

Illinois Lutheran Conference e-Journal Fall 2021

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News and Notes

Illinois Lutheran Conference

The 2021 ILC delegate convention took place on June 11, 2021, and necessary business was handled and those who attended enjoyed Christian fellowship with one another.

The 2021 Fall Mission Festival will be held Sunday October 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Morris, IL.

The 2022 ILC delegate convention will be held on Thursday, June 17th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Morris, IL. Eternal Savior Ev. Lutheran Church will host the convention.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Ballwin, MO

Meeting place and time change: Please phone (314) 640-2477 or (696) 795-9511 for further information as services are now held in members' homes twice a month.

Eternal Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Arbor Vitae, WI

Meeting place: Worship services are held in the Pastor's home.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Morris, IL

Building improvements are currently underway.

43rd ANNUAL ILC DELEGATE CONVENTION Meeting Minutes:

June 11, 2021 MORRIS, IL

Attendees:

- Eternal Savior Ev. Lutheran Church: Pastor Latsch, Mark Luers and Linda Luers
- Our Savior Lutheran Church: Pastor Schilling, Charles Clubb, Kellee Clubb, Dave Erikson, Sharon Erikson and Brian DeVallee
- Trinity Lutheran Church: Karen Raidy

A church service was conducted by Pastor Schilling.

Hymns were 39, 495, 296, 496

Epistle reading: Rom. 10:13-21

Gospel reading: Matt. 24:3-13

Sermon text: Matthew 24:14, "Just waiting for the end?"

Church service concluded at 10:45 AM.

Set-up time/break

ILC Delegate Convention opened at 11:18 AM with prayer.

Conference reports:

1. President's report: read by Pastor Latsch
2. Secretary's report: 2020 meeting minutes read by Mark Luers
3. Treasurer's report: Charles Clubb presented 2020/2021 Financial Statement. Also discussed the proposed 2021/2022 budget.
4. Missionary: vacant position
5. Visitor: vacant position
6. Lutheran Theological Studies Services: no active students
7. ILC website: Discussion had about continuing to improve the site and access by necessary parties. There is need to speak with Matthew Luers and Charles Clubb to get proper access for these individuals.
8. Our mission effort is [primarily] through the ILC website.

Congregation reports:

Eternal Savior Ev. Lutheran Church: 4 regular members; no visitors over the past year; had no COVID related interruptions.

Our Savior Lutheran Church: approximately 10 regular members; no visitors over the past year; 1 adult confirmation (who became a new member); Pat Morisette went to be with the Lord; one marriage took place; the congregation purchased a machine to digitize sermon tapes.

Trinity Lutheran Church: average 10 regular members; 6 in Bible class; meeting for worship in members' homes; holding services twice monthly; Pastor Schilling holds a service monthly; offerings support pastor's visits

Dave Erikson made a motion to accept previous reports as read with their modifications. Charles Clubb

seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lunch break was taken from about 12:25 PM until 1:25 PM.

Convention resumed at 1:25 PM with the singing of hymn 29.

Following the agenda: meeting resumed with open-floor discussions of the usual items— budget, doctrine, education and missions.

Budget: The proposed 2021/2022 ILC Budget was presented by Charles Clubb. Motion was made by Dave Erikson to accept this budget. Motion was given a 2nd by Brian DeValle. Motion passed unanimously.

Doctrine: discussed

Education: discussed

Missions: discussed

- agreement was unanimous that monthly Topical Bulletin should continue.
- brief discussion on “The Chosen” television series: the series is NOT totally Biblically accurate in nature
- expanding our mission work to beyond the website to include personal witnessing
- discussion of conducting VBS in local parks
- topic of Baptism: reference to Luther’s Small Catechism pages 172-173
- individuals can read Martin Luther’s sermons
- try to get sermons by Pastors Shekner and Popp back on the website

Concerning Mission Festival for 2021: Charles Clubb made a motion to hold Mission Fest at 10:00 AM on October 17th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Morris, IL. Motion was seconded and then passed unanimously.

Selection of host for 2022 ILC Delegate Convention: Eternal Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Arbor Vitae, WI.
Date: Thursday June 16, 2022 at Morris, IL.

