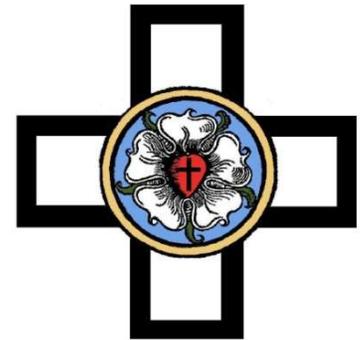




The Lutheran Church-International and World Lutheran Parish BULLETIN -**APRIL 2016**



***To the Glory of God
In Memory of
The Reverend Scott Andrew Christensen
July 7, 1957 - April 1, 2016***



The Rev. Scott Andrew Christensen, 58, was called home to our Heavenly Father on Friday April 1, 2016. The son of Donald K. and the late Joyce B. Christensen, Scott was born in Pekin, IL. On August 1, 1981, Scott married Patti Allen Christensen who preceded him in death. Pastor Christensen was ordained in the International Lutheran Fellowship (now the Lutheran Church – International). He served most recently as Visitation Pastor at the Woodburn Missionary Church and as Chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne IN; he also was a certified Chaplain for Lutheran Hospital and was a leader with Faith Based Mentoring Ministries for many years.



Pastor Christensen was a long-time and valued pastor in the International Lutheran Fellowship / the Lutheran Church –



International and served on the Executive Board of the Church as a Pastoral Delegate. He was an inspiration to those around him by his dedicated service, by the ways he communicated God’s love through his words, by his spirit of enthusiasm for people, and by his love of music. His presence and ministry among us will be sorely missed. With our prayers of thanksgiving in the Church Militant, we remember Pastor Scott Christensen and his ministry and we rejoice with him as he joins the Church Triumphant. ***To God be the eternal Glory!***



The Reverend William H. Wigmore III to be Ordained as a Pastor of the Lutheran Church - International

The entire Lutheran Church – International rejoices with the Congregation and Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Lyons NY in gratitude to God for the Call to The Reverend Deacon William H. Wigmore, III to serve as the Associate Pastor of First Church. The Service of Ordination to the Order of Pastor will be on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. with a reception and luncheon following. LC-I pastors are invited to participate in the Laying On of Hands during the ceremony and are requested to wear street clothes with clerical collar. On the next day, Sunday, May 22, Pastor Wigmore will be installed and preside at his first Service of Holy Communion as an ordained pastor at the regularly scheduled service for the Festival of the Holy Trinity at 10:00 a.m. The entire LC-I community, clergy and lay, is invited to attend to both events. Cost for the luncheon on Saturday is \$10.00 per person. To plan for the number of persons for the luncheon, please make your reservation with First Church by May 7. Lodging can be arranged at a local motel. Please call Pastor-Elect Wigmore for details.

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Save the Date:

LC-I ANNUAL SYNOD: July 28-2016 at Lyons NY

Plan now to attend the LC-I Annual Synod to be held at First Church, Lyons NY during the last week in July 2016. Registration for the Annual Synod is \$60 and includes meals at the church. Details and other specifics will be available shortly. One important item at the Synod will be **revisions to the LC-I Constitution and Bylaws**. Other important areas will include the **scope and directions of LC-I ministries and outreach** including social media. Your attendance and participation are very important to us all as members of Christ's Universal Church.

Visit the LC-I on the Internet:

<http://www.lutheranchurchinternational.org/>

and both the World Lutheran Parish:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lutheran-World-Parish-348944365237640/timeline/>

and the Lutheran Church – International on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>

Please recommend those sites to others who might be interested.

If you know of individuals interested in receiving this BULLETIN, please forward a copy AND send the names and email addresses to the Archbishop: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org



Prayer Requests:

- in thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of Pastor Scott Christensen.
- in thanksgiving to God for the Call to Deacon William Wigmore to serve as a Pastor of the Church.
- for all the lay members, candidates, lay ministers, deacons, pastors and bishops of the LC-I.
- for all who are being reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the World Lutheran Parish.
- in thanksgiving for LC-I mission outreach in California, Maryland, Virginia and New York.
- for the spouses and families of those who serve as ministers and clergy in the LC-I.
- for world peace in the name of Christ and especially for Christians in Iraq, Syria and all countries threatened by terrorists; for all refugees from conflicts; for the dedicated Christians who are aiding the refugees of all faiths; and for those who struggle to cope with hosting refugees.
- for the victims of earthquakes in Japan, Ecuador, Chile, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal and India; and for those who provide aid and bring assistance following natural disasters throughout the world.
- for victims of terrorism in Belgium, Yemen, Pakistan, France, Mali, Tunisia, Cameroon, Nigeria, the USA and wherever terrorists plan and carry out their attacks.
- for the missionary work of World Lutheran Parish members Pastor and Mrs. Tanuku Prasad in India.
- for World Lutheran Parish member Father Richard Sorfleet.
- for Sister Anthonia and her family in Nigeria, that God bless her and her family and keep them safe.
- for all our Christian brothers and sisters in Africa, India, Europe, Central and South America.
- for our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Rite Lutheran Community.
- for the Lutheran Deaconess Association and Executive Director Lisa Polito.
- for the ministries of the Order of Saint Francis - Lutheran.
- for healing and strength for Father Ordice Gallops.
- for friends of the LC-I who serve in other church bodies and fellowships.
- for Pastor/President Roy Steward and the Evangelical Lutheran Conference and Ministerium (ELCM); for Presiding Archbishop William Sloane (SEC); for Presiding Bishop Huron Manning (AO-SEC – Reformed); and for Archbishop John Brown (ICCC).
- for Bishop Douglas Pieper (EMC) and his wife Carol.
- for all those in and seeking political office everywhere, that they serve people through God’s grace.
- for all people who affirm Scripture as the norm of life in accord with the Gospel of Christ.
- for military and emergency personnel in the face of danger through armed conflict and violence.
- for all veterans, the homeless, the addicted and those in personal or domestic danger.
- for Linda Durwachter.
- for Pastor Horst Gutsche.
- for Pastor Terrence Weber.
- for Pastor Mike Miller.
- for the ministries of Pastor Jack Whritenour and all of the ministries of Christ Church, Rosedale NY.
- for Pastor Harvey Von Harten, Deacon Anna Haye, the congregation of St. Paul’s, Coney Island NY.
- for Bishop Juan and Carmen Cepero as they minister in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- for Pastor David Rogers and his ministry of chaplaincy and outreach.
- for Archbishop Robert and Lynn Hotes.
- for Bishop Aubrey Bougher.
- for Pastor Kim-Eric Williams.
- for Pastor Arthur Sziemeister.
- for Pastor Gary Allen.
- for Pastor William Coleman
- for Pastor Philip Barber.
- for Pastor William Gies.
- for Pastor Art Hebbeler.
- for Pastor Richard Horn.





LC-I MINISTRIES:

Here is a great opportunity to share in growing in the understanding of God’s Holy Word and to participate in the global outreach of the LC-I. If interested, please contact Father Ken on the LC-I Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>.



Ken Keenan

Please join Father Ken Thursday nights for Bible Study starting at 8 p.m. EDT.
COME TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE TO JOIN.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>.



- Pastors James Townsend and Donald Schedler are providing Mid-week Communion services as an outreach ministry of the LC-I in the Sacramento CA area.
- The LC-I is vitally interested in dynamic international and domestic congregational opportunities and candidates for diaconal and pastoral ministries in North America.
- The LC-I has a **parochial school** at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale, NY, one of the few remaining Lutheran parochial ministries in the New York City area. Contributions to benefit the school can be sent to Treasurer Bill Wigmore: Treasurer@LutheranChurchInternational.org.
- The LC-I is able to receive gifts and endowments that are tax deductible in the US. Remember this in your planning for next year’s taxes. Let your friends and relatives know, too!
- The **World Lutheran Parish** is a non-geographic parish outreach of the LC-I. **If you do not belong to another LC-I parish and would like to be a part of this ministry**, contact the Archbishop at: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org
- The **Lutheran Deaconess Association** (<http://www.thelda.org>) (219-464-6925) is an independent ministry carried out in cooperation with the LC-I. Men and women are invited to consider training as servants in the church, a ministry which needs people and funds. This is an opportunity for personal outreach!
- The congregations and ministers at **Christ Church**, Rosedale NY, **First Church**, Lyons NY, and **Zion Church**, Montpelier OH assist the LC-I in its outreach through newsletters, staff support and communication. They, along with our congregations and missions in Virginia, South Carolina, California, New York, Maryland and Canada, and all other LC-I missions, congregations and ministries, provide **the visible presence of the Lutheran Church - International**.
- **We need NEWS!** Please send us news notes or ideas for the next issue of the BULLETIN. Please send pictures and information on the activities of people and ministries in your parishes and groups of faith. In the LC-I, **we are a family in our faith and ministries**, and we need to keep in touch in His service. archbishop@lutheranchurchinternational.org

May God bless you and your ministries throughout this Holy Easter Season.

++Robert, President and Archbishop, LC-I

This BULLETIN is designed for communicating to all members of the Lutheran Church – International and to the members of the World Lutheran Parish.

Please circulate to all those interested in the universal Christian faith and especially to those who share the Lutheran evangelical catholic understanding as expressed in the Lutheran foundational documents.

