



The Lutheran Church - International *and* World Lutheran Parish

BULLETIN - November, 2016



Planning **OUTREACH** of the LC-I in 2017:

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LC-I [ILF] / Lutheran Reformation

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). Suggestions for commemorating both events, with special gratitude for God’s grace shown to the LC-I, should be sent to the Archbishop at:

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

Members of the Lutheran Church – International:

The Members of the LC-I, as defined in our Constitution, are the ordained and lay “ministers and communities of faith who subscribe to the doctrinal statement” of the LC-I. In the same way that congregations expect their members to financially support them, the LC-I has acted to call on each of its members to financially support it with a nominal amount per year as “dues” payable annually by the First Sunday in Advent. **Dues for ministers are \$75, and dues for communities of faith are \$150.** Although the amounts are deliberately nominal (one cup of Starbucks coffee per week costs WHAT?!?), they help to provide one of the means for the LC-I to minister to its members and provide for outreach of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church. As members, it is a part of our direct participation in the life of the LC-I. While dues are not optional, we also recognize that in some instances they can be a temporary burden. If that circumstance applies, please consult with the diocesan Bishop or the Archbishop. (The members of the World Lutheran Parish who have not been received as ordained or lay ministers of the LC-I are already supporting the World Parish in the same way that they support a local parish ministry).

Please note that ***NO “BILL” FOR DUES WILL BE SENT! You must take the initiative!***

Reminder: Send your dues for 2017 as ordained or lay ministers and congregations during the Advent Season. They are essential for our continued ministries as we celebrate our 50th anniversary in the ILF/LC-I and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Funds should be sent to:

Pastor William Wigmore, Treasurer, LC-I

15 High Street

Lyons, New York 14489

PastorWigmore@gmail.com

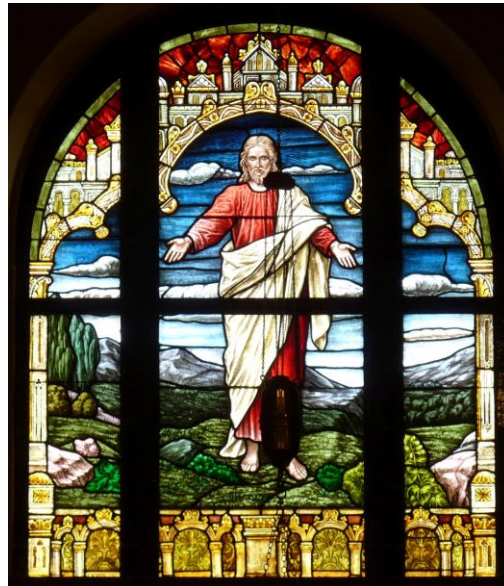
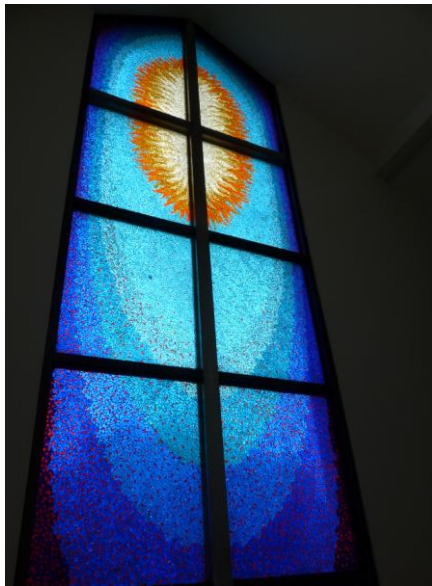


With thanksgiving to God
we pray for and support our ministries
of the World Lutheran Parish
and of the LC-I!

In each monthly edition of the BULLETIN, we want to feature one or more ministries directly or indirectly associated with the LC-I and the World Lutheran Parish. Please try to help by providing information and photos that can be used in the BULLETIN. Send them to the Central Office in care of the Archbishop, with information that can be used. We are very blessed to provide information about our ministries but need your help in providing materials!

Christ Lutheran School Rosedale (Queens) New York, NY

Please help by sending donations to this important ministry if you are able.

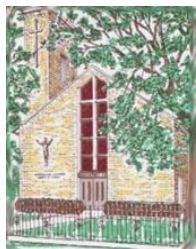


Richard H. Liescheidt, Principal with Bishop Aubrey N. Bougher

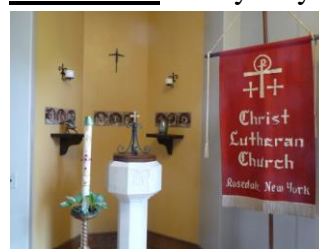
In this edition of the BULLETIN we are featuring Christ Lutheran School in Rosedale, Queens (NY). One of the few remaining parochial schools in the Queens area of New York City, Christ Lutheran provides young women and men of the community with a solid academic and Scripture-based education anchored in faithful Christian Lutheran teaching. Because of privacy concerns, photos of children cannot and will not be used unless permission is given.

