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### **News and Notes**

#### **Illinois Lutheran Conference**

**Check out the ILC Website!** [www.illinoislutheranconference.org](http://www.illinoislutheranconference.org)

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**“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)**

#### **Lutheran Reformation Hour**

Please note the current mailing address as listed on website.

The Lutheran Reformation Hour broadcast can be heard each Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M. central standard time online at <http://www.WWCR.com> . Simply click the “listen online” link in the menu on the left hand side of the screen and then in the “WWCR 1” box click on your preferred media player.

#### **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church U.A.C., Midland, MI**

**Live services on the Web!** –Cross of Christ Lutheran Church broadcasts its Sunday worship services live on the web. To view the service you must, **1)** Go to: [www.crossofchristmi.com](http://www.crossofchristmi.com) at about 10:00 A.M. **Eastern Standard Time**; note that the connection will time out if the church camera is not on; please be patient if this occurs; when the church camera is on, a “photo window” appears with a camera icon on it. **2)** When the photo window opens, click **VIEW**

**VIDEO. 3)** The “login” box should pop up after you click “view video”; type for user name: **crossofchristmi** and press your ENTER key; note that there is NO password required even if the space for one is present. **4)** You should quickly see the church altar appear in the window which means you are in the live video mode and able to view the service.

*Trinity Lutheran Church of Ballwin, MO*

**Meeting place:** Because of the sale of the church building, worship services are currently being held in a member’s home. Please phone (636) 795-9512 for further information.

*Eternal Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Arbor Vitae, WI*

**Meeting place:** Worship services are now held in the Pastor’s home.

*Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Morris, IL*

**Building** improvements are currently underway.

***Minutes for 37<sup>th</sup> ILC Delegate Convention, June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2015***

Hosted by, Cross of Christ of Midland MI, meeting location in Morris, IL.

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Opening worship service was at 9:15am by Pastor Sempert, Acts 2:14 “A Sermon to copy” with hymns 16, 376, 657, 283.

Short recess/setup.

Attendees of meeting:

Cross of Christ: P. Sempert and delegates Larry Finney, Russel Barnes.

Eternal Savior: P. Latsch and delegates Mark Luers and Matthew Luers.

Our Savior’s: P. Schilling and delegates Jerry Ericson and Dave Ericson

Trinity: Delegates Nato Popp and Jordi Felix

Approximately 15 souls present- delegates, guests, and women.

Conference opened at 10:50am with a prayer by Pastor Latsch.

Conference reports:

President- P. Latsch presented his report.

Secretary- presented a report

Treasurer- presented by P. Schilling, made a motion to accept as presented, 2nd by P. Sempert, All in favor.

LRH report- presented by Jordi Felix

ILC website- statistics presented by P. Latsch, Jim Henry donated the expense of the ILC website.

#### Congregation reports:

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Midland MI: Same as last year, complications with electronics in internet worship service broadcasting.

Eternal Savior in Arbor Vitae WI: membership dropped by 3, moved from Nimsgern Funeral home to P. Latsch's home. Offerings \$135 a week, 3k less budget (around \$10,000 a year).

Our Savior's in Morris IL: 1 confirmation, 1 baptized, offerings around \$400-\$450 a week, attendance around 25, remodeling in July, no Sunday school, occasional Bible class, plan to start an adult instruction class, avg. communion 18, worship at 8:30am.

Trinity in St. Louis: 23 members, 5 voting, 6 Sunday school, 8 Bible class, attendance around 18, 15 avg. Communion attendance, looking for a building, 5 in confirmation, P. Schilling alternates visits meeting Sat. and Sun. every other month, 5 members in adult doctrine review.

12:00pm Lunch

Open with Hymn 36 at 1:20pm

#### Open Floor Discussion:

Motion made by P. Sempert, the fellowship committee is responsible for reimbursement for food to the location congregation out of the fellowship committee fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Luers, all in favor.

Motion made by P. Sempert, to make the annual ILC meeting at Morris, IL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordi Felix, all in favor.

Motion made by Nato Popp, To make ILC delegate convention a one day meeting on a Thursday in June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ericson, all in favor.

Budget presented by P. Schilling

Motion by P. Schilling for budget to be \$8,300 for 2015/2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nato Popp, all in favor

Jim Henry requests to pay Todd Johnson for his assistance on the website (\$200)

Motion made by Jordi Felix to send \$2,000 to the LRH, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ericson, all in favor.

Discussion on personal mission work.

Recess 2:50 pm

3:30pm Lecture by P. Sempert on the Large Catechism.

4:12pm P. Latsch presented a paper, "Two Relatively Recent Bible Translations Tested", stopped on pg. 12.

Closing Hymn 644 at 4:55pm and the Lord's Prayer.

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Opened at 9:20am with Hymn 1 and reading of Psalm 1.

