

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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-IN GOD'S GRACE – IN GOD'S SERVICE-

“Attributes of the Christian Church...It Is Holy”

In previous articles we have discussed two attributes of the Christian Church. First, that it is *invisible* to our earthly eyes since faith makes one a member and second, that it is *one*, that all believers are united together in the *one* body of the one Christ. This month we will consider another attribute of the Church, that it is *holy*. For in the Nicene Creed we confess, “I believe in one *holy* Christian and apostolic Church.” In the Apostles’ Creed we state, “I believe in...the *holy* Christian Church,” supplementing that with, “the communion of saints.”

To begin, let us consider what the word “holy” means. When considering God, holiness has two aspects. First, it is His supreme majesty and absolute transcendence over and above the creation. Second, it is His absolute purity and corresponding complete lack of sin, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16). Consequently, His holiness is, in part, His loving that which is morally good and hating that which is morally evil (sin), “You hate all evildoers” (Psalm 5:5). Clearly, the first aspect of holiness cannot be attributed to the Church, either now or in eternity, as that is an attribute of the Godhead that cannot be shared with the creation. Thus it must be that second aspect that we are confessing in the creeds concerning the Church.

But how can this perfect moral holiness of God be an attribute of the Christian Church, which is full of sinners? Clearly, even “the best of Christians” cannot (and would not!) claim to be holy in themselves as God is holy, but will instead confess with St. Paul the ongoing sin within them (Romans 7:14-19). So if even the prophets and apostles could not claim such holiness, how can the Church as a whole be holy?

Despite the sinfulness of its members, the Church is holy because each individual member is holy, *perfectly* righteousness. “Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith” (Phil. 3:9; cf. Eph. 5:26, 27; John 15:3). Through faith in Christ, we have not only had our sins washed away (forgiveness), but have also received His perfect righteousness which covers us (Gal. 3:27). His righteousness is imputed to us (credited to our account). In addition, all members of the Church have received the gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. Therefore, we also have a true, though imperfect, righteousness of life that is ever growing in us as well, “Sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace” (Rom. 6:14).

Therefore the Church is a true “communion of saints” for it is a gathering of holy people.¹ It is such, first and foremost, because God’s people are perfectly holy through faith in Christ. In addition, it is a communion of saints as God’s people are made more holy in their persons as the Holy Spirit increases in us a delight over God’s law (Rom. 7:22) and love that is “in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

So once again, we recognize that the word *believe* in the creeds is critical. The Church being holy is something that we must accept by faith, for it does not always seem to be such to our eyes. The perfect righteousness of Christ that avails before God is as invisible to our eyes as the faith which receives it. So also, while the Holy Spirit is working within us and a new holy life is present and growing, none of our lives shine forth the “holy” as

¹ Who, it must be noted, gather around the Holy Communion, receiving it together as the ultimate indicator of communion (fellowship), not only with Christ, but also with one another as a confession of their unity in faith.

they should. So the holiness of the Church as a whole, and each of her individual members, is hidden, waiting for Christ's return to reveal it (See Col. 3:3). But while hidden, it is no less real for God's Word says it is so. Therefore, we do truly believe in the *holy* Christian Church, of which we are, by God's grace, holy members! In the name of the one Lord of the one Church,
Pastor Nerud

A Look at the Lutheran Confessions

Last month we concluded our look at Augsburg Confession Article XX: Good Works. There we rightly confessed that good works are to be done, that they are not optional. At the same time, we pointed out that only the justified person, that is, the forgiven sinner, has the ability to do the works that are pleasing to God. Thus a person does not do good works to be saved, for such is impossible. Instead, the justified person who is already forgiven and saved, has received a new heart and mind from God and now does good works out of obedience to His commands and love for God and the neighbor. Now in this month's reading, we confess that that we are to honor the saints as examples of God's grace and a holy life, but we are not to call upon them in any way, for such is idolatry.²

Augsburg Confession Article XXI: Worship of the Saints³

Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling.⁴ For example, the emperor may follow the example of David [2 Samuel] in making war to drive away the Turk from his country.⁵ For both are kings.⁶ But the Scriptures do not teach that we are to call on the saints or to ask the saints for help. Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor [1 Timothy 2:5-6]. He is to be prayed to. He has promised that He will hear our prayer [John 14:13]. This is the worship that He approves above all other worship, that He be called upon in all afflictions. "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father" (1 John 2:1).

