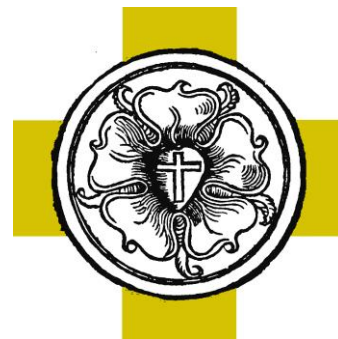




The Lutheran Church-International and World Lutheran Parish

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Special Prayer Requests:

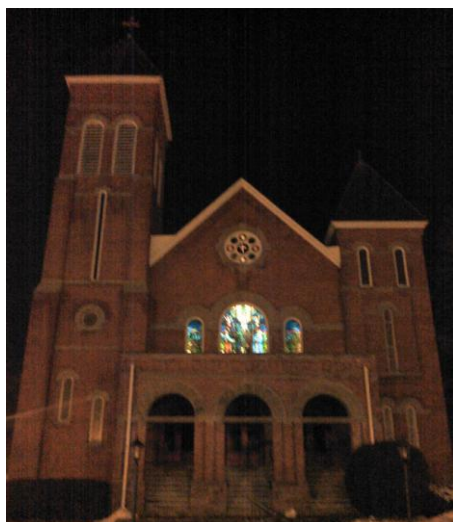
- Prayers are asked for Pastor Scott Christensen and his family.
- In Memoriam of Marjorie E. Williams, 102, mother of Pastor Kim-Eric Williams. Please remember her and Pr. Kim at services and in your daily prayers. The funeral was on Monday, March 14th, at Calvary Lutheran Church, West Chester, PA.
- Remember in your prayers the victims of terrorism in Brussels, Belgium.

Save the Date: LC-I ANNUAL SYNOD 2016

- Make your plans now to attend the *LC-I Annual Synod* to be held at *First Church, Lyons NY* on Tuesday July 26 through Thursday July 28.

Registration details will be available shortly. One very important item for discussion at the Synod is revisions to the LC-I Constitution and By-Laws. Please send your ideas for proposed amendments by March 30, 2016 to the Executive Board at:

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



First Lutheran Church, Lyons NY, is host for the 2016 Annual Synod and the upcoming Ordination and Installation of Pastor William Wigmore III.

Ordination of The Reverend William Wigmore Saturday, May 21 at 10:30 AM

(details on next page)





The Reverend William H. Wigmore, III to be Ordained on Saturday, May 21 at 10:30 AM

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 Presbyterate will be on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:30 AM with a reception and luncheon following. On the next day, Sunday, May 22, Pastor Wigmore will be installed and preside at his first Service of Holy Communion/Mass as an ordained pastor at the regularly scheduled service for the Festival of the Holy Trinity at 10:00 AM. The entire LC-I community, clergy and lay, is invited to attend to both events, and clergy are invited to vest and process. Cost for the luncheon on Saturday is \$10.00 per person; to plan 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 Vicar/Pastor-Elect Wigmore for details.

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ELCM and LC-I clergy meet to share ideas for cooperation

At the invitation of The Rev. Roy A. Steward, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Conference and Ministerium (ELCM) and with Lutheran Church – International Archbishop Robert W. Hotes, pastors of both the ELCM and the LC-I met together on February 25 to discuss ways in which the two bodies might cooperate in ministry. Both church bodies are relatively small “micro-synods” and both share similar evangelical and confessional Lutheran perspectives. Representing the LC-I with the Archbishop were



Bishop Aubrey N. Bougher (Northeastern Diocese), Pastor Richard W. Horn (Secretary) and Pastor William L. F. Gies. Under discussion for future consideration is formation of a council of equals for cooperative ministry similar to the former Lutheran Council of the USA (LCUSA). Such a council would allow cooperation in appropriate ways while still respecting individual differences in the member church bodies. This is only a first step of what could be a major breakthrough for inter-Lutheran cooperation in the Twenty-First Century.

Members of LC-I and ELCM clergy at a “get acquainted” meeting at Gettysburg PA.



