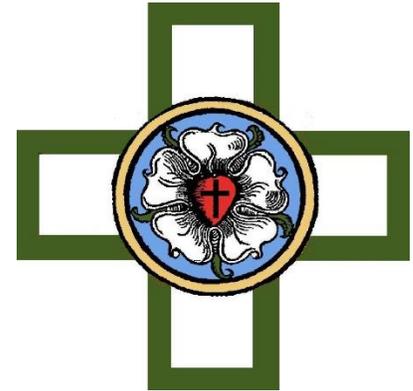




The Lutheran Church - International *and* World Lutheran Parish BULLETIN - August, 2018



A Message from the Archbishop



“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want”

Psalms 23:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I pray that God’s favor and joys have been abundant in your lives this Summer. Our 2018 Annual Synod of the Lutheran Church - International, meeting at First Lutheran Church in Lyons NY, was an opportunity for work and reflection that helped us to experience the strong presence and grace of the Holy Spirit among those who were in attendance. Again, it is so important for the life of the LC-I to try to be at the Annual Synod. It is understood that this may be a significant burden for some, but it is still very important for you and for the LC-I. If you were not able to attend the Annual Synod, please keep in contact with your bishop or with the archbishop’s office. **You** are an important part of the LC-I family!

There were many reasons to be joyful at this 2018 Annual Synod. The Synod began and ended with an expression of optimism and a recognition that the LC-I has a special role within Christ’s universal church. Christ is our true Shepherd and we rejoice in His service.

Through discussions and actions at the Annual Synod, the LC-I reaffirmed our mutual dedication to a life in Christ as evangelical catholics, as a confessional Lutheran expression of Christ’s universal church. We reaffirmed our identity in accord with Scripture and the Lutheran confessional documents, and we re-dedicated our efforts to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and to minister to His people, the sheep of His flock.

As we look forward to Fall 2018 and the Advent season, we are led in our Scripture readings to consider how Christ continues to be active in our lives. In each lectionary, the message from the evangelists and from Saint Paul points to Christ’s role as our one and only high priest and savior. He is the one pastor, and we are honored to serve Him by our various calls to minister to the sheep of His flock. We, too, are among His sheep and by His grace the LC-I supports you in your ministry to the world and to one another.

Join with all of us as we strive to continue walking in the Way of the Lord, feeding His sheep with Word and Sacrament as He commanded.

May God continue to bless you and your ministries in the holy name of Jesus Christ!

++ Robert



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018 Annual Synod of the LC-I

- ✦ Alice Smith was re-elected Vice President of the LC-I for the coming year.
- ✦ Bishop Richard Horn was re-elected LC-I and Executive Board Secretary for an additional four-year term. He continues as editor of the LC-I and World Lutheran Parish **BULLETIN**.
- ✦ Regular business was conducted and reports of the various ministries were received.
- ✦ Fraternal and personal greetings were received from ELCM Pastor/President Roy Stewart and ELCM Secretary/Morning Star Lutheran Church Pastor David Moore, present for several of the Synod sessions. Pastor Moore’s family was also present and joined us at two meals.
- ✦ Fraternal greetings were received from Fr. Dan Funk of Holy Family Anglican Church in Frederick MD and from Archbishop William Sloane of the Southern Episcopal Church.
- ✦ We received word from Missionary Dean Prasad in India expressing prayers for those of us who were able to attend the Annual Synod.
- ✦ Synod opening and closing liturgies and Matins and Vespers provided enriching worship liturgies with Pastor Jack Whritenour of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale (Queens) NY providing music for worship.
- ✦ The **2019 Annual Synod of the Lutheran Church – International** is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday through Thursday June 25-27** in First Church, Lyons NY. Please mark your calendars now!



At the 2018 LC-I ANNUAL SYNOD

Planning for effective LC-I ministry



While it is not that we are uninterested in true/orthodox doctrine, we are not interested in making it divisive

-Historic 3-fold ministry

Membership:

- Invited
- Parish served is a member
- Refuge from "Big Box" Lutheranism
- Confessional stance unquestioned
- Focus on Scriptural truths rather than cultural ideologies

Ministries:

- Word + Service
- Word + Sacrament
- By being truly welcoming
- Stand counter-culturally

2) Apostolic Succession - a sense of connectedness with the church catholic

3) Age

6) Finances



Pastor Jack Whritenour as Synod Organist



Archbishop Robert Hotes leads in prayer at Opening of Synod XXI

Installation of LC-I Vice-President Alice Smith



With food and fellowship . . .