Apologetics: What were the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, and the Iron Age?⁷

Archaeologists are fond of dividing up time into different 'ages'. This can be quite confusing to the uninitiated, for several reasons. First, it helps to reinforce the idea of vast periods of time. After all, an 'age' can't last for only a few decades, right? Dividing archaeology into time periods also makes people think these periods were worldwide, which is not at all the case.

We can easily dismiss the 'Stone Age' as evolutionary storytelling. Secularists believe that for millions of years man slowly evolved from apes and was not smart enough to make anything but crude stone tools. Yet, many of the stone tools we find exhibit sophisticated flaking techniques, and their arrows and spears tell us that they understood the principles of aerodynamics. One also wonders why it supposedly took people so long to figure out how to move beyond those crude tools when DNA in ancient bones reveals that they were, in essence, genetically identical to 'modern' man.

In reality, the 'Stone Age'^a in the Middle East only existed for a very short time (a few decades to a century) after the Flood, before those people moved into the Chalcolithic, or Copper Age. The Stone Age lasted longer in places that were farther away from the center of the Babel dispersion. Cultures may have lost some of the ancient knowledge as they moved across the globe. In addition, industrial progress is generally faster when more people are present.^b Trade networks, written records, and all the other trappings of 'civilization' lead to progress on many fronts. So those people who went the farthest from Babel stayed at a lower technological level for longer.

Also, the 'ages' are really not that long ago. Biblically, the Israelites left Egypt during the Bronze Age. Anyone familiar with the history of Greece is familiar with the Bronze Age. This was the setting of the Mycenaean civilization and the (partly mythological) Trojan Wars. Yet, most of the more famous events happened later, in

² This would include any saint, whether they died centuries ago, or just recently. Thus we should no more call upon our dead loved ones for guidance, assistance, or protection than we should St. Mary, St. Paul or anyone else.

³ From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Paul McCain, Ed. CPH, 2006

⁴ We do this in our congregation by celebrating certain "saint days" or commemorations of past Christians.

⁵ The Turks of the Ottoman Empire were threatening the Holy Roman Empire in central Europe.

⁶ Note the importance of following the example of the saints lives according to our *vocations* (callings).

⁷ By Robert Carter; Posted on homepage: 15 August 2022; <https://creation.com/bronze>. Underlined texts are hyperlinked in the online article.

the ‘Classical Antiquity’ period. The Peloponnesian Wars fought between Athens and Sparta, the brief delay of the vast army of Persia by the ‘300’ Spartans at Thermopylae, the lives of Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates ... all of these events post-date the Bronze Age.

Bronze was still commonly used after the Bronze Age, including the armor of those Spartan ‘hoplites’, as citizen soldiers of Greek city-states were known. Some of these events of classical antiquity are contemporaneous with King David (who lived in the ‘Iron Age’ about 1,000 BC, see 1 Samuel 13:19–23), or even the story of Esther, since it was her king that invaded Greece and triggered some of those famous stories!

If the Exodus happened in the Bronze Age, and the Iron Age was already well under way in the time of King David, these ‘ages’ have to be compacted into just a few centuries. For example, there were only 480 years between the Exodus and the construction of the Temple by David’s son, Solomon (1 Kings 6:1). Archaeologists know this. It is only the general public who seem to be confused.

