

Wisconsin Federation of Lutheran Altar Guilds  
61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting November 2, 2024  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plover, WI

The Continental Breakfast and Registration began at 8:30 with tours of the Church. The Worship Service with Holy Communion began at 9:30am with Rev. Matthew Lorfeld and assisting ministers Rev. James Schulz & Rev. Joshua Conradt, The Service theme was All Saints Day.

After a ten minute break, we began our convention with the first program: Care and Upkeep of Sanctuary Appointments with Rev. Matthew Lorfeld at this 61<sup>st</sup> convention. Saying, "Where Scripture speaks, follow that". He showed us different altar guild manuals that we use and other previous editions. The following areas were covered: 1. The Sacred Space which consists of the Narthex, Nave, Transept, Sacristy, Chancel, Sanctuary, Altar, Pulpit, and Font. Reminding us not to mix the consecrated wine with the unconsecrated wine. ( Interesting fact about Concord Mogan David Wine is that 49% are concord grapes and the 51 % are all other grapes). 2. The Liturgical Appointments are: Paraments, Sacred Vessels, Crucifix, Altar Book, Missal Stand, Candles, Processional Cross, Torches, Sanctuary Light, Thurible/Censer/Incenseboat, Advent Wreath. 3. The Paraments are: Frontal, Super frontal, Frontlets, Pulpit/Lectern Frontal, Chalice Veil, Burse and Funeral Pall. 4. The Linens are: Cerecloth, Fair Linen, Frontal Protector Linen, Corporal, Purificator, Pall and Chalice Veil. 5. The Sacred Vessels are: Paten, Pyx, Ciborium, Chalice,, Flagon, Cruet, Individual Glasses. 6. The Communion Linens are: Corporal, Purificator, Pall, and Chalice Veil.

Attendees at the meeting were from: Beautiful Savior-Milwaukee; Beautiful Savior-Plover; Benediction-Milwaukee; Bethel-Sheboygan; Christ-Gillett; Divine Savior-Hartford; Elm Grove-Elm Grove; Good Shepherd-Appleton; Immanuel-Westfield; Hope-Land O Lakes; Mount Olive-Milwaukee; Our Savior-Sheboygan; St.John-Almond; St.John-Glendale; St.John-Mayville; St.John-Portage; St.John-Wausau; St. Luke-New Richmond; St.Paul-Grafton; St.Paul-Junction City; St.Paul-Sheboygan; St.Paul-Stevens Point; St.Paul-Tomahawk; Trinity-Menasha; Trinity-Racine; Trinity-Sheldon; Zion-New Holstein. Then President Mary Scharenbrock did the election portion of the meeting. Due to Pastor Lorfeld having to leave right after lunch, nominations for Pastoral Advisor was Rev. Matthew Lorfeld-St.John Lutheran-Wisconsin Rapids; nominations for another term are: Vice-President - Daryl Jaeger from Our Savior-Sheboygan, and for Secretary - Sue Ladwig from Christ Lutheran-Gillett. Rev. Mathew Lorfeld was elected Pastoral Advisor, Daryl Jaeger was re-elected Vice-President and Sue Ladwig was re-elected Secretary. Installation of these officers was done following the election. Thank you Rev. James Schulz for your years of service on the Altar Guild board. We then went to lunch.

After lunch we began with Mary Scharenbrock calling meeting to order The Secretary report was read, motion made and accepted. The Treasurer report was read, motion made and accepted. There were 48 registered for the convention from 27 Churches.

OLD BUSINESS: It was brought up about By-law 3A as to when to have the Convention-It was left up to the discretion of the WFLAG Board. The Constitution will be updated.

NEW BUSINESS: Where would we like today's offering to go. Motion was made by Erma-Portage for \$150.00 Orphan Grain Train in NWD and \$150.00 to Place of Refuge in SWD; these were seconded by Diane-Good Shepherd-Appleton. The Treasurer made a point as to whether we have enough

money to donate to both these organizations. The board will make final decision at their board meeting .

Next year's convention in 2025 will be held in the South Wisconsin District at Elm Grove Lutheran Church-Elm Grove. Business meeting was adjourned.

The Second program was: Rubrics of the Church Year- with Rev. Joshua Conradt, He began with a scripture reading in Exodus Chapter 28 with how God laid out what the Church Colors are and also read from the book of Concord. He then explained the Colors of the church year and when the Church year begins on the closest Sunday to Nov.30 which is Saint Andrew's Day. All the Church colors are laid out in the Altar Guild Manual.

There was a short 5 minute Q&A time- there were no questions.

Pastor James Schulz Closed the meeting with prayer.

Thank you Beautiful Savior-Plover and their Altar Guild for hosting the 2024 Altar Guild Convention

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ladwig,  
WFLAG Secretary