



The Lutheran Church - International and World Lutheran Parish

BULLETIN

Epiphany - Transfiguration, 2019



Archbishop's Letter, February 2019

Luke 6: 20-26 "Blessed Are You Poor..."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that God will continue to bless our ministries together as we prepare for the Lenten Season. Here in Frederick Maryland we have been spared the cruelest parts of this Winter Season, up to this point. We have to acknowledge our blessings -- maybe not count them, but at the very least praise God for His goodness to us.

In one of the Gospel passages often read during this time after Epiphany Jesus talks to His disciples and the world about a new order that will come with the Kingdom. He expresses this good news by talking about "beatitudes." His take on these "beatitudes" or blessings is different from the common concept of blessings both in His earthly days and ours. Many, when they want to give thanks for the goodness of God in their lives, thank God for the benefits that they have at His hand, through Jesus Christ His Son. And we are told that it is right so to do.

But Christ tells us that not being burdened by earthly things is a blessing too. And a greater one. Above all we are to be poor in spirit. The ability to do so by God's grace is surely a blessing of freedom. The LC-I through its talented pastors and preachers can help us to understand that concept much better than I can here.

But I know that we in the LC-I can be grateful for many blessings. We give thanks for God's great goodness in that we are able to hold to the orthodox Christian understandings in worship and teaching. We also give thanks for our fellowship in the Lord not only in North and South America but in Asia and Australia and other places as well. We are blessed by riches in opportunities for service. We are also blessed by poverty in resources, both financial resources and resources of human capacity. Or so it would seem through worldly eyes.

Our upcoming 2019 Annual Synod meeting on June 4 to 6, will give us opportunities to discern how we can walk together as the LC-I to accomplish the work that God has given us to do in the blessed richness of the Spirit. I pray that you will lend your presence and prayers as we plan to put our thanks to God and the praise of His name into His service.

May God continue to bless you and our ministries as we walk together in the Lord's way and work.

++Robert





PLAN AHEAD:

2019 LC-I Annual Synod XXII:

CHANGE OF DATE!

The Lutheran Church – International will meet on **June 4 to 6** (Tuesday through Thursday) for the 2019 LC-I Annual Synod XXII at First Lutheran Church, Lyons NY. Registration (\$60) includes snacks and meals at the church. Lodging with breakfast will be at the Garden Hotel in Newark NY, 6.2 miles away.

Please note that the 2019 Synod is in early June this year.

See the included **Registration Form** on page 8. Hotel reservations must also be made as soon as possible so that our rooms can be in the same area of the hotel. Hotel reservations should be made before May 4. Mention the LC-I for the special rate of \$99, breakfast included, no tax.

What are your plans to observe LENT?

HOPE

LOVE

FAITH

PEACE

GRACE

PRAYER

SILENCE

FASTING

TOGETHER

Meeting Notice:

The LC-I Executive Board will meet by teleconference on **Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. EST**. Please contact the Archbishop's office with any items you want brought to the Board's attention.

Did You See: your **ALL NEW LC-I website?** Pastor Wigmore, our Webmaster, encourages you to look at it and provide pictures, text and ideas for us to include:

<http://www.lutheranchurchinternational.org/>.





✧ *Special prayer requests:*

- ✧ for the recovery and special intentions of Bishop Juan Cepero and wife Carmen in Puerto Rico.
- ✧ for the health of Pastor Herbert Michael, recovering after serious illness and hospitalization.
- ✧ for the health of Bishop Aubrey N. Bougher.
- ✧ for Missionary Dean Prasad, his wife and co-ministers that they may reach many with the gospel.
- ✧ for the continued strength and health of Pastor Walton Horn as he approaches his 100th birthday.
- ✧ for the special intentions of Pastor Art Hebbeler.
- ✧ for Holy Cross Mission in Sacramento CA.
- ✧ for the intentions of the World Lutheran Parish mission in Maryland.
- ✧ for the new mission ministry opportunities and leadership in the Los Angeles CA area.
- ✧ for the members and ministries of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.
- ✧ for the LC-I Latin ministries.
- ✧ for the suffering people of Venezuela.
- ✧ for those laboring under tyrants and dictators throughout the world: that by God's grace they may be free.
- ✧ for all those who are distressed in mind, body or spirit.
- ✧ for all victims of violence, illness and personal disasters.
- ✧ for all our lay members, congregations, missions, ministers, candidates, deacons, pastors, bishops.
- ✧ for world peace in the name of Christ and especially for Christians in Central and South America, Iraq, Syria, Egypt and in all countries threatened by terrorists; for all refugees from conflicts; for the dedicated Christians and others who are aiding the refugees of all faiths.
- ✧ for those who provide gifts, contributions and endowments to the LC-I and its ministries (in the U.S., these are **tax-deductible**).
- ✧ for those who do not live near an LC-I parish and would like to be a part of this ministry (contact the Archbishop at: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org 1-217-691-3090).

