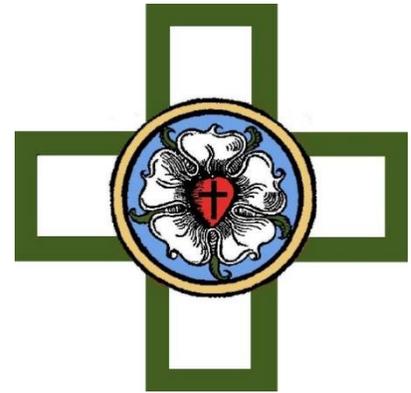




The Lutheran Church - International *and* World Lutheran Parish BULLETIN - September, 2018



A Message from the Archbishop



“GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD”

Mathew 6:11

In many areas served by the ministries of the LC-I the harvest season has begun. My mother grew up on a wheat farm in North Dakota. There was always a lot of hard work to be done at both planting and harvest time to reap the fruits of the soil provided by God’s grace. Farmers never take daily bread for granted. Neither do those who labor to plant and reap the harvest of souls for Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our glorious task to bring to all people the wonderful gift of the daily Bread of Heaven.

We ask for our daily bread so often; but how often do we reflect on what our request for daily bread means in our lives? What do the words mean for the work of the LC-I? What is our role in bringing the blessings of the daily bread of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament to a world starving itself by turning away from then nourishment of God’s grace?

Bread is not just a general symbol for physical nourishment; it also represents every good thing with which we are blessed by God. Our daily bread is not restricted to the baked goods we consume. In fact, bread has come to represent the whole meal which nourishes us. And more than the physical meal, the bread we ask for in the prayer we call the “Our Father” or “The Lord’s Prayer” is the heavenly gift of all the good things that we have received by the hand of God. This request follows a petition acknowledging the holiness of God’s name and before a hopeful declaration that our sins will be forgiven as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Christ taught us to pray in this way because He wants us to understand that He alone is the fullness of our daily bread and our daily and eternal hope. He supplies all of our needs.

As we move into the Fall season here in North America we have special reasons to be thankful for the Christian joy that binds us together in the LC-I community. While the LC-I is spread across several continents we are bound together by a community of love and understanding through Word and Sacrament. God gives us our daily bread to strengthen us as we support one another in doing God’s work through the LC-I.

In the Fall, many parishes hold “Rally Days” to focus on renewed opportunities for love and service in the name of Christ. Though many of us cannot be together physically, we can with prayer and courage rally around our church body, the LC-I, supported by our universal Christian faith. We are secure in the knowledge that God does provide us with every good thing that we need, no matter how we are challenged. This is the time to begin anew by continuing to work together and to love one another for God’s kingdom on earth, and for His glory alone. May God bless (+) you and your ministries in Christ’s name!

++ Robert



LC-I EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the LC-I Executive Board has been scheduled as a teleconference at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

If you have something you would like to offer to be discussed at the teleconference, please contact your bishop or the office of the Archbishop at Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org, 1-217-691-3090.

It is always a blessing to hear from you!

PERKASIE PARK COMMUNION SERVICE

Perkasie Park is a private seasonal residential community of 60 Victorian-era cottages located in idyllic Bucks County PA between Philadelphia and Allentown. This historic camp meeting park (on the National Registry of Historic Places) had its origins in the Evangelical Church, later the Evangelical and United Brethren Church (EUB). Although no longer church-related and no longer hosting camp meetings, its Christian roots are very deep and are expressed through requiring cottagers to provide a letter of reference from their church and by expecting their participation in Sunday morning church services in the central Tabernacle during the main season (July 4 through Labor Day).



Labor Day weekend is one of the main high-points for the Park. The Annual Banquet is held on Saturday evening for the cottagers and other stockholders of the Park, and the final church service is traditionally a Service of Holy Communion and a Memorial to those who died in the past year. In recent years, the service has been led by Bishop Richard Horn.

An interesting point is that the Banquet formerly began late on Sunday evening with a final party starting at 12:01 a.m. on Monday (to avoid partying on Sunday). The reasons behind that “12:01 Party” and other similar restrictions (including the prohibition on the use of alcoholic beverages) have changed over the years, although doing work in or on the cottage or grounds is still prohibited on Sundays during the main season and cottagers are expected to attend the weekly summer worship services held in the central Tabernacle.

The non-profit (501.c.7) Perkasie Park Association is run by a Board of Directors elected by the stockholders, and the Board annually elects officers for the operation of Park business. For the 2018-2019 season, Bishop Horn serves as the President, as had his father, Pastor Walton Horn, many years before. Bishop Horn grew up in this Park in which his grandparents had a cottage and where his parents met and later had a cottage. He owns one of the Park cottages and his daughter Katherine [with husband Dennis Kelly] owns another. The Park has graciously welcomed the Lutheran Church – International by hosting an Executive Board meeting and has welcomed the LC-I Northeastern Diocese for several ministerium meetings. Though not a ministry of the LC-I, there is a partnership and opportunity for sharing in ministry.