Another issue with these ‘ages’ is that different locations are different in their timing. There is no global Iron Age, for example. The ‘ages’ scheme was invented for the Ancient Near East (i.e. Israel) and does not necessarily apply everywhere. Some locations skipped eras as they were exposed to trade with, or invasion from, more advanced civilizations.

Because of this, you cannot look at something like ‘Iron Age’ China and equate it to ‘Iron Age’ Israel. The accepted idea is that civilizations develop through a series of steps (advancing from the use of copper to bronze to iron), not that every world civilization hits those steps at the same time. Thus, one place in the world might be in the ‘Bronze Age’ while another is in the ‘Iron Age’. In fact, even though we are in the ‘Space Age’ there are people on the earth today still living in what would be called a ‘Stone Age’ culture.

The ‘age’ a civilization is in also has nothing to do with intelligence. The arrival of Europeans in the Americas caused Native Americans to be decimated by plagues like smallpox. By the time of significant European settlement, these had killed off perhaps 90% of the original population. Any culture that goes through a crash like that is going to experience a great loss of knowledge, trade, industry, and ‘civilization’.

There are also places in the world where the development of advanced technologies is hampered by a lack of trade routes; a lack of industrial resources; a lack of the social attitudes, presuppositions, and behaviors that enable science; or the presence of debilitating diseases like malaria. And yet, it is the natural inclination of sinful man to think that any culture that is not as technologically advanced must consist of individuals who are, on average, intellectually inferior. Instead, people groups all have the same intelligence,^c but intelligence, knowledge, and technology are not the same things.

A major fallacy of the ‘ages’ concept arises from ignoring the real history of the Bible. Long before Babel, even before the Flood, Tubal-Cain, son of Lamech and Zilla, “was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron” (Genesis 4:22): an antediluvian⁸ Bronze and Iron Age!

What is bronze

Pure copper is easy to find in some areas of the world, but it is a very soft metal. It also corrodes quickly. However, if you mix it with about 12% tin, you get bronze, a strong, light alloy that can be poured or hammered into many different shapes.^d The post-Babel Bronze Age started after someone figured this out, but it required extensive trade routes. For the Mediterranean Bronze Age, tin often came from the British Isles. Copper was often mined in Spain or Egypt, and Israel had important copper mines south of the Dead Sea. Control of this area brought fantastic wealth to King David, who stockpiled tremendous amounts of bronze (1 Chronicles 22), and later to King Solomon, who had his artisans fashion huge bulls, a giant basin, and pillars of bronze that were placed in the Temple (1 Kings 7). But David and Solomon lived in the Iron Age, hence it is not so clear that the Iron and Bronze Ages are all that distinct. For the Chinese Bronze Age, the tin is thought to have mainly come from within China, but they made their bronze by mixing copper with arsenic before moving to the use of tin.

Few bronze implements have survived the ages, largely due to ‘bronze disease’. This is an irreversible and nearly unstoppable corrosion process that happens to bronze when it comes into contact with chlorides (from salt water or soil). It is also ‘contagious’ in that an unaffected piece of bronze can become contaminated if it comes into contact with a piece with bronze disease.

⁸ That is, *pre-Flood*. (Added by Pastor Nerud for term clarification.)

Bronze was superseded by iron in the Mediterranean region largely because the tin trade was disrupted. Iron needs no alloying element, and this outweighed the fact that pure iron is not as hard as bronze. But once blacksmiths worked out how to mix in the proper amount of carbon, steel was formed, which is harder and stronger than bronze.