✧ *Special concerns:*

- ✧ Please keep the LC-I ministries outreach ministries in California, Maryland, Puerto Rico and India in special prayer.
- ✧ We particularly ask that you consider contributions as you are able to our Bishops' and Missionary Funds. These monies provide resources for continuing LC-I ministries. We're especially eager to be able to help our beloved Bishop Juan who has reported serious health problems and our dynamic and growing parishes in India.

✧ *With thanks to God and:*

- ✧ to Father Richard Sorfleet and Pastor John H. Krahn for their articles published in the last **BULLETIN**. Many comments of thanks and appreciation were received for the articles.
- ✧ to all those who contributed financially and with time and abilities to the LC-I and our congregational and special ministries.
- ✧ to the ministers, deacons, pastors and bishops who are Active Members of the LC-I in this year 2019. They have paid the annual dues required by our Constitution or have been excused by their bishop from full payment this year. Membership Cards and Certificates will be sent to them.
- ✧ in celebration with Lynn and Archbishop Robert Hotes for this 50th year of their marriage.





Learning about the Lutheran Church – International:

- ✧ Most people are acquainted with FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions). The LC-I has excellent ones on our new website at www.LutheranChurchInternational.org, but this newsletter may reach people not able to go on a computer and may also reach people more curious about the faith and practices of the LC-I (or want a reassurance that we are solidly Lutheran in our faith and practices). Here are some others. Please ask questions that we can answer in future issues of the **BULLETIN**.

What is the faith of the LC-I, the Lutheran Church - International?

- ✧ The Lutheran Church - International (LC-I) is an intentionally evangelical (Gospel-centered) catholic (universal) Lutheran church body which follows the orthodox (true and genuine) faith as expressed in the Book of Concord (the writings of Martin Luther and other reformers of the Church as they stated their beliefs shared with and in protest against some developments in the Western [Roman Catholic] Church not supported by Scripture). It is made up of congregations, clergy (deacons, pastors/priests/presbyters, and bishops), and lay members who share this Christian Lutheran faith within individual congregations or as connected through the non-geographic World Lutheran Parish.

What does the LC-I “do”?

- ✧ The Lutheran Church - International (LC-I) is a “missionary” church body with clergy committed to Lutheran faith and practices. Although our clergy have backgrounds and service in several different churches including Roman Catholic, Episcopal, other Lutheran, and other evangelical churches, the clergy of the LC-I are committed to sharing our Christian faith consistent with Lutheran teaching. This is done by establishing congregations and special ministries. While we have more clergy than congregations, we also have numerous other ministries including a parochial school and chaplaincies in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, law enforcement and emergency services agencies and organizations. Some of these ministries are in the United States and Canada, but the LC-I is extending its outreach through congregations and clergy in other countries and has contacts in Germany, India, Nicaragua, Brazil, Venezuela and Russia through the World Lutheran Parish (a non-geographic outreach ministry of the LC-I) with support through prayer and communication.

Who can be a “member” of the LC-I?

- ✧ Congregations and individual clergy are encouraged to apply for membership in the Lutheran Church - International (LC-I) by completing an application form (available on the LC-I website). Contact will be made with the applicant(s) usually by the diocesan bishop or the Office of the Archbishop of the LC-I, and the application will be forwarded to the LC-I Executive Board for review. In most cases, the applicant individual or representatives of the applicant community of faith will be asked to be present when the name is submitted to the Annual Synod for recognition and reception. Clergy (deacons, pastors/priests/presbyters, and bishops) are received by Affirmation of Ordination and the laying on of hands (often called “incardination”) in Apostolic Succession. Congregations are received in their own location and among their own members and colleagues. Applicants seeking ordination as a pastor/priest/presbyter or deacon will be reviewed by the Pastoral Education Committee of the LC-I and appropriate recommendations will be given prior to approval for Ordination. Lay members belong to the individual congregations or missions of the LC-I or can become members of the non-geographical World Lutheran Parish. Some (lay and ordained) may seek to create a new local mission/ministry with help from the LC-I.





photo by Ute Kattner-Horn

With thanks to God for ministries of the Church to our communities:

Congratulations and thanks were shown by the Parsippany District Five Fire Department to Bishop Richard W. Horn for giving more than forty years of service to the department as their Chaplain. The specially designed statue was presented by the elected Fire Commissioners at a recent fire department dinner. Although Ute and he have moved, Bishop Horn has continued his support for the firefighters, their families and the community. This fire department is one of six volunteer fire departments in Parsippany participating in the community's emergency services response. As a credentialed chaplain, Bishop Horn is also active in providing support and care to law enforcement as well as to other fire, EMS and rescue personnel.

