

# ***ILLINOIS LUTHERAN CONFERENCE Fall 2019 e-Journal***

(news & notes; reports & minutes from the 2019 summer ILC delegate convention; final reminders & notes)

## **News and Notes**

### **Illinois Lutheran Conference**

The 2020 ILC delegate convention will be held on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Morris, IL. Our Savior 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.

### **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.

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Balance 6-18-2018: \$4208.48**

**Deposits: \$5860.34**

**Paid Outs: \$8782.48**

**Balance 6-20-2019: \$1286.34\***

\*Bank statement reconciled through May 21, 2019. Some transactions may not be included.

### **Paid Outs:**

President monthly bulletin: \$2400.00

Salaries: \$2800.00

Travel: \$2595.97

Journal expenses: \$166.64

Corporate registration: \$13.00

Conference lunch: \$181.77

Bank (checks): \$25.30

Error (ILC/OSLC): \$600.00

**Deposits:**

Private: \$160.00

Trinity: \$5000.00

ESLC: \$100.00

Interest: \$0.34

Error (ILC/OSLC): \$600.00

**ILC 2019-2020 Budget [as approved at 2019 delegate convention]**

Journal printing: \$250.00

Salaries: \$7200.00

Travel: \$4800.00

Website/technology: \$200.00

Corp Reg./tax work: \$50.00

Misc. expenses: \$1000.00

TOTAL: \$13500.00

**41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ILC DELEGATE CONVENTION Meeting Minutes: JUNE 20, 2019 – MORRIS, IL**

**Attendees:**

- Eternal Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church: Pastor Latsch and Matthew Luers
- Our Savior Lutheran Church: Pastor Schilling, Charles Clubb and Jerry Erickson
- Trinity Lutheran Church: Karen Raidy and Jordi Felix

**A church service was conducted by Pastor Schilling, and sermon delivered by Pastor Latsch:**

- Hymns 3, 457, 459 & 49
- Epistle reading: Romans 8:1-11
- Gospel reading: John 15:1-8
- Sermon based on John 16:23-30: "Pray to God the Father in Jesus' Name"

**Church service concluded at 10:30 am**

**ILC Delegate Convention opened at 10:45 with prayer**

**Conference Reports:**

President's Report read by Pastor Latsch

Secretary: 2018 meeting minutes read by Jordi Felix (acting as Secretary for Nato Popp)

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Clubb presented 2018/2019 Financial Statement

Missionary: vacant

Visitor: vacant

Lutheran Theological Studies Services: none

ILC website: Mr. Luers reports that file uploading is working fine, and the liturgy calendar has been uploaded. Pastor Schilling informs that the website has almost a full year of sermons uploaded. Mr. Clubb suggested to store sermons that are not on the website so they can be accessed on demand (discussed at a later time during the meeting)

Mission Reports: our mission outreach is the website

Congregation Reports:

- Eternal Savior: 4 members, no visitors; "same as last year"
- Our Savior: attendance varies from 10 to 25; no visitors and no new members; "same as last year"
- Trinity Lutheran: report provided by Nato Popp (attached). Average attendance in Bible Class is 6, and in church is 10. 2 students (Nathanael Popp and Scott Dunn) in Confirmation Class, currently led by Pastor Schilling via phone.

Motion to accept all reports made by Mr. Erickson, and seconded by Mr. Clubb. All accepted. Passed.

Break for lunch from 11:30 am to 12:50 pm. Prayer led by Pastor Schilling.

### **Open Floor**

**Budget:** proposed 2019/2020 ILC Budget presented by Mr. Clubb (attached). Dates corrected. Mr. Felix will ask Jim Henry about website expenses. Motion made by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Mr. Luers. All accepted. Passed.