Anyone desiring information about the Park or participation in its worship or other activities can contact Bishop Horn at PPApresident@yahoo.com.





Our Prayers, Joys and Concerns for September, 2018:

Ordination of Deacon Christine Watts

The 2018 Annual Synod of the Lutheran Church – International at the request of Pastor Jack Whritenour and the congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, Rosedale (Queens) NY approved **Christine Watts for ordination to the Order of Deacon** in the Holy Ministry of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

LC-I Archbishop Robert Hotes and Northeastern Diocese Bishop Aubrey Bougher announce that the **Diaconal Ordination (Consecration) will be at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 30th in Christ Church**, the diocesan cathedral. Clergy of the LC-I are invited to vest and process for this joyful occasion. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Please announce this to and request the prayers of members of your community of faith. Gloria Deo!

We Pray to Almighty God:

- ✚ for those suffering from natural disasters.
- ✚ for Ute and Bishop Richard Horn on their travels in Europe.
- ✚ for Deacon-elect Christine Watts as she prepares for Diaconal Ordination.
- ✚ for all who mourn the deaths of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Vernon Gantz, part of our World Lutheran Parish family and a past President of Perkasio Park.
- ✚ for the family of U.S. Senator John McCain and for our nation in its loss.
- ✚ for the family and friends of Linda Heinzerling.
- ✚ for all those suffering from violence and torture throughout the world.
- ✚ for those who are suffering or have suffered from abuse of any kind.
- ✚ for Holy Cross Mission in Sacramento CA.
- ✚ for Pastor Bruce Hackman.
- ✚ for our missions in Maryland, India and Latin America.
- ✚ for friends of the LC-I in Australia, Europe and Africa, in the United States and around the world.
- ✚ for all members of the World Lutheran Parish.
- ✚ for the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Christ of Christ, Rosedale (Queens) NY.
- ✚ with thanks for the evangelical ministries of the people and clergy of First Lutheran, Lyons NY.
- ✚ for the people and ministers of Zion, Montpelier OH.
- ✚ for all those who feel “left out” or “put aside” by church policies or practices, not only pastors but also deacons and bishops, congregations and lay members.
- ✚ for the ministries of the LC-I as a haven of true Lutheran faith, leadership and support and a home which is both evangelical and catholic, reaching out to others and providing faithful ministry to them in Christ. We can help others by sharing information about the LC-I/ World Lutheran Parish. For information, contact the archbishop’s office so that we can coordinate our outreach effectively.
(Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org - 1-217-691-3090).
- ✚ **in thanksgiving to God for our daily bread of Word and Sacrament.**





In the Church Around the World:



On May 27, 1984, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the *Theological Declaration of Barmen* this memorial was unveiled. It commemorates the brave and upright men and women of the church, who in the Barmen Declaration turned against the influence of Nazi ideology and founded the Confessing Church ("Bekennende Kirche"). We see a group of people; at the front people raise their arms with the Nazi salute, while those at the rear turn away and look towards the Gemarker Kirche where the Barmen Declaration was signed in 1934.

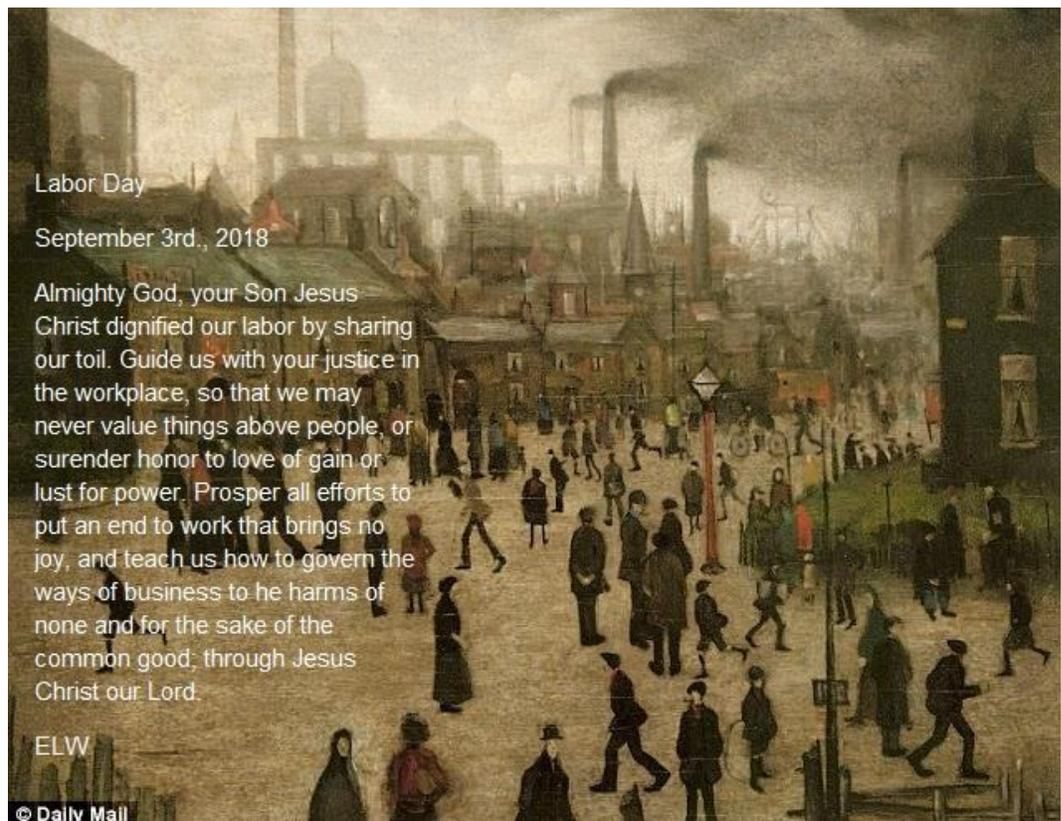
For more information (in English):