Prayer Requests:

- for the special intentions of Bishop Aubrey Bougher and his family.
- for Pr. Kim-Eric Williams and his family.
- for Pr. Terence Weber.
- in thanksgiving for the safety of the LC-I ministries, people and clergy during the recent flooding in California, and in thanksgiving for the easing of the drought in some locations there.
- for the special intentions of Ute Horn and Pastor Richard Horn.
- for world peace in the name of Christ and especially for Christians in Iraq, Syria and all countries threatened by terrorists; for the 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.
- in gratitude for the recent courageous stance of the orthodox bishops of the Anglican Communion as they affirmed Scripture as the norm of Christian behavior.
- for the missionary work of World Lutheran Parish members Pr. and Mrs. Tanuku Prasad in India.
- for World Parish member Fr. Richard Sorfleet.
- for Sister Anthonia and her family in Nigeria, that God bless her and her family and keep them safe. Prayers are also requested for all our Christian brothers and sisters in Africa.
- for World Lutheran Parish contacts in Africa, India, Eastern Europe, Central and South America.
- for our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Rite Lutheran Community.
- for Pastor Horst Gutsche, our friend and brother in Christian ministry.
- for World Lutheran Parish member and minister Pastor Mike Miller.
- for the intentions of Linda Durwachter.
- for our friends in ministry Presiding Archbishop William Sloane of the SEC and Presiding Bishop Huron Manning of the Anglican Orthodox-SEC – Reformed, and Archbishop John Brown of ICCA.
- for LC-I friend Bishop Douglas Pieper and his wife Carol.
- for the recovery of the Very Reverend Canon Ordice Gallops of Maryland, a friend of the LC-I.
- for former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and family; with thankfulness for faithful Christian witness.
- for all those in political office around the world, that they may serve their peoples through God's grace and come to an acceptance of the Gospel of Christ.
- for military and emergency personnel in danger through armed conflict.
- for all veterans, the homeless, the addicted and those in personal or domestic danger.
- in thanksgiving for the continued recovery of Pastor Arthur Sziemeister of First Church, Lyons NY.
- 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 and the congregation of St. Paul's in Coney Island, NY.
- for Bishop Juan and Carmen Cepero as they minister in Latin America and the Caribbean representing LC-I.
- for Deacon/Vicar William Wigmore and his family.
- for Pastor Philip Barber and his wife.
- for world peace in the name of Christ and especially for Christians in Iraq, Syria and the all countries threatened by terrorists.
- for all victims of violence in France, Mali, Tunisia, Cameroon, Nigeria, the USA and everywhere.
- for the special intentions of Pastor William Gies.
- for the special intentions of Pastor Art Hebbeler.
- for the ministries of the Order of Saint Francis - Lutheran.



Prayer Requests: (continued from page 3)

- for the Lutheran Deaconess Association and Executive Director Lisa Polito. Please remember them in prayer and with your contributions if possible.
- for Archbishop Robert and Lynn Hotes.
- for Pastor Gary Allen
- for Pastor David Rogers and his ministries.
- for all of our other intentions including prayers for our candidates in the United States and Canada.

Visit the LC-I on the Internet:

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

and both the World Lutheran Parish:

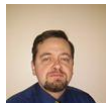
<https://www.facebook.com/Lutheran-World-Parish-348944365237640/timeline/>

and the Lutheran Church – International on Facebook:

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

Please recommend these sites to others who might be interested.

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 Fr. Ken on the LC-I Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>.



[Ken Keenan](#)

Join Fr. Ken Thursday nights for Bible Study starting at 8pm EST.
COME TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE TO START.

MINISTRIES:

- We are grateful to the Lord for new candidates for both diaconal and pastoral ministries in North America. Please pray for their intentions.
- We are grateful to God for the new LC-I ministries in Sacramento CA and the ministries of Pastors James Townsend and Donald Schedler. Please keep them in special prayer.
- We also thank God for the dedicated service of the congregations and ministers at Christ Church Rosedale NY, First Church Lyons NY, Zion Montpelier OH, our congregations and missions in Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland and Canada, and all other LC-I missions and congregations. Please send us news notes for this BULLETIN.
- Please send pictures and information on the activities of people and ministries in your parishes and groups of faith. We in the LC-I are a family in our faith and ministries and need to keep in touch in His service. Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org

Do you know of individuals who would be interested in receiving this BULLETIN?

Please forward a copy AND send the names and email addresses to the Archbishop:

Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org



ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we emerge from the sorrows of Lent and look forward to the joy of re-birth in Christ by His passion and death, I would like to reach out with assurance of my special prayers for you and for all members of our LC-I family. As you read in our prayer list, there are those of us for whom the remembrance of Christ on the cross will be most important, especially in this season. As part of our LC-I Christian family, please hold them and one another in your Christian care, and please contact them as appropriate.

