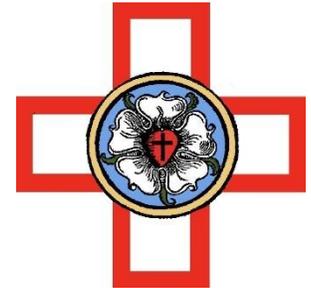




The Lutheran Church – International *and the* World Lutheran Parish **BULLETIN October, 2016**



Planning OUTREACH of the LC-I in 2017:

In 2017 we will celebrate **500 years of the Lutheran Reformation** of the Church! We will also be celebrating the **50th anniversary of the Lutheran Church – International**, founded in 1967 as the International Lutheran Fellowship (ILF)! We welcome your suggestions for commemorating both events, with special gratitude for God's grace shown to the LC-I. **Send your ideas to the Archbishop at:**

Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org or call 217-691-3090.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

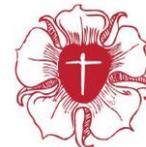
The LC-I will have its regular Executive Board teleconference for Fall on Saturday November 5. If you would like to discuss something with the Board, please let the Archbishop or the Secretary know.

END OF CHURCH YEAR APPROACHING:

As we prepare for the Advent season it seems right to prepare our minds and hearts for this Holy time of expectation. It is also good remember that the annual clegy dues and parish contributions are scheduled at this time. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Wigmore, the LC-I treasurer or the archbishop.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Special prayers are asked for those suffering from the devastations of Hurricane Matthew and for those in Aleppo Syria, Mosul Iraq and elsewhere. May Almighty God have mercy!



In this BULLETIN:

This month we feature a brief sketch of the ministries in India of The Rev. Dr. T. Rajendra Prasad and his wife and co-minister Sarada. Pastor Prasad has a theological formation in the Lutheran Christian understanding and is trained to preside at Word and Sacrament in accord with Scripture and the Book of Concord. He has an independent non-profit Christian organization "reaching the unreached in India and around the world," this ministry prayerful contact with the World Lutheran Parish for several years.



ABOUT DR. PRASAD AND HIS MINISTRY:

The Rev. Dr. T. Rajendra Prasad was born in a Hindu family of the Brahmin Caste and was strongly opposed to Christ and Christians. He was the only son born to his parents and had four elder sisters and four younger sisters, and was considered a rich man. He was working for the Government of Andhra Pradesh in India in Co-operative Department.

Stricken with a deadly illness in 1978, he visited many doctors and hospitals. Finally, he was admitted into a Christian Hospital (CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, VELLORE) to wait an apparent death. Christian ministers there began witnessing to him, and he was miraculously healed. He returned home from his healing and had an encounter with Jesus Christ and the Scriptures, especially from 1 Corinthians 10:13 with the specific words that attracted him: **“GOD IS FAITHFUL.”** Soon thereafter he gave his heart and life to Christ.



Dr. Prasad’s call to Christianity resulted in his departure from his high paying government position to attend a Christian seminary for Bible Training at Andhra Christian Theological College, Secunderabad. As a result of his accepting Christ and the Lord’s call to full-time ministry, his family deserted him and he relinquished all that he owned for the cause of Christ. It was at this point that God spoke to Dr. Prasad and told him to witness to the poor and the unsaved of India. He started working for the LORD in the rural villages as the LORD JESUS CHRIST has helped him to start several Churches in the Villages and to spread the gospel of Christ, helping the people to come to know Christ as Lord and Savior and to follow Him into the KINGDOM OF GOD.

Since then, the ministry has grown, and he has planted several churches in India's poor countryside, while meeting the increasing needs of thousands through the transforming power of Christ. For the past 30 years he has ministered in many places in India and abroad. Jesus Christ is using him as **HIS** witness around the world and has done many miracles to expand his ministry in various places of the world.



Dr. Prasad chose Isaiah 40: 29-31 to be the cornerstone of the LORD’S Ministry "THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, NOT BE WEARY AND THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.”

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Guest Preaching at
St. John’s Church (Anglican)



MINISTRIES:

The Ministries of Pastor Rajendra Prasad are blessed to share the love of God through **Church Planting, Bible Distribution, Crusades, Well Digging, Supporting Pastors, Widows and other ministries.** It is a humble experience to spread the Gospel and Baptize the lost in villages in India as well as in Malawi, a nation in southeast South Africa and in WITNESSING in SINGAPORE, HONG KONG, BANGKOK, SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, SOUTH KOREA, SWEDEN, AMSTERDAM, and BRUSSELS.



Several churches have been planted in Andhra Pradesh, India. Five churches have been constructed and support has been provided to pastors in these churches. The ministry has also assisted in the important activity of well digging to provide reliable sources of water for communities.

Here are more pictures of church planting:





BIBLE DISTRIBUTION:



Pastor Prasad's ministries have distributed over 200,000 Bibles so far in Andhra Pradesh. These Bibles are printed in Telugu, the native language in Andhra Pradesh, India.



