. A. C. Bode, Pastor  
Organized: 1882

St. John's Lutheran School  
Orange, California  
Principal: William Batterman  
Teachers: Paul Hedder, John Troester, Miss Helen Behrens, and Edith Gorath  
Established: 1882

St. Paul (First) Lutheran Church  
379 E Orange Grove  
Pasadena, California  
(Vacant)  
Organized: 1892

St. John Lutheran Church  
C and 7th Oxnard, California  
Rev. M. J. Von der Au, Pastor  
Organized: 1900

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Ocean View and Dewy  
San Diego, California  
Rev. K. Knippenberg, Pastor  
Organized: 1901

Zion Lutheran Church  
118 Emily  
Anaheim, California  
Rev. H. Schmelzer, Pastor  
Organized: 1903

Lutheran Mission Station  
Met in Public School House  
Olivenhain, California  
Rev. W. F. Hoffman, Pastor  
Started: 1903

First (Zion)Lutheran Church  
10th St. and Linden Ave.  
Long Beach, California  
Rev. A. M. Wyneken, Pastor  
Organized: 1905

First Lutheran School  
10th Street  
Long Beach, California  
Teacher: M. J. Burkhardt  
Established: 1910

Christ Lutheran Church  
E. 46th and Hooper  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. Richard Kuehnert, Pastor  
Organized: 1905

Grace Lutheran Church  
Vernon Ave. and Menlo  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. O. W. Wismar, Pastor  
Organized: 1906

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
N. Griffin and Altura  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. G. E. Theiss, Pastor  
Organized: 1906

St. John's Lutheran Church  
E. 2nd and Dacotah  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. Gotthold H. Smukal, Pastor  
Organized: 1906

St. John's Lutheran School  
Los Angeles, California  
Teachers: Jesse R. Stenske, Miss Irene Matthews  
Established: 1913

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Olive, California  
Rev. E. H. Kreidt, Pastor  
Organized: 1907

St. Paul Lutheran School  
Olive, California  
Teachers: Adolph W. Schmid, Miss Rose Brott  
Established: 1908

Trinity Lutheran Church  
248 S. Pickering  
Whittier, California  
Rev. Reno Jeske, Pastor  
Organized: 1909

Trinity Lutheran Church

E. 6th and Lacey  
Santa Ana, California  
Rev. W. Schmooch, Pastor  
Organized: 1910

Trinity Lutheran Church  
6th and Catick  
San Bernardino, California  
Rev. William J. Lankow, Pastor  
Organized: 1910

Trinity Lutheran School  
San Bernardino, California  
Teacher: F. F. Herbst  
Established: 1927

St. John Lutheran Church  
3rd and Dexter  
Covina, California  
Rev. Herbert C. Michel, Pastor  
Organized: 1911

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Orange and 12th  
Riverside, California  
Rev. G. Hillmer, Pastor  
Organized: 1912

Grace Lutheran Church (English District)  
Park Blvd. and Lincoln Ave.  
San Diego, California  
Rev. Clarence Damschroeder, Pastor  
Organized: 1913

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Sunset and N. Alexandria  
Hollywood, California  
Rev. George Witte, Pastor  
Organized: 1914

Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
14th and Arizona  
Santa Monica, California  
Rev. Walter F. Troeger, Pastor  
Organized: 1914

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
326 W. Sola  
Santa Barbara, California  
Rev. W. A. Theiss, Pastor  
Organized: 1915

Grace Lutheran Church  
Grand Ave. and Ivy  
Escondido, California

Rev. W. F. Hoffman, Pastor  
Organized: 1919

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
San Antonio Ave. and Pasadena Ave.  
Pomona, California  
Rev. J. Harry Heiserman, Pastor  
Organized: 1920

First Lutheran Church  
Kittredge and Vesper  
Van Nuys, California  
Rev. Harold M. Tietjen, Pastor  
Organized: 1920

Lutheran Institutional Ministry  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. Edward G. A. Wachholtz, Visiting Pastor  
Organized: 1920

First Lutheran Church  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
3rd and Angeleno  
Burbank, California  
Vacant: Rev. H. Schmitt, Supply Pastor  
Organized: 1921

Grace Lutheran Church  
14th and Cedar  
Lancaster, California  
Rev. Martin W. Lankow, Pastor  
Organized: 1921

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2720 Santa Ana St.  
South Gate, California  
Rev. Hugo Gihring, Pastor  
Organized: 1922

Fifth Avenue Lutheran Church  
5th Ave. and W. 15th  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. E. T. Coyner, Pastor  
Organized: 1922

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Chapman and Pine  
Orange, California  
Rev. W. Loretz, Pastor

Immanuel Lutheran School  
Orange, California  
Teacher: E. T. Pingel  
Established: 1922

Organized: 1922

Highland Park Lutheran Church (English District)

6310 Aldama St.

Los Angeles, California

Rev. W. G. Ruehle, Pastor

Organized: 1923

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Board for Colored Missions)

666 East 37th Ave.

Los Angeles, California

Rev. John McDavid, Pastor

Organized: 1923

Zion Lutheran Church

E. California and Ivy

Glendale, California

Rev. Henry O. Kringel, Pastor

Organized: 1923

Emmaus Lutheran Church

3rd and Commonwealth

Alhambra, California

Organized: 1923

Rev. A. C. Keck

Walther League Hospice

1210 West 28th St.

Los Angeles, California

Organized: 1923

Lutheran Mission Station

Corona, California

Rev. G. Hillmer, Pastor

Organized: 1924

Faith Lutheran Church

310 W 95th St.

Los Angeles, California

Rev. Carl Berner, Pastor

Organized: 1925

Christ Lutheran Church

Seventh Day Adventist Church

555 W. 12th

San Pedro, California

Rev. John C. Schmidt, Pastor

Organized: 1925

First Lutheran Church

329 W. Olive

Monrovia, California

Rev. H. Heinecke, Pastor  
Organized: 1926

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
311 Beryl St.  
Redondo Beach, California  
Vacant: Rev. Edward Joesting, Supply Pastor  
Organized: 1926

First Lutheran Church (English District)  
Funeral Home, 9453 Culver Blvd.  
Culver City, California  
Rev. E. T. Coyner, Pastor  
Organized: 1927

St. John Lutheran Church  
Mission Station  
Hemet Public Library Basement  
Hemet, California  
Rev. Oswald Skov, Pastor  
Organized: 1928

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Chestnut near Sixth St.  
Holtville, California  
Rev. A. W. Kaiser, Pastor  
Organized: 1929

First Lutheran Church  
Hall in the Woolworth Building  
San Fernando Road  
San Fernando, California  
Rev. Theodore C. Schoessow, Sr., Pastor  
Organized: 1929

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Arboretum Hall  
936 McBride  
Belvedere Gardens, California  
Rev. H. A. Fischer, Pastor  
Organized: 1929

St. James Lutheran Church  
Melrose Hall  
7816 Melrose  
West Hollywood, California  
Rev. Theodore C. Schoessow, Sr., Pastor  
Organized: 1929

First Lutheran Church  
Met in Public School  
Fontana, California

Rev. Harold B. Tietjen, Pastor  
Organized: 1930

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
American Legion Hall  
3545 Glenhurst  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. B. H. Saager, Pastor  
Organized: 1930

Lutheran Mission Station  
El Centro, California  
Rev. A. W. Kaiser, Pastor

Grace Lutheran Mission Station  
Banning, California  
Rev. O. Skov, Pastor

**ÒThe Lord Hath Done Great Things For Us, Whereof We Are Glad.Ó**

***SOLI DEO GLORIA!***