References and notes

1. Note that all of these ‘ages’ have multiple subdivisions. For example, the technical term for the ‘Stone Age’ is paleolithic (from the Greek words παλαιός [palaios] and λίθος [lithos], literally ‘old stone’). Terms like Mesolithic, Neolithic, Epipaleolithic, etc., follow from there. The Copper Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age all have their own subdivisions.
2. Technology loss is acknowledged to be more likely in a small migrating group, see Wieland, C., Culture clash, *Creation* 17(3):42–44, 1995; creation.com/culture-clash.
3. Carter, R., A troubling thesis—Nicholas Wade pushes an old view of the origin of races. A review of A Troublesome Inheritance: Genes, Race and Human History by Nicholas Wade, *J. Creation* 28(3):26–30, 2014; creation.com/nicholas-wade-review.
4. Arsenic was an older alloying element, but tin is much better and is a lot less toxic. Bronze can also contain manganese, aluminum, nickel, phosphorus, silicon, or zinc. In earlier times, the term brass was reserved for a copper-zinc alloy.

GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD

- Sunday morning Adult Bible class – 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall. The current study is the book of Colossians.
- Men’s Bible Study – 7 pm the first Thursday of each month. The new study topic is; *Alien Intrusion*.
- Adult Instruction classes meet each Tuesday evening @ 7 pm. This is a great opportunity to review the teachings of God’s Word.



VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY

The next voters’ assembly will be after the worship service on October 23rd. All members 18 and older are able to be a voting member. The agenda will include Board reports, the 2023 proposed budget, and voting for the 2023 Council. Your interest and support of all that is done to serve God and all people is very important.



Are you praying for your friends who need to know Jesus? Are you building up that friendship? Have you told them how much Jesus means to you? Have you invited them to get to know Jesus better? This sort of friendship takes patience and persistence. God’s timing is not our timing. We sow; God brings the harvest.

1 Corinthians 3:6

“We Are All Beggars”

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.” And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn’t it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we’re uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven’t gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don’t like being in someone’s debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we’re not just anyone’s beggars. We’re God’s beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness.



We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrate a special occasion with flowers given for a Sunday worship service. Sign the flower chart, found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. NOTE: Cost for flowers has increased to \$30. Put money in a yellow envelope (found by the chart). Fill in the date for the flowers along and occasion/memory and place envelope in the offering plate.

OCTOBER Birthdays

2 Brad Barry
2 Nancy Wickwire
4 Lynne Daniels
5 Carl Freeman
5 Dakota Grant
5 Sandra Kane
6 Fred Magerkurth

9 Russell Blank Jr
9 John Erdman
10 Zane Roberts
12 Rev Timothy Nerud
14 Jonathan Barry
17 Nicole Magerkurth
18 Keagan Daniels



20 Kurt Gehn
25 Kristen Wolfe
26 Nathaniel Helg
27 Carson Mitchell
28 Alan Eastburn
28 Katherine Wolfe

OCTOBER Anniversaries

4 Daniel/Fern Kulpa (2014) - 8 yr
7 Tim/Kristy Wolfe (2006) – 16 yrs
21 Dennis/Cheryl Loenser (1971) - 51 yrs
21 Preston/Sabrina Smith (2000) - 22 yrs



Happy Anniversary

22 Joel/Lynne Daniels (2005) - 17 yrs
26 Joel/Susan Goetz (1991) – 31 yrs
30 Roy/Linda White (1992) - 30 yrs
31 Dennis/Cathy Langdon (1981) - 41 yrs

OCTOBER Baptisms

1 Gracelyn Kulpa
4 Cheryl Loenser
11 Alec Davila
11 Robert Wolfe
14 Jason Dahl
14 Cassandra Kulpa (Fern)



16 Tim Wolfe
19 Jessi Ague
19 Rachael Himmelman
22 Jacob Johnson
23 Carl Freeman
23 Madison Winchell

24 Brad Barry
24 Gary Post
31 Nicole Werling
00 Barb Miller

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank You for the dedicated me You have given us in the Rock Island circuit. They are faithful and dedicated to the teaching and preaching of Your word in all it's truth and purity. We ask Your protection and strength as they boldly stand for You in this world ravished by Satan. Give them the endurance they need to minister each day to the tasks You call them to. Protect their families as they share in the work of their husbands and fathers. We pray all in the name of our precious Savior, Jesus. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Please note these changes in your Membership Directory.