Election of Officers: Charles Clubb made the motion to retain the same conference officers. Motion was given a 2nd by Pastor Schilling. The motion passed unanimously. Officers are:

President: Pastor Mark Latsch

Vice President: Pastor Dale Schilling

Secretary: Nato Popp

Treasurer: Charles Clubb III

Visitor: currently vacant

Missionary at Large: currently vacant

Historian: Tim Popp

ILC Journal Editors: Pastor Mark Latsch and Pastor Dale Schilling

ILC Website Supervisors: Pastor Dale Schilling, Matthew Luers, and Tim Popp

Papers/Discussion/Casuistry

Doctrinal discussion: addressed in earlier discussion

Closing of Convention:

Reading: Psalm 46. Singing of hymn 657.

This meeting's minutes were read and amended by Mark Luers. Motion was made by Dave Erikson to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was given a 2nd by Charles Clubb. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Latsch thanked Our Savior Lutheran Church for providing their facilities for worship, meeting and eating.

Pastor Latsch closed this year's session with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.

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

Treasurer's Report

ILC 2020/2021 Financial Statement

Balance 8/7/2020: \$4959.29

Deposits: \$6690.31

Paid outs: \$7650.00

Balance 6/8/2021: \$3999.60*

Paid outs:

President Monthly Bulletin: \$1800.00

Salaries: \$3200.00

Travel: \$2640.00

Webhost: \$0.00

Corporate Registration: \$10.00

Bank (Checks): \$0.00

Deposits:

Interest: \$.31
Private: \$190.00
Trinity: \$6400.00
ESEL: \$100.00
OSLC: \$0.00

*Bank statement reconciled through May 21, 2020 Some transactions since this date may not be included.

**ILC 2021/2022 proposed budget
(which passed in voting session 6/11/2021)**

Salaries: \$7200.00

Travel: \$3800.00

Website/Technology \$250.00

Corp reg./Tax work \$50.00

Misc. Expenses \$700.00

TOTAL: \$12,000.00

ILC 2021 President's report

Brother's and sisters in Christ,

This year we gather for the 43rd annual ILC delegate convention, and by the mercy and power of our gracious God we are still holding fast to the genuine Jesus Christ and His pure preserved Holy Word— the inerrant Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament Hebrew Masoretic text and the New Testament Greek Textus Receptus, both of which have been faithfully translated into the English language as we have it in the Holy Bible King James Version, first published in 1611.

It is becoming increasingly evident that we are drawing closer to Jesus Christ's visible return to judge the quick and the dead as the majority of people throughout our country and the rest of the world embrace and promote sinful and abominable behaviors. For example, civil unrest, murders, rioting, violence, gambling, cheating, drunkenness, drug abuse, strange deviants, perversions, and all sorts of fornication are on the rise. In fact, sad to say, many of the aforementioned sinful and abominable behaviors are even condoned by churches which wear the label Christian! Hence, it brings to mind the following words of our Lord Jesus, found in Luke 18:7-8, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Hence, we see that real faith in the Redeemer will be scarce when He returns in glory to judge the quick and the dead. Therefore, let us never cease clinging to God's only begotten Son – the Christ of the Holy Bible – and the full truth of His Word, for John 3:36 assures us, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

The ILC website continues to be our main outreach tool. It is sad though, to have to report that visits (not mere hits) on the website have not increased but have actually decreased. A few years ago we were averaging 65 to 70 visits for each seven-day period (which I check once or twice every week); now, we have from 7 to 20 visits for each seven-day period, despite having more material available on the website.

Nevertheless, the good news is that those few who do visit tend to look at more than one page. We must never forget that every single soul is precious, for in Luke 15:10 Jesus declares, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

In fact, I've had numerous email correspondence with a gentleman from Brazil who cannot find a church in his entire country that stands firm on the true Holy Bible and all the doctrines contained therein. At his request, I mailed him every free publication which we of the ILC offer on our website (the book Comparisons and the supplements to it, various tracts, etc.). Despite the language barrier (the man reads and speaks Brazilian Portuguese) he is able to use Google-translator to convert the English words into his own language. So, the Lord is using our humble efforts to touch souls, and for that we need to be grateful, for the Lord promises in Isaiah 55:10-11, "as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

With God's help, let us continue to cling to Christ Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord, for "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Mark E. Latsch, ILC president

Reminder: Please note that select sermons can be heard on the ILC website "sermons" web-page. See ILC "Journal" web-page for back issues and Topical Bulletins.

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 106:1 KJV)