**Doctrine:** presented later during the meeting.

**Education:** all in agreement that the Monthly Bulletin should continue

**Mission:** all mission work is now done through the website. The Lutheran Reformation Hour does not exist anymore. Other mission goals:

We need to save the sermons that are currently posted in the website and that will be removed in the future

We need to convert the sermons from Pastor Popp and Pastor Shekner from tapes to digital format

Preserve the Monthly Bulletin

Mission Festival: motion made by Mr. Clubb to hold the 2018 Mission Festival on Sunday October 27 (Reformation Sunday) at 10:00 am in Morris, IL (Our Savior's Church). Seconded by Mr. Felix. All accepted. Passed. Mr. Luers added this information to the website.

**Selection of Host for 2020 ILC Delegate Convention:** Our Savior's Evangelical Church, Morris, IL. Date: June 18, 2020

**Election of Officers:** Mr. Erickson made a motion to keep the same Officers. Seconded by Mr. Clubb. All approved. Passed. Officers are:

**President:** Pastor Mark Latsch

**Vice President:** Pastor Dale Schilling

<b>Secretary:</b>	Nato Popp
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Charles Clubb III
<b>Visitor:</b>	vacant
<b>Missionary at Large:</b>	vacant
<b>Historian:</b>	Jordi Felix
<b>ILC Journal Editors:</b>	Pastor Mark Latsch and Pastor Dale Schilling
<b>ILC Website Supervisors:</b>	Pastor Dale Schilling, Jim Henry, & Matt Luers

### **Papers/Discussion/Casuistry**

- Doctrinal Discussion: Justification. Paper prepared and presented by Pastor Latsch
- Ms. Karen Raidy brings discussion point to increase mission work on a personal level. Concern about our organization never growing. Looking for ideas and suggestions.
- Pastor Schilling brings up a question from catechism studies, regarding if a woman can baptize and give communion:
  - o Baptism is a necessity, but not an absolute necessity (to be saved). OK for women to baptize in case of necessity (no other option)
  - o Communion is not a necessity. Person should look for any other opportunity to receive communion (like Pastor's visits). Discussion extended to when and who should give communion: if Pastor is visiting, communion should only be given by the Pastor.
  - o Need to practice Close Communion.

**Close with Prayer and Hymn 283.** 3:30 pm.

Meeting minutes read. Pastor Schilling made a motion to accept minutes as read; seconded by C. Clubb. All accepted. Passed.

### **ILC 2019 President's Report**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is our 41<sup>st</sup> annual ILC delegate convention, and by God's grace, mercy, and power we've continued to cling to the true God, His pure preserved inerrant Holy Word, and the sound doctrines and practices drawn from that written Word of God.

The ILC website continues as our main mission outreach tool, and is viewed by many people. We pray that God's Word is touching hearts, and we are sure that it is indeed making a difference in the lives of individuals since our Lord promises that "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." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

I've had two contacts from other "Lutheran" church groups during the past year. An LCR pastor contacted me back in October 2018 and we exchanged emails a number of times, but it soon became obvious that the differences we had years ago still remain, and the LCR was merely seeking to add congregations to its roster of churches. More recently I was contacted by a pastor who is the representative of the United Lutheran

Mission Association. The ULMA is seeking groups with which to fellowship. Upon viewing the ULMA's website I was immediately disappointed to see that no stand is taken in regards to holding fast to the faithful and reliable King James Version of the Holy Bible and its underlying traditional Hebrew and Greek texts. I let the pastor/representative of the ULMA know that the exclusive use of the KJV and its underlying traditional Hebrew and Greek texts is required for fellowship to be considered between the ILC and any other group.

God's Word is clear: "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. *Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbor. Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:28-32) "Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6) "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them." (Isaiah 8:20)

We are all undoubtedly aware that our congregations are shrinking as the visible return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ draws nearer. We will not compromise God's truth for the sake of numerical growth and ease in this world, for our Lord Jesus plainly declares: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." (John 14:23-24) Fellow Christians, "We love him, because he first loved us. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (1 John 4:19; John 3:16) Let's continue to show our love to our Savior by holding fast to Him and the full truth of His Word.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Mark E. Latsch, ILC president

### **Reminders & Notes**

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**"Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore." (Psalm 133:1-3)**

***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.***