Mark, Rebecca, Memphis, Kelsey Ague released to St. John Lutheran ELCA Church, Queen City, Missouri
Alex Miller married Amanda Haberlein. Contact information remains as printed in Directory
Nick Miller married Kristen Grchan (Mackenzie, Bailey) – 1104 Deer Run, Port Byron IL 61275
Dennis & Cathy Langdon – 2809 – 12th Ave Unit 601, Rock Island IL 61201
Mrs. Stephanie (Mosher) Andre – 4410 N Sacramento Ave #3E, Chicago IL 60625 (Algerson is her husband)
Andre.stephanie@gmail.com
Jessi Ague – phone, 309-278-2200
Zane Roberts – 57 Ruth Court, Springfield, IL 62704, email: zormor99@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR/TEACHER for 2023-2024

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool in Galesburg is looking for an LCMS Director/Teacher for the fall of 2023. Their current Director will be retiring at the end of this current school year. Mt. Calvary is a thriving, licensed, half-day program that has been serving families joyfully since 1977. Please contact Mt. Calvary's church office for more information. (309) 342-7083 or office@mclcgalesburg.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Infrequent Attendees – pray the Holy Spirit bring them to understand their need to be in regular worship in church and we as brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.
Our LWML Chapter – that God would continue to bless their work.
Sunday school – pray the Holy Spirit would direct and guide the students to a better understanding of God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ and that all parents would be diligent in bringing their children each Sunday.
Youth – pray the Holy Spirit would provide the means to work with our youth to keep them faithful to their confirmation promises. Bless and increase their numbers.
Elderly/Homebound - pray that this congregation would continually remember our Elderly and Shut-ins and minister to their special needs.
Confirmation Students – pray that they will be eager to study, learn and grow in the teachings of the Lutheran church and their faith. May they see this is the beginning of a life lived for Jesus.



REMEMBERING THOSE IN NEED!

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy these members of St. John's:

Elizabeth Bjork	Lois Esterlein	Lynne Johnson	Carolyn Werner
Paula Chapa	Betty Firch	Jim Rahn	Marilyn Woods
Jim Dahl	Arlyn Helke	Drew Schillinger	
Don Eggers (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)		Jodie Martin (daughter of Gary/Darla Johns)	
Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)		Marilyn Potts (wife of Cal Potts, former LFC)	
Virginia Miller (mother of Jamie Werling)		Rev. Justin Kane (son of Sandra Kane)	

(Please remember to call the church office if you are needing prayer. Also let us know when we can remove your name because your health has improved and you are living regular life. We love to give thanks to God for His healing just as we send Him our requests.)

MILITARY – We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

Mandy/Richard Davila (daughter/husband of Linda Aper) **Luke/Nicole Thompson** (son/wife of Joh/Kindra Thompson)

Ken Willeford (husband of Alicia Willeford)
Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Zachary/Tiffany Gardner (nephew/wife of Lois Esterlein)

Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Brittany Loenser (daughter of Gabe Loenser)



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 - Please use this email to contact the office: churchoffice@stjohnsgeneseo.org
 - Website address – www.stjohnsgeneseo.org
 - Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>
- All Sunday services are 'Live' streamed at 10am and posted to our church website the following day.



News You Can Use **September 2022**

The wonder of light and sound by Rev. Jeff Harter

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare His praise? Psalm 106:2

God's creation is amazing and beautiful! We praise God for his glorious, complex, and balanced earth, solar system, and universe.

As I consider God's creation, I at times am most amazed at two of God's creations: light and sound. On the first day God created light. That is amazing enough! Even more amazing is that God created light to be divided into different wave lengths. By doing so, God created color! We marvel at the many colors in God's creation. When we see the rainbow we sing out with joy as we recall its meaning: God keeps his promises!

