

Wisconsin Federation of Lutheran Altar Guilds
58th Annual Meeting – September 21, 2019
Trinity Lutheran Church, Menasha, WI

The Convention began with registration, a continental breakfast, tours of the church.

President Ben Seidler welcomed all attending which include members of Beautiful Savior in Milwaukee; Christ Lutheran in Gillett; Faith in Marinette; Faith in Merrill; Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, Milwaukee; Oklahoma Ave. in Milwaukee; Our Redeemer in Kingsford, MI; Peace in Neenah; Pilgrim in West Bend; St. John in Glendale & Wausau; St. John's in Portage; St. Paul in Sheboygan, Hillpoint and Stevens Point; Trinity in Sheboygan, and Our Savior in Sheboygan and our host congregation Trinity Lutheran Church in Menasha. Four Pastors were in attendance: Pastor Steven Billings from Trinity Lutheran; Pastor Thomas Schmitt from St. Martin, Pastor James Schulz from Our Savior and Pastor Ricky Schroeder from Peace, Neenah.

Pastor Billings led us in worship with Pastor Thomas Schmitt and Elder Bob Allen assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion. Pastor Billings' Sermon Theme was "Shrewdness," Luke 16:1-15.

After the service President Ben Seidler called meeting to order with the minutes and Treasure's report from 2018. In addition a thank you letter from Benediction Lutheran Church, South District.

OLD BUSINESS: We are now using the "Go Daddy" website. Do you have any Ideas on how to make it better.

Convention date- Pros and cons, Spring or Fall? Motion was made to have in Fall next year In Oct. and seconded. But first we have to move to suspend the amendment by-law with motion and second.

We are looking for a Church in North District for the 2020 convention.

NEW BUSINESS: Where to go with donations. Motion was made to give \$100.00 dollars to each district Mission Board.

Nominations for President and Treasure- Gail accepted the treasurer and Ben accepted the President. Motion made to suspend the by-law and seconded.

Motion made to adjourn and seconded.

A delicious lunch of beef sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salads, pie and raspberry torte was served. After lunch was the two presentations. The first one by Pastor Steven Billings on "Serving leftovers- practice of Holy Communion. How do churches handle leftovers after communion. The bread is his body, the wine is his blood and his word makes it a sacrament.

The second presentation was by Pastor James Schulz on Forgiveness: Real, Relevant, Relational- The third article. Why do I need forgiveness. Jesus died for all the worlds sins and we receive forgiveness with our ears and mouth when we hear Jesus words take eat this is my body and take drink this is my blood and we consume. How is it the forgiveness of sin is real-Gods promise; How is the forgiveness of sin relevant- we need forgiveness; How is the forgiveness relational- that is what Christians do.

The open forum: "ask the pastor" segment, questions with Pastor Schmitt were questions about divine services and how often to have communion; communion cups-plastic or glass, what works best and how to clean the glass ones; The discussion on the Christmas tree came up again- Pastor said ask your

pastor; why and what reasons he might know of that it might be up so early; Is there an easy way to fill oil candelabras and should flowers be put on the altar and only real ones.

Then was installation of President Ben Seidler and Treasurer Gail Siewert by Pastor Schmitt.

Thank you to Trinity, Menasha, for hosting the convention.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Schmitt.

Respectfully submitted,

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