

The Monthly Newsletter

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Augustana, Article III: The Son of God

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God [John 1:14], assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind [John 1:29]. He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions. Edited by Paul T. McCain. St. Louis: CPH, 2005, S. 32

Preschool Application

If you know someone who is searching for a quality preschool experience for their 3, 4, or 5 year old, you might consider the Children's Garden Preschool.



Golf Outing
August 15
is the date set for the Koinonia Golf Outing. We'll be golfing the Rustic Ridge Course in Eldridge. RSVP to Bill Mateski or sign up in the lobby.

Saturday Workshops (10 am)

Aug 7 Reaching out to Mormons
Aug 14 Reaching out to Jehovah's Witnesses

Church Cleaning Families in August

Aug 1 Johnson
Aug 8 Trier (Norm and Sharon)
Aug 15 Loss
Aug 22 Running
Aug 29 Stilwell

Annual Report

Please pick up an Annual Report today. If you receive the Pastor's Monday Email, you will receive an electronic copy.

Meditations

The Meditations devotional booklets are also in. Pick up two and give one to a friend or leave one in the waiting room.

Synod News: Car Rental

Corporate rates—Need to rent a car? WELS has negotiated corporate rates... nationally with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Any WELS member is free to rent using these special rates for both business and personal use... The corporate code for Enterprise national rentals is NA44079 and the password is WEL. These are pre-populated in the following link: www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=002&&cust=NA44079. Both links can also be found in the Quick Links on the home page of Connect. Questions? Contact Carla Martin, 414-256-3202; carla.martin@wels.net.

Thank You!

Dear members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church,

We would like to express our gratitude to all who came to welcome us to Davenport and helped us move in to our new home. Everyone in the congregation has been so friendly and welcoming. Your example of Christian love was amazing! We are finally starting to feel settled and are getting familiar with the area. We are excited about our time in the Quad Cities and at Gethsemane while I [Zach] attend Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Sincerely,

Zach, Beth and Eliza Shiels

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sarah W.	2	3 Lutheran Book Club 7 pm	4 Dave M.	5 Caleb T.	6	7 Workshop 10 am Reaching Out To Latter-Day Saints
8 <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Bill & Kathy M.	9	10 Lutheran Book Club 7 pm	11 Rick F.	12	13	14 Workshop 10 am Reaching Out To Jehovah's Witnesses Pete & Bonnie F.
15 <i>St. Mary, Mother of our Lord</i> Golf Outing	16 Sharon B.	17 Karyn Y. Lutheran Book Club 7 pm	18 Randy F.	19 Bill M. George W.	20	21
22 <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Char D.	23 Dan W. Scott P.	24 Sara B. <i>St. Bartholomew Apostle</i> Lutheran Book Club 7 pm	25	26	27	28 <i>Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian</i> Adam S.
29 <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	30 Whitney W.	31 Clay W. Lutheran Book Club 7 pm	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Divine Service Sunday 9 am</p> <p>Christian Education Sunday 10:15 am</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Altar Care Karyn Elder Jeff Ushers Norm, Pete, Jim, Paul</p> </div> </div>			

Synod News: Observations on LCMS Convention

Rev. James Pope, professor at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., has returned home after serving as an observer to the triennial convention of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) held in Houston, July 10-17. Pope, a member of the Commission on Inter-Church Relations (CICR), was the official WELS representative.

Pope says this was the most positive of the three consecutive LCMS conventions he has attended. The convention met under the theme "One People—Forgiven," and Pope says there was a heavy emphasis on reconciliation. "It was obvious there was a concerted effort among delegates to speak and be passionate about a position, without tearing others down."

Delegates elected a new president, Rev. Matthew Harrison, who has been serving as executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care since 2001. He received 54 percent of the vote to 45 percent for Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, the current president. "Conservatives within the Missouri Synod are welcoming the decision," says Pope.

Delegates also adopted sweeping governance restructuring resolutions—including one that reduced the synod's seven program boards to two elected policy boards and another that gives the president the authority to choose the slate of candidates for first vice president. Those resolutions were advocated by Kieschnick. "The challenge Harrison is facing is implementing a major restructuring of the synod approved by the delegates prior to his election," Pope says.

Pope, who was formally recognized by the convention during his stay, says he was warmly received... "People are pleased the WELS has representatives here," he says. While the two synods both hold to the inerrancy of Scripture, salvation by grace alone, and other basic doctrines, WELS broke fellowship with the LCMS in 1961 over fellowship, church and ministry, and other issues.