Prayer Concern for victims of California Wildfires:

We pray for those in the paths of danger in California and around the world, especially for Pastors James, Donald and Bruce and our sister in Christ Ruth Schedler. Here is a brief note from Pr. Don:

“Thank you for your prayers, dear ++Robert, because Ruth & I are about 15 miles from a fire that popped up yesterday afternoon. By last evening at 11 it was 80% contained and had burned about 100 acres moving our way. You will remember your visit with us to Coloma where gold was discovered at Sutter’s Mill—also yesterday there was a fire near there, but it is no longer in the news, so it must be contained. Nevertheless, the smoke hanging over our little valley, where the airstrip is, has been the worst today since the fires many miles away started. Ruth’s chronic bronchitis is affected, and she has increased her nebulizer treatments to 3/day. We are very thankful that we have so far been spared the dreaded advice to ‘evacuate at once.’ We set up a monthly contribution today through the church for the hundreds who were burned out up by Redding—we try to imagine their anguish.”

And I also share this note from Pr. Jim Townsend:

“Dear Archbishop Robert: Thank you for your expression of concern. Deo Gratias, the flames are far from us; but California as a whole is suffering mightily under this conflagration.”

Thank God for the safety of our family in Christ in California. Let us keep praying!

Other Prayers, Joys and Concerns for August, 2018:

- ✝ for those suffering from natural disasters, especially those in Central America, Puerto Rico, and throughout the United States of America.
- ✝ for Missionary Dean Prasad and our beloved family in Christ in India.
- ✝ for Bishop Richard Horn and Ute as they experience the trials of moving.
- ✝ for Bishop Juan and Carmen Cepero as they move from Puerto Rico to the Dominican Republic.
- ✝ for members of the World Parish Cris and Julie Lull and their special intentions.
- ✝ for The Very Reverend William Babbitt and his ministry of education and scholarship.
- ✝ for God’s comforting care for the family of Vernon Gantz. Vernon and Ruth have been part of our World Lutheran Parish family with their prayers and concern. Vernon is a past President of Perkasio Park where several Northeastern Diocese ministerium meetings were held. A memorial service will be held on August 11 in Perkasio Park.
- ✝ for Pastor Rajendra Tanuku Prasad and our brothers and sisters in India.
- ✝ for all those helping to form mission congregations and ministries in California and Maryland.
- ✝ for Deacon Helena Morris and her ministry.
- ✝ for Pastor Del Eisener and his ministry.
- ✝ for Pastor Mark Powell and his ministry of outreach and service.
- ✝ for Bishop Aubrey and Maureen Bougher and their special intentions.
- ✝ for all those who are seeking faithful Lutheran ministries but are uncertain about leadership or support. We can help by giving them information about the LC-I / World Lutheran Parish; let the archbishop’s office know so that we can coordinate our outreach effectively.
(for information, contact: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org - 1-217-691-3090).
- ✝ for the ministries of the World Lutheran Parish and of the LC-I and all associated ministries.
- ✝ for victims of war and terror throughout the world.
- ✝ for those who bring protecting care to those in danger and order out of chaos.
- ✝ for world peace in the name of Christ.

AUGUST, 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome, myrrh-bearing women	4
from <i>A Calendar of Seasons and Saints</i>						
5 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	6	7	8 Dominic (1221), priest, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) <i>Raymond E. Brown (1998), priest, theologian</i>	9	10 Lawrence (258), deacon, martyr	11 Clare, Abbess of San Damiano (1253), renewer of the Church
12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	13 Florence Nightingale (1910); Clara Maass (1901), renewers of society	14 Maximilian Kolbe (1941); Kaj Munk (1944), martyrs	15 MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD	16 Isaac, patriarch	17 Johann Gerhard, (1637), theologian	18
19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux (1153), hymnwriter, theologian Samuel, prophet	21	22	23	24 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW Apostle	25
26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	27 Monica (387), mother of Augustine	28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430), theologian Moses the Black (c. 400), monk, martyr	29 THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIZER	30	31 John Bunyan (1688), teacher	1-Sep Joshua, prophet