

50th Meeting of the WFLAG St. Paul Lutheran Church and School Grafton, Wisconsin

Our day started with registration, coffee and snacks, and guided tours of church and school. Bernice Noster, the president of St. Paul's altar guild, welcomed everyone. She mentioned that the ladies from their guild were wearing a special name tag, for anyone who had questions. She also acknowledged the 95 year old member in their guild, who still helps out where and when she can. Our pastors for the day were Pastor Rick Schroeder, the WFLAG advisor; Pastor Navurskis from St. Paul; and Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke, Professor of Theology at Concordia University, Wisconsin. Dr. Maschke is also a member of St. Paul. We used Divine Service One with Communion. Pastor Navurskis' message for the day was to be of service and to encourage our young people to be involved; to get them "hooked" on serving the Lord. After worship we held our business meeting, which Pastor Schroeder opened with prayer. Judy Weber, our president, introduced new churches that joined us for the first time: Peace Lutheran from Neenah, Grace from Menomonee Falls, St Mark Evangelist from Janesville, and St. Peter from Hilbert, whose Pastor Crane came with three others, to see what we're all about. She thanked St. Pauls for hosting the WFLAG three times, and also recognized another church that has hosted three conventions: St. John's in West Bend. She asked for volunteers to host in the years of 2014 and 2015. The treasurer's report was given and secretary's report was read -there were no changes or questions. The position of president and treasurer were up for election. Ida Frizzel, the acting treasurer from St. Paul's in Amherst, and Gail Siewert, of Beautiful Savior in Milwaukee, were nominated. No nominations were made from the floor for the office of president, and Judy, being able, said she would do it again. The vote results: our new Treasurer is Gail Siewert, and Judy Weber remains President. Judy introduced our new Web Site: www.wflag.org. Minutes from meetings will be posted along with treasurer's reports. The cost for setting up the web site was \$223.29. If you do not have access to the internet, Judy can be called for a copy: 414 351-3511. As we reviewed some of the history, Elmyra Martin pointed out that meetings had occurred in the years which appeared blank, but that records were lost in a fire at the then-president's house. Judy agreed to update the records to indicate this. In honor of the 50th Anniversary, we had a mug with the WFLAG logo on it for everyone in attendance. In addition, a copy of Dr. Timothy Maschke's book, *Gathered Guests*, was given to each dues-paying church. Dr. Maschke was

gracious enough to sign each book for us - Thank You Very Much, Dr. Maschke!!! Pastor Schroeder led us prayer before our delicious lunch. The Ladies Aid-Guild had a bake sale along with cookbooks, quilts, dish clothes and other miscellaneous items to purchase. We started our next part of the day around 1:00, with Dr. Maschke's presentation of colors and symbols of the church year. This was very interesting! In our Open Forum: Pastor Schroeder's favorite saying: ASK YOUR PASTOR!!! Other Questions: -Where do churches get their individual cups from? Stemper's, Northwestern Publishing, etc. -How many churches wash individual plastic cups that were not used? At least one church does, but Pastor Schroeder advised not to for sanitary reasons. -How do most churches handle their linens? Some churches have found dry cleaners that will give a discount. Trinity from Wausau said that you have to be careful; they have had items come back scorched. Most churches hand-wash the fine linens. - What about paper cloth purificators? The advice was not to use them, as abrasive fibers can scratch delicate communionware. Most churches use cloth. -What about wine stains? Some suggestions were - to soak with Dawn dish soap overnight; soak in cold water, Oxy Clean, Lime Away, and seltzer water-club soda. -How about oil filled candles? St. Paul's uses canisters which they refill by drilling a hole near the top of the cylinder. They use LampLight oil from Ace Hardware, which is recommended as being much

less expensive. St. John's in Mayville suggested using Hobby Lobby, since they offer coupons. -Then the question of scheduling? Most churches work in sets of 2-3 people; some schedule quarterly, some annually. Regular meetings of the guilds can be monthly, quarterly, or as needed. A big thank you came from the floor for all the information they get from these meetings. Our Missions for this year are: North Wisconsin District - Peace International Studies at UW, Stevens Point. South Wisconsin District – Primera Iglesia (Hispanic Ministry). The officers were installed in their positions by Pastor Schroeder. Pastor Schroeder closed the 50th meeting of the WFLAG and our president, Judy Weber. dismissed us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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