

Making the Congregation Connection

Melanie Davis

Melanie Davis is the Chief Development Officer at Lyngblomsten, where she engages more than 700 donors and 1200 volunteers to serve older adults and their families through a spectrum of supportive services and life-enhancing activities, no matter income levels. Davis was previously Corporate Engagement Officer at Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota and Director of Disaster Services at LSS-Minnesota. Davis has a B.A. from Hendrix College, an M.B.A. from Augsburg College, and an Master's in Divinity from Luther Seminary.

Kristen Gay

Kristen Gay is President and CEO of Silver Springs - Martin Luther School, and has devoted most of her professional life to its children and mission. Gay has worked in roles throughout the organization, including: Clinical Intern, Foster Family Care Caseworker, Performance Improvement/Family Resource Services Director, Development Director, and Vice President. Gay has a B.A. from Franklin and Marshall College and an M. Ed. and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She has clinical experience in counseling and has served as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Brady Gurganious

Brady Gurganious works as the Spiritual Life Leader of Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) in Indianapolis, IN. LCFS provides residential mental health treatment for children ages 8-18 and a group home for boys ages 16-21. Brady is a commissioned minister (DCE) of the LCMS. He graduated from Concordia University - Nebraska in 2000. His service to the church has taken him from Healdsburg, CA to Baltimore, MD and back to the crossroads of America.

Sven Schumacher

Sven Schumacher has been Executive Director of Lutheran Child and Family Services since 1998. Schumacher was born in Germany, and after studying to become a social worker, moved to Indianapolis, IN in 1985. He holds degrees from Butler, Indiana and Catholic Universities. He began serving as an Honorary Consul in 2008, and received dual American citizenship in 2012. He recently received The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and is bestowed upon recipients for exceptional services in political, economic, social, and spiritual matters.

Rev. Michael Wilker

The Rev. Michael Wilker is Senior Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation. He leads the congregation to create joyful worship, build community with one another, steward and share our gifts, and invite new people into God's ministries. Before coming



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to Reformation in 2011, Pastor Mike served as the president of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. He previously served bilingual congregations in New York and California. He's a graduate of St. Olaf College and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.