“Easter is Late this Year!”

Did you notice how late Easter (and each related day from Transfiguration and Ash Wednesday to Ascension and Pentecost) seems to be this year? No, this is not just your imagination. The Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in A.D. 325 established that the celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord, will be on the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after March 21. The range of possible dates, therefore is March 22 to April 25. April 21, the date of Easter in 2019, is nearly as late as it can possibly be and Easter will not be later until April 25, 2038; and the next time the date is March 22 will be in the year 2285. (Remind each other ahead of time!)

Despite repeated efforts for an ecumenical agreement to change the date of Easter, the Western and Eastern churches have not yet agreed on the details necessary to make the change. In 1963, the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican agreed to accept a fixed Sunday in the Gregorian calendar as the date for Easter if other Christian churches will agree on it as well. More recent attempts have tried to set the second or third Sunday in April in the Gregorian calendar as the date of Easter but, so far, all efforts have failed to change a practice more than 1800 years old. Because the Eastern churches, including the Eastern Orthodox Church, use the Julian calendar, their date of Easter is usually different from the Western churches using the Gregorian calendar, even though the dates are computed in a similar way.

Calendar

A Calendar of Seasons and Saints, published by Bishop Richard W. Horn, is used to prepare the calendar pages for the **BULLETIN**. If you would like to receive ***A Calendar of Seasons and Saints*** for yourself or to share, please contact him at Bp.RWHorn@gmail.com and request a copy to download without cost.

***Did You See:** pages 7 and 8?*





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You Might Be Diaconal If

Do you feel called to diaconal ministry? How many times do you answer “Yes” to this list?

- ☐ I have a desire to serve God wherever people are in need.
- ☐ I feel an inner restlessness when people ask what I want to do with my life – as though God has something “more” in mind for me.
- ☐ I want to be part of a praying and serving community.
- ☐ I felt God calling me to Christian service early in my life. I am exploring which role is right for me.
- ☐ People keep pointing me toward ministry; they see my gifts and tell me so.
- ☐ I like studying theology; I want my life to be a reflection of this.
- ☐ I want to broaden my skills. I’m excited about the variety of options in diaconal ministry.

Is servant ministry right for you? If you are considering a diaconal ministry, please contact either the LDA (Lutheran Diaconal Association) or the LC-I (Lutheran Church – International)

Lutheran Diaconal Association
1304 Laporte Avenue
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Lutheran Church – International
% 2 Sunset Drive
Lyons, NY 14489

Caring for the Caregiver

Are you a caregiver or do you know one? The LDA offers support through a variety of resources.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/caregiversretreat/> to find out more.



May God continue to bless (+) you in your service and care!

++*Robert W. Hotes*

Archbishop, Lutheran Church - International

Please forward a copy of this **BULLETIN** AND send the names and email addresses to the Archbishop: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org





2019 LC-I Annual Synod XXII

Tuesday through Thursday June 4 – June 6



Location: First Lutheran Church

35 Broad Street

Lyons NY

☐ Registration(s) confirmed

☐ Registration(s) PAID by _____

Registration: \$60 per person includes synod materials (meals at the church included)

Synod Hotel: Newark Garden Hotel ☐ Room reservation(s) made

125 North Main Street

Confirmation number: _____

Newark NY 14513

Please make hotel arrangements by calling 1-315-331-9500

Mention the LC-I: reduced rate of \$99 per night per room, no state tax; includes breakfast

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↓ DETACH AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION ↓

PLEASE NOTE: Your prompt response is needed!

REGISTRATION FEE of \$60 per person (includes synod materials, snacks and meals at the church)

Total amount enclosed: _____ or by electronic transfer: _____

Mail registration to:

First Lutheran Church

% 2 Sunset Drive

Lyons NY 14489

Phone: 1-315-946-9251 [M/W/F 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.]

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (home): _____ (cell): _____

LC-I Congregation or other Church Body: _____

Delegate: Yes: _____ No: _____ **Guest:** Yes: _____ No: _____

Days attending: (June 3) _____ June 4 _____ June 5 _____ June 6 _____

(NOTE: Executive Board meets on the evening of Monday June 3)

Arrival: Day, Time: _____

Departure: Day, Time: _____

Need transportation? Yes: ____ No: ____ If needed, please notify First Church with your reservation.