Previous days notes read by Clive Dutson

Motion by P. Sempert to accept min. as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Schilling, all in favor.

P. Latsch continued his paper from pg. 12 and concluded it.

Note made by P. Schilling about Jordi Felix printing Business card for missionary work.

Motion made by Charles Clubb to write a check for \$2,000 as approved by the budget to the LRH made by P. Schilling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Sempert, all in favor.

10:13am short recess.

Resume at 10:30am.

Motion by Larry Finney to approve agenda for 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Luers, all in favor.

Motion by P. Schilling to retain all officers with the exception of Clive Dutson as one of the website supervisors as replaced by Jim Henry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Luers, all in favor.

Motion by P. Sempert to accept min. as read, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

We would like to thank the host congregation and the location congregation and Debbie Pearce for the BBQ.

Closed at 11:15am with a reading of John 6:66-71, Hymn 457, and a prayer by P. Latsch.

[The foregoing minutes submitted by Clive Dutson]

## **Illinois Lutheran Conference 2015 President's Report**

Brethren in Christ,

We are assembled here together at our 37<sup>th</sup> annual ILC delegate convention because God has graciously seen fit to preserve our little group for yet another year.

Since we last gathered together we are obviously another year closer to our Lord's visible return, and the signs all around us indicate its nearness. One sign of the end times is the increasing apostasy from God's truth that we've witnessed as more and more people "will not endure sound doctrine." (2 Timothy 4:3)

Even among our small congregations, members who once vowed to remain faithful to the Lord Jesus and His true Word have departed and gone into fellowship with heterodox communions. Indeed, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." (1 John 2:19) It's a very sad situation with such souls who sin against better knowledge by deserting the truth, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." (2 Peter 2:20-22) Let us pray that the erring and unbelieving would sincerely repent, turn to Christ in faith, and embrace the full truth of the genuine Word of God.

Thankfully, God's holy Law and the glorious Gospel of Christ are touching some hearts in our sin-sick world. Fellow Christians, by God's grace and mercy we still have the real Jesus and His true Word, for we regularly gather to worship our heavenly "Father in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23) in our local congregations where our hearts are touched by the Holy Word of God. Furthermore, there are people who make use of recordings and/or broadcasts of various ILC congregation's weekly worship services or ILC pastor's sermons, or they listen to the Lutheran Reformation Hour on the radio or online. One relatively recent mission outreach effort in our Conference is the new ILC website which began operation in September 2014. I've kept watch on the ILC website usage statistics, and I am happy to report that the new website is getting much more activity than the old website; furthermore, the sermons webpage is by far the most frequented page as it receives an average of 140 to 160 visits per month—that's visits and not just hits.

During the past year, I've had one outside contact because of the ILC website and one outside contact as a result of my congregation's listing in a local newspaper. Both contacts were pastors who with their congregations are members of another Lutheran Church body—a church

body quite a bit larger than our ILC. I had a friendly communication exchange with both pastors, but unfortunately we are far apart on the foundational issue of the Holy Bible since they and their church body make regular use of various modern erring Bible translations throughout their congregations, and they definitely do not hold exclusively to the Received Texts – the traditional texts – in the Hebrew and the Greek in their seminary and among their group’s pastors. I made it clear to both inquirers where we of the ILC stand on the King James Version of the Holy Bible and its foundational texts, and why. I referred both gentlemen to appropriate information available on the ILC website, as well as sending some materials to them via postal mail; I also made it known that I’m open to further discussion if they would so desire after reading the published information supplied to them; I received no further contact thereafter.

My friends in Christ, in closing let me share some Scripture with you: “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 4:14; 10:23-25) Yes, let us, “Hold fast the form of sound words... in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 1:13) Let us, with God’s gracious and powerful help, continue to cling to the true Holy Bible which accurately informs us of our one true Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. And, may we remember throughout the next year to pray for one another and for all men.

Respectfully submitted by ILC president, Pastor Mark Latsch

**ILC 2015-2016 Budget**  
**(as passed in convention)**

<b>LRH.....</b>	<b>\$2000.00</b>
<b>Journal printing.....</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Salaries and travel.....</b>	<b>\$4500.00</b>
<b>Website.....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Corp, Reg./ Tax work.....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Misc. expenses.....</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL.....</b>	 <b>\$8300.00</b>

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### ***Scripture for Thanksgiving***

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: <sup>2</sup>To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, <sup>3</sup>Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. <sup>4</sup>For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. <sup>5</sup>O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep. <sup>6</sup>A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. <sup>7</sup>When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever: <sup>8</sup>But thou, LORD, *art* most high for evermore. <sup>9</sup>For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. <sup>10</sup>But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. <sup>11</sup>Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me. <sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup>Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup>They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; <sup>15</sup>To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.*

(Psalm 92:1-15 KJV)