The Headmaster of the School is Pastor Jack Whritenour and the Principal is Mr. Richard H. Liescheidt. Christ Lutheran is the cathedral church of the Northeastern Diocese; Bishop Aubrey N. Bougher is the retired pastor of Christ Church and the former Headmaster.

Donations to the vital mission of the school are always welcome, ***and needed***. They may be sent to:



The Rev. Jack Whritenour, Headmaster
139-30 248th Street
Rosedale NY 11422
[***prjack@gmail.com***](mailto:prjack@gmail.com)
1-203-535-6423.





Prayers and Concerns for November

- for all those recovering from medical procedures especially for Pastor Arthur Sziemeister who had a pacemaker installed on November 14. He is recovering well. Congratulations to him on his 85th birthday November 10!
- for the families and children devastated by the recent school bus crash in Chattanooga TN.
- for police officers who are being targeted for assassination and for their communities and families.
- for civilians caught in the violence in Aleppo, Syria.
- 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 all ministry and mission outreaches of the LC-I.
- for Deaconess Christine Stephenson of Nebraska as we rejoice in her call to ministry with the LC-I.
- for the Lutheran Deaconess Association in our prayers and with end-of-year contributions.
- for Bishop Jeffrey Bischoff and his family.
- for Pastor David Rogers and his ministries.
- for Pastor Gene Fortune as he travels.
- in thanksgiving for the pastoral work of Pastor William Babbitt.
- for the excellent postings on our LC-I Facebook page. Bible studies are posted and coordinated by Pastor Kenneth Keenan; prayers are posted by Pastor Jack Whritenour of Christ Church; and portions of Luther's Small Catechism are posted by Pastor Mike Miller. These are great and valued ministries!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LutheranChurchInternational/>
- for all of the LC-I ministries in South America and Asia and especially for Bishop Juan Cepero and for Pastor Rajendra Prasad.
- for Bishop Richard Horn as he travels to minister as a missionary bishop in the LC-I.
- in thanksgiving for the ministries of Pastor 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 James Townsend and Pastor 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 Schedler, emeritus Dean for the area, reports regular services each month at the mission thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's in Sacramento. Pastor Townsend leads the mission.
- for all lay members, candidates, lay ministers, deacons, pastors, bishops, congregations of the LC-I.
- for those who contribute to benefit the parochial school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Rosedale NY, one of the few remaining Lutheran parochial school ministries in the New York City area; you can also contribute through the LC-I, contact: 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 Troy Harris in Australia.
- for Pastor Surekha Neleva and the International Global Peace Multicultural Lutheran Community in Frederick MD.
- for Pastor / Doctor Reinhard Thoele and all friends of the LC-I in Germany.
- 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 friend of the World Parish Bishop Pavel Levushkin in Latvia and for the Russian and Latvian Lutheran communities.
- for Father Mike Ross, Father Dan Funk and Pastor Cristoforo Padula, friends of the LC-I.
- for Pastor Courtney Fleenor and for Bishop Douglas Pieper.
- 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 those suffering from the effects of natural disasters, including the effects of storms on the residents of upstate New York, and for the victims of earthquakes in Japan, New Zealand, Indonesia, Argentina.
- for all victims of terrorism and violence in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mali, Turkey, Nigeria, Jordan, Egypt, Somalia, in our own countries, and wherever terrorists plan and attack.
- 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.)
- we ask prayers for all those known to you and known to God who need our prayers.

Do you recognize this insignia?

This pin is worn by members of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, an independent Lutheran ministry recognized and endorsed by the LC-I. Two of our valued LC-I members are also members of the LDA: **Deacon Helena Morris (Montpelier OH) and Deaconess Christine Stephenson (Lincoln NE)**. The LDA invites lay members of the LC-I to consider becoming a part of this important ministry of service to the church and to the society. Your support of the LDA supports our partnership with them.

From their website: <http://www.thelda.org/diaconalformation/index.php>

Journey together as part of a praying and serving community

- Build relationships and connect to resources
- Belong to a multi-culturally diverse and inclusive international network

Grow with us

- Deepen your understanding of theology
- Learn reflection and prayer practices
- Form your servant identity

Service in Christ to those at the margins

- Serve others with intentionality through your job
- Represent the church in the world
- Develop leadership skills and be a catalyst for change



May God continue to bless + you and your ministries.

++Robert W. Hotes, President and Archbishop, LC-I

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