Please list any food allergies or intolerances: _____

The 2019 Annual Synod is **hosted by First Lutheran Church, Lyons NY** (Northeastern Diocese).
Attendees must call **1-315-331-9500** for reservations at the **Newark Garden Hotel, Newark NY**.





2019 CONTRIBUTIONS (and/or DUES INVOICE now overdue!)

For continuing support of the LIFE AND MISSION of the Lutheran Church – International:

My personal receipt:

*I have sent to the Treasurer of the LC-I the amount of \$_____ on date _____
as my voluntary contribution to the LC-I (and/or for payment of 2019 Ministerial / Congregational Dues)*

Clergy and Lay Minister Membership Dues: \$75.00 U.S.D.

Congregations / Communities of Faith Membership Dues: \$150.00 U.S.D.

(Payments are due on the First Sunday in Advent and are required for good standing and credentialing)

NOTE: Individuals or congregations who were unable to meet their responsibility for 2018 are asked to please contact their bishop as soon as possible to make arrangements for 2018 and/or 2019. Please remember that, on request, these obligations may be adjusted or excused for financial necessity.

↓ Please **detach or copy** the form below and **send or email** it to the Treasurer of the LC-I ↓

Please note: These dues are only required for ordained and lay ministers and congregations rostered in the LC-I. Dues are NOT required for ordained or lay members of the World Lutheran Parish who have not been received on the official ministerial roster of the LC-I.

All contributions, gifts and bequests are gratefully received.



___ **2019 Dues for Ministerial members: \$75**

___ **2019 Dues for Congregations and Communities of Faith: \$150**

___ **Voluntary Contribution (for members of the World Lutheran Parish, lay members, friends)**

___ **Additional gift(s), bequests of, in memory of, or designated for:** _____

Amount sent: _____

Date sent: _____ **by Check # or Electronic Fund Transfer:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Send to:
Lutheran Church – International
% The Rev. William Wigmore, Treasurer
15 High Street
Lyons NY 14489

or email to:

PastorWigmore@gmail.com (1-215-416-9591).

NOTE: you will receive an acknowledgement to confirm receipt of your dues/contribution/gift/bequest.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Ansgar (865): Archbishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden	4	5 Jacob: patriarch The Martyrs of Japan (1597)	6	7	8	9 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (CANDELMAS), PURIFICATION OF MARY
10 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	11	12 Edward Trill Horn (1915); Edward T. Horn, III (1994): pastors, theologians	13 Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos: disciples, missionaries	14 Valentine (270): martyr	15 Philemon and Onesimus	16
17 SEPTUAGESIMA; SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	18 Martin Luther (1546): Doctor and confessor, renewer of the Church	19	20 Rasmus Jensen (1620): first Lutheran pastor in North America	21	22	23 Polycarp (156): Bishop of Smyrna, martyr
24 SEXAGESIMA; SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	25 Elizabeth Fedde (1921): deaconess	26	27	28	MARCH 1 George Herbert (1633): priest, hymnwriter	MARCH 2 John Wesley (1791), Charles Wesley (1788): renewers of the Church



FEBRUARY, 2019

based on *A Calendar of Seasons and Saints* (R.W.Horn, 2019)

MARCH, 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 QUINQUAGESIMA; THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY)	4	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY	7 <div> Perpetua and Felicity and companions (202): martyrs at Carthage </div> <div> Thomas Aquinas (1274): teacher; <i>transferred</i>: Emil Martin Niemöller (1984); Helmut Thielicke (1986): <i>pastors, theologians</i> </div>	8	9
10 INVOCABIT, FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	11 <div> <i>transferred</i>: Harriet Tubman (1913); Sojourner Truth (1883): renewers of </div>	12	13	14	15	16
17 REMINISCERE, SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	18 <div> <i>transferred</i>: Patrick (461): bishop, missionary </div>	19 SAINT JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF JESUS	20	21 <div> Thomas Cranmer (1556): Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr </div>	22 <div> Jonathan Edwards (1758): teacher, missionary to American Indians </div>	23
24 OCULI, THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD	26 <div> <i>transferred</i>: Oscar Arnulfo Romero (1980): Bishop of El Salvador, martyr </div>	27	28	29 <div> Hans Nielsen Hauge (1824): renewer of the Church </div>	30
31 LAETARE, FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	1 APRIL <div> <i>transferred</i>: John Donne (1631): priest, poet </div>	2 APRIL	3 APRIL <div> Luther D. Reed (1972); Paul Zeller Strodach (1947): <i>pastors, theologians</i> </div>	4 APRIL <div> Benedict the African (1589): confessor </div>	5 APRIL	6 APRIL <div> Lucas Cranach (1553); Albrecht Dürer (1528); Matthias Grünewald (1529); Michelangelo (1564): artists </div>