The Feast of the Resurrection is the center of our Christian faith and life, the signal of hope for a new beginning. This year, as we prepare for the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we in the LC-I have reason for great thanksgiving. We rejoice in our salvation through the cross of Christ and are grateful for His saving grace, that same grace that allowed Luther to renew the foundations of the universal church and to lead the effort to reform the life of that universal or “**catholic**” church even in the face of abuses that became barriers to life in Christ. There is hope in 2017 of increased understanding between the Roman church and those of us who cherish the universal or “**catholic**” church in a Lutheran understanding. The much touted plans of Francis, the Bishop of Rome, to memorialize the Reformation by a visit to the Church of Sweden provides hope for better understanding on both sides. We in the LC-I understand and follow many, though not all, of the practices of the Church of Sweden; and we have hope that Francis’ seeming openness to steps toward communication will give opportunities for prayer and a hope for unity in correctly understood Christian essentials.

We are “**evangelical catholics**.” Our evangelical witness is expressed in our respect and love for one another, including the use of liturgies to link the Word and the Sacraments, to feed the hearts and souls of Christ’s people. We seek to worship and praise in accord with forms that link us to the universal Church, both living and triumphant, without innovation for the sake of politics or novelty. We are proud to use music and liturgies that have expressed that historic unity. We have bishops, pastors and deacons who are honored as gifts of God to His Church, and we observe the formal apostolic succession of clergy which strengthens and supports all of us in ministry. We are “**evangelical catholics**” because we faithfully proclaim the Gospel which creates the unity of the Christian church throughout the ages.

The teachings of the Lutheran church, emphasized by liturgical scholar and Lutheran Pastor Frank Senn and others, make clear that, for Luther and for us as confessional Lutherans, the Word of God is central to life in Christ. As “**evangelical catholic Christians**” we proclaim through the preaching of Scriptures and the writings of the Lutheran confessions that our identity as Christians, universal and “**catholic**,” is based solely on the Word of God in Jesus Christ as preached, in our Baptism and in Christ’s body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar as God calls us to faithful witness and service in His church.

As “**Lutheran evangelical catholic Christians**,” this faithful preaching of the Word of God in Holy Scripture with God acting in the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion makes us the church. We in the LC-I have been blessed with talented bishops, pastors, deacons and lay persons who are our servants, guides and teachers in pastoral care and in exemplary liturgical practices. We do not need or rely on other “**Catholic**” or borrowed styles of worship for our Christian identity. We follow the common universal Christian Lutheran heritage. We are solidly Lutheran in our faith, understandings, and practices. With gratitude for the grace of God in the Reformation, here we stand, not in sameness of ceremonies but solely on and in the Word of God, by grace and faith. As Lutheran Christians, we can do no other. May God be praised and may each and every one of us feel His special love this season!

++Robert, President and Archbishop



DID YOU KNOW?

- **Did you know** that, as a not-for-profit church body the **LC-I is able to receive gifts and endowments that are tax deductible** in the US? Please let your friends and relatives know about our church and its ministries!
- **Did you know** that the LC-I **does NOT assign “apportionment,”** and does NOT expect a percentage of congregational offerings to be sent to the LC-I? But the LC-I is vitally interested in establishing funds to allow us to engage in more dynamic international and domestic ministries.
- **Did you know** that the LC-I is very blessed to have a **parochial school** at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale, NY? If you are aware of individuals who are able to make tax-deductible contributions to benefit the school please put them in touch with Treasurer Bill Wigmore in Lyons: Treasurer@LutheranChurchInternational.org.
- **Did you know** that the **World Lutheran Parish** is a special outreach of the LC-I as an “irregular” or non-geographic parish within the LC-I? **If you do not belong to another LC-I parish and would like to be a part of this ministry,** please contact the Archbishop at: Archbishop@LutheranChurchInternational.org. If you are blessed to help this ministry, **please consider making a contribution to the work of the World Lutheran Parish.** Any contribution in any amount to help with our annual contribution to the LC-I would be very helpful. Designate the funds for the World Lutheran Parish and direct them to LC-I Treasurer Wigmore at: Treasurer@LutheranChurchInternational.org.
- **Did you know** that the LC-I asks that **all clergy members and congregations pay a nominal amount for their annual dues?** This responsibility is an obligation in Christ’s service and helps the LC-I to fund our needed ministries. Dues for clergy (bishops, pastors and deacons) is \$75 for the Church Year; dues for congregations and ministries is \$150. If there is a temporary personal or parish funding problem, please discuss with your bishop or the Archbishop. Dues should be sent to the LC-I Treasurer:

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This BULLETIN is designed to provide communication to all members of the Lutheran Church – International community as well as 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.



***May God continue to bless you
and your ministries
throughout Holy Week
and the Easter Season.***

***++Robert
President and Archbishop***