Prayers and Concerns for October:

- for all those recovering from medical procedures, especially for Pastor John McBride and Pastor Philip Barber.
- for the memory of Susan Wilson, wife of Father Paul Wilson of the Southern Episcopal - Anglican Church, and for their family. Ms. Wilson was killed in an automobile accident last week and Father Wilson is was seriously injured.
- In thanksgiving for the service of the Reverend Deacon Sam Soopersaud of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, Queens New York on his recent birthday. Many more Sam!
- for all of the victims of Hurricane Matthew.
- for all ministry and mission outreaches of the LC-I
- we rejoice in the call of Deaconess Christine Stephenson of Nebraska to ministry with the LC-I; please keep her in continual prayer.
- remember the Lutheran Deaconess Association in your prayers and end-of-year contributions.
- for Carol and Pastor Jack Whritenour on the death of Carol's mother, Dahne Meeker.
- for Carman and for Pastor Mark Dankof. Carman's father recently died.
- for Bishop Jeffrey Bischoff and his family.
- for Pastor David Rogers and his ministries to the miners.
- for Pastor Gene Fortune as he travels.
- in thanksgiving for the pastoral work of Pastors William Babbitt and Mike Miller. Check out Mike's+ posts on the LC-I Facebook page. Please also check out the prayers posted by Pastor Jack Whritenour of Christ Church. These are great ministries!
- for all of the LC-I ministries in South America and Asia and especially for Bishop Juan Cepero and for Pastor Rajendra Prasad.





PRAYERS:

- in thanksgiving for the ministries of Father Larry Goodnough of Saint Catherine's, Canada.
- for all members of the World Lutheran Parish, a non-geographic parish outreach of the LC-I
- **for those who do not live near or belong to an LC-I parish and would like to be a part of this ministry.**
(contact the Archbishop at: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org 217-691-3090)
- for Pastor Kenneth Keenan and the Bible Study on our Facebook page starting at 8 p.m. EDT:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>
- for Pastors James Townsend and Donald Schedler, serving an outreach ministry of the LC-I in the Sacramento CA area. By God's grace, this ministry is now named Holy Cross Mission! Pastor Townsend leads the mission. Pastor Schedler, emeritus Dean for the area, reports regular services each month at the mission thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's congregation in Sacramento.
- for all the lay members, candidates, lay ministers, deacons, pastors and bishops of the LC-I.
- for the congregation and parochial school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale NY, one of the few remaining Lutheran parochial ministries in the New York City area; for those who contribute to benefit the school through the LC-I, please contact Pastor William Wigmore:
Treasurer@LutheranChurchInternational.org
- for dynamic international and domestic congregational opportunities and for candidates for diaconal and pastoral ministries in North America. **Please let us know of candidates and opportunities!**
- for Pastor Surekha Neleva and the International Global Peace Multicultural Lutheran Community in Frederick MD.
- for Bishop Louis Marcel Pierre of the Lutheran Mission of Haiti; he is in very poor health.
- for LC-I friend Bishop Anderson Fequiere and his ministries.
- for Bishop Pavel Levushkin in Latvia, a friend of the World Parish, and for the Russian and Latvian Lutheran communities and for Anglican Fr. Dan Funk and family.
- for Pastor Ordice Gallups, friend of the LC-I, and for his wife Vivian with prayers for medical healing and recovery for both of them.
- for Father Mike Ross and Pr. Cristoforo Padula, friends of the LC-I.
- for Father Courtney Fleenor and for Bishop Douglas Pieper.
- for the people of Thailand as they mourn the death of their king and their transition to a new leader.
- for those suffering from the effects of natural disasters, including the residents of Ellicott City Maryland, in Texas and Louisiana, in Central Italy, and those devastated by wildfires in California and Washington State and hurricanes on the East and West coasts; for the victims of earthquakes in Japan, Ecuador, Chile, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal and India.
- for all the victims of violence in Syria, Lebanon, California, Louisiana and Texas and elsewhere around the globe.
- for all victims of terrorism and violence in the USA, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Yemen, Belgium, France, Mali, Tunisia, Nigeria, Cameroon, and wherever terrorists plan and attack.
- for world peace in the name of Christ and especially for Christians in Iraq, Syria and in 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 those who bring protecting care to those in danger and order out of chaos.
- for those who provide gifts, contributions and endowments to the LC-I (tax deductible in the U.S.)
- prayers for all those known to you and known to God who need our prayers.





WORLD LUTHERAN PARISH and LUTHERAN CHURCH - INTERNATIONAL

We in the World Lutheran Parish and the Lutheran Church - International rejoice in the partnerships in prayer and the cooperation in ministry around the globe. By God's grace our outreach is growing! You can help by telling others about us and by your continued support.

We hope to feature one or more ministries directly or indirectly associated with the LC-I and the World Lutheran Parish. Please provide **written information and/or photos** that can be used. We are very blessed to provide information about our ministries but need your help in providing materials.



LUTHER'S SEAL:

In a July 8, 1530 letter to [Lazarus Spengler](#), Luther interprets his seal:

Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" ([Romans 10:10](#)). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" ([Romans 1:17](#)) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives ([John 14:27](#)). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. [Matthew 28:3](#); [John 20:12](#)). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_rose#cite_note-LW-1



MARTIN LUTHER:

Playmobil's best-selling (EVER!) toy is a figure representing Martin Luther. Available from Concordia Publishing for \$9.99 plus shipping <http://www.cph.org/p-29006-playmobil-martin-luther.aspx>. Bishop and Ute Horn also have some from Germany for the same price in a limited quantity if interested.

May God continue to bless + you and your ministries.

++Robert W. Hotes

President and Archbishop, LC-I



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