At some point in His creation process God created sound. He created sound to be divided into different frequencies. We use these frequencies to tune our radios and TVs to specific broadcasting stations. Different frequencies give us clues about a person's mood and intent as they speak to us. They give us warnings of danger as we hear the shriek of a siren or the honk of a horn. And these different frequencies give us music!

Some people may think that light and sound are less significant than some of the other things God created. I disagree. We may take them for granted. But how dull would our world be without color and music! They both greatly enhance our lives. They enable people to express themselves through art, entertainment, and worship. They lift our spirits. They enable us to articulate, celebrate, and share our faith.

The manner in which God created light and sound reminds us that He is interested not only in our welfare. He is also interested in our comfort and happiness. Light and sound remind us that God notices the things in life that we might think he would consider insignificant or trivial. He who sees the sparrow fall and counts the hairs on our head wants us to cherish and celebrate the full life we have in Jesus. As we consider the blessings of light and sound, we praise God with Carl Gustaf Boberg: "Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE

Central Illinois District LC-MS 60th Regular Convention

Elections

President – Rev. Michael Mohr

1st Vice President – Rev. Mark Eddy

2nd Vice President – Rev. Mike Burdick

Board of Directors –

Secretary – Rev. Kent Umbarger

Assistant Secretary – Rev. Marcus Manley

Treasurer – John Myers, Jr.
Financial Secretary – James Frazee
Clergy (4) – Reverends Jeffrey Caithamer, Peter Glock, Bruce
Scarbeary, Kevin Wendorf
Teachers (2) – Brian Carr, John Jacob
Layman (4) – Tom Blessman, Larry Wachtel, Robert Dalton,
Roger Garlisch

Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee

Clergy (2) – Reverends Daniel Bishop, Kent Tibben
Lay Attorney (1) – Greg Townsend

Nominations Committee 2025 CID Convention

Clergy (2) – Reverends Joshua Theilen, Michael Schuermann
Teachers (2) – Lisa Dipple, Robinette Flach
Lay (2) – Dan Block, Raymond Stuckemeyer

Nominations Committee 2023 LCMS Convention

Lay (1) – Matt Putnam

CID Convention Information and Updates are located at the CID Website Watch for the Convention Workbook has been published on the District's website. (<http://www.cidlcms.org/events-2022-district-convention.html>).

Junior High Youth Gathering Save the Date: November 12th 2022

Theme: Created for Community

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1 Bachrach Ct. Decatur, IL)

Cost: \$20.00 per person The fee will cover the activities, lunch, service project, and event T-shirt. The activities include worship, laser tag, inflatables, game time, and a service project.

Time: Registration will start at 9:30 am. The Gathering will be from 10:00 am until 4:15 pm.

Registration information will be released soon. We are working with our district Church Extension Fund to provide free registration for the non-member youth of your congregation. The hope is that students will invite their non-member friends to this District Event.

GERMAN MEAL

The members of St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Bath invite you to their annual German Meal on **Monday, October 10 from 4:30-7:00**. Funds raised at this meal will go toward the support of Deaf Missions in central Illinois and at Christ for the Deaf Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, IL. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut and a great assortment of desserts all for a donation of your choice.

Our Google map address is 13961 E Cr 1100n, Bath, IL 62617. For more information call the church at (309) 546-2434 or text Pastor Lesemann at (309) 256-6514.

Thank you, Pastor Brian Lesemann - St. John's, Bath



“This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.”

— Martin Luther

#GiveGreenandGold Day is Sept. 26
Support the Sem and double your impact!

On Monday, Sept. 26, you can help support the vital mission of Concordia Seminary: preparing men and women for service to the Lord in a world desperately in need of the Gospel.

Here's how you can help:

- Share the hashtag #GiveGreenandGold on social media to help spread the word.
- Give at grouprev.com/givegreenandgold2022 and share the page with family and friends.