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMM0X6_Mahnmal_zur_Barmer_Erklärung_Wuppertal_Barmen_NRW_Germany

and <https://www.ekd.de/en/The-Barmen-Declaration-133.htm>

*We are not defined by what separates us,
We are defined by what unites us!*

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CHURCH REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP

Ascension Lutheran Church
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Deer Park, New York 11729
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The Center for Evangelical Mission invites you to attend a practical workshop that will provide you with proven ways that will strengthen your church's ministry. Our group of Christian clergy and laypeople exists to help strengthen churches in their mission to share the saving message of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Throughout the year, we provide educational opportunities such as the one described below.

Experts are predicting that as many as one-third of Christian churches will close in the next ten years. Do not allow your church to be one of them. This workshop will help your church not only survive but also thrive.

The workshop will be held on Long Island at Ascension Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 29th from 9 – 4 pm.

It will be conducted by Lutheran theologian Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn who has helped multiple churches succeed for nearly 50 years. Dr. Krahn is the author of the bestselling book, *From Surviving to Thriving – A Practical Guide to Revitalize Your Church*. You can read about it on Amazon. Simply type, "John H. Krahn," in the Amazon search engine to come to Dr. Krahn's special, author's page. Thousands of copies of his book have been purchased, and it has been endorsed by multiple denominations.

Dr. Krahn conducts workshops both nationally and internationally. He is a much sought after consultant in evangelism and stewardship. He is also a Christian writer who has authored a dozen books.

Clergy, elders, deacons, and lay leaders from many different denominations will be attending this workshop. Dr. Krahn has purposely tailored his workshop in this manner believing that Christians gathered from different traditions, as well as independent churches, will provide all workshop participants a much richer experience. We encourage at least three representatives from each congregation to attend.

Here are just some of the things you will derive by attending:

- 1) You will receive a dozen or more practical ideas for strengthening your church.
- 2) You will learn the most successful ways to increase your congregation's financial stewardship ministry.
- 3) You will learn how to invite the inactive members of your church back into more regular worship.
- 4) You will learn ways to more effectively invite the unchurched into your church.
- 5) You will experience fellowship and learning as you share with Christians of multiple denominations.

The cost of the workshop including breakfast, lunch, and materials is just \$25.00 per person. If you have additional questions, please email Dr. Krahn at krahns@msn.com. With space limitations, attendance will be limited to 90. Please register soon as to not be disappointed. Send your name, address, phone # and email address with a check payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. **Mail both to Ascension Lutheran Church, 33 Bay Shore Road, Deer Park, NY 11729, Attn: Dr. Krahn. Please indicate "Church Revitalization Workshop" on your check.**

SEPTEMBER, 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>N.F.S. Grundtvig (1872), bishop, renewer of the church</p> <p>Hannah, matriarch</p>	<p>3 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome (604)</p>	<p>4 Albert Schweitzer (1965), missionary to Africa</p> <p>Moses, prophet</p>	<p>5 Zacharias and Elizabeth</p> <p>Teresa of Calcutta (1997), renewer of society</p>	6	7	8
<p>9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Peter Claver (1654), priest, missionary to Colombia</p>	10	<p>11 Mychal Judge (2001), priest, renewer of society, martyr</p>	12	<p>13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (407)</p>	<p>14 FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS</p>	15
<p>16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (c. 258), martyr</p>	<p>17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen (1179)</p>	<p>18 Dag Hammarskjöld (1961), renewer of society</p>	19	20	<p>21 SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist</p>	<p>22 Jonah, prophet</p>
<p>23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	24	<p>25 Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow (1392)</p>	26	27	28	<p>29 SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS</p>
<p>30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Jerome (420), translator, teacher</p>						