All gifts will be used where needed most in support of the Seminary's mission. This year's #GiveGreenandGold Day goal is \$40,000. Donations will be doubled dollar for dollar up to the first \$20,000 raised, thanks to a matching gift. Thank you in advance for your support. We can't do this without you! You can give online by going to: advancement@csleu.edu.



INTERNATIONAL Lutheran Council

Have you heard of ILC? It has been around since the end of WW2 and was began by the LCMS. Until just very recently, I did not know anything about this organization, but had an opportunity to attend and informational session hosted by Holy Cross, Moline. The following message was shared in the invitation to this session:

The International Lutheran Council shares with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and unconditional commitment to the inspired and infallible Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and to the Lutheran Confessions contained in the Book of Concord as the true exposition of the Holy Scriptures. The LCMS was the founding member and continues to provide major financial and theological support for the work of the ILC.

In the next few months, I will share more information about ILC and the work that it does. Below is a basic overview of this organization. Terri Hock

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The ILC is not a church body nor does it carry out churchly functions. It does not intend to prescribe any course of action for its members, but rather seeks to assist and strengthen them in their confessional witness and mission. It exists to encourage, strengthen, and promote confessional Lutheran theology and practice centering in Jesus Christ, both among member churches and throughout the world:

- by providing opportunities for the joint study of contemporary theological issues.
- by giving mutual support and encouragement to the heads of member church bodies.
- by encouraging and assisting member churches in planning for mission outreach.
- by strengthening theological education through conferences of theologians and seminary teachers, mission staffs and those involved with human care.
- by facilitating communication between confessional Lutheran churches of the world through the publication of ILC News.
- by stimulating and facilitating the preparation and publication of confessional Lutheran literature.

Member church bodies contribute, on an annual basis, financial support (based on their baptized membership and the GNP of the country in which it exists) for the costs of operating the ILC. Meetings of the ILC take place on the basis of a three year cycle—in year one, regional meetings takes place, in year two the entire Council meets in conference, and in year three, a conference of representatives from each of the ILC seminaries is held.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Coal Valley
cordially invites all Rock Island zone ladies
to a tea party brunch in our fellowship hall.

Join us for brunch and beverages
Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Please R.S.V.P. Bonnie Engstrom
by October 9th at 309-799-5278

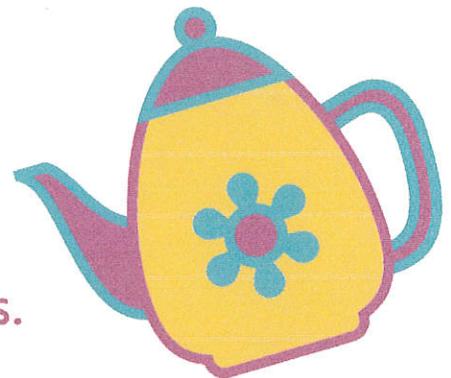
Do you have a favorite teacup with a story
behind it you're willing to tell?

Please bring it along!

There will be plenty of extra teacups
on hand for those who don't have one.

We ask that you please wear a hat and gloves.

We are looking forward to a day
of fellowship and fond memories.



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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Geneseo IL

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ELDER Mike Dahl						1
2 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am Confirmation 11:30 am	3 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	4 Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	5	6 Elders 6 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm	7	8
9 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10 am Confirmation 11:30 am	10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	11 LWML 1 pm Council 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am Youth Group 11:30 am	17 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	18 Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	19 Confirmation 5 pm	20	21	22
23 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10 am Voters' Assembly 11 am	24 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	25 Adult Instruction 6:30 pm	26 Confirmation 5 pm SS Teachers' 6:30 pm	27	28	29
30 SS/Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45am Worship/Comm 10 am	31 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>					



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*I will praise him
in every season.
Psalm 146:2*

**Sunday school/Adult & Youth Bible Class
8:45am**

**WORSHIP SERVICES 10 am
(Holy Communion -1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)**

Live Streaming each week on Facebook