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The SELC District Convention is being held from May 12 - 15, 2022 in St. Louis at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church. Watch for more information in future issues of the Beacon Online.



Scott Killian appointed to Synod Committee on Constitutional Matters

Attorney Scott Killian was appointed by the LCMS President Matthew Harrison, and was approved at the Council of Presidents meeting held earlier this month, to fill the spot vacated by Rev. (Atty.) R. Neely Owen. Attorney Killian is a member of St. Athanasius Church in Vienna, VA which is an SELC District congregation. He will serve until the end of the 2023 term.



St. Lucas, St. Louis Annual Blessing of the Quilts

Each year St. Lucas spreads out the quilts created for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in the Sanctuary for a blessing. The prayer is that they provide not only physical warmth, but that they would give opportunity to share the love of Christ. The quilting group, comprised of about six women, normally make about 100 tied quilts each year. Even though the quilts are made from scrap material, care is taken to create a beautiful product. LWR then distributes them throughout the world to refugees and others in desperate need of warmth and shelter.



Pictured left to right are two of the ladies of the quilting group: Joan Shebik and Joyce Kolnik. Other quilters at St. Lucas include Barbara Baranovic, Marilyn Hrabovsky, Myrna Land, and Pam Reily.





LCEF in Action in Response to Request for assistance





Left to right: Jack Dobruck, Janice Domiziano, Priscilla Altmann, Dan Lepley, Tom Dianis, Joanne Fuss, Laura Dianis, Lena and Rev. Evan Scamman, Bea Walko

Hurricane Ida flooded St. Paul Lutheran Church in Connecticut. Our LCEF District VP, Rev. Dan Lepley went to St. Paul's and met with the Church leadership and reviewed the damage that Ida caused. Helping congregations is what LCEF is here to do!

We realize that many of you may have been affected by the disasters across our Country. ***Please notify the District Office if you have suffered loss because of any of these hurricanes or storms, or anything in the aftermath.*** The SELC District Office and LCEF can provide assistance to you. [Click here for more information on LCEF's Disaster loan terms](#)



School Accreditation News

Congratulations to ***Family of Christ Lutheran School*** in Tampa, FL and ***St. Lutke's Lutheran School*** in Oviedo, FL for being awarded National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) in good standing by the National Accreditation Commission(NAC) at their July 2021 meeting.

This award is the culmination of a great deal of work involving the entire school community, and these schools are to be commended for attainment of this high honor. With accreditation, Family of Christ Lutheran School and St. Luke's Lutheran School join a fraternity of 678 Lutheran schools around the world who are working to serve students better in sharing the Gospel message and mission throughout their communities.



Lutheran Haven is celebrating the **75th** Anniversary of Christmas Seals!



Sharing the long, storied history of Lutheran Haven is a gift our residents often give to us, and their recollections are both precious and profound. A current resident, whose Slovak name means "Joy" remembers the opening announcement of the Lutheran Haven at her church in Chicago when she was a young girl. Joy remembers praying for the Haven as a child. Nearly 65 years later, Joy became a resident of the Haven and even reunited with 3 classmates from her Chicago high school who live at the Haven as well. Joy states,

"Only the Lord could have orchestrated that – that kind of beauty and heritage is what sets the Haven apart." We couldn't agree more...

When Lutheran Haven began in 1946, tuberculosis was gaining a dangerous foothold in the U. S. and to raise money to combat the disease, a special Tuberculosis Christmas Seal was produced. This came to the attention of St. Luke's Pastor, Rev. Stephen Tuhy, who thought this could be replicated for the fledgling "Lutheran Haven" which was the vision of Mr. Andrew Duda, Sr. Through Mr. Duda's generosity in 1937, the seed was planted for the Haven, and for 75 years that seed has been watered by folks like you who have prayerfully given to our Christmas Seals outreach. **You have helped build the Mission & Ministry of Lutheran Haven.**

While many things have changed in the generations that followed, our core values and commitment have not. 75 years later, the vision of our founder remains: ***"To provide a quality Christ centered haven of care..."*** We remain committed to serving the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of senior adults, and we can only do that through your faithful gifts.

From the 1940's to today, we rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for the gift of each of you who have willingly and lovingly supported the ongoing Mission and Ministry of Lutheran Haven. Your faithfulness and gifts of love have helped sustain the Mission and Ministry of the Haven for 75 years. To God be all thanks and praise! If you would like to support the 75th Anniversary of our Christmas Seals, you can give via our website at www.lutheranhaven.org or via check to:

**The Lutheran Haven Foundation
Christmas Seal Outreach
2041 West State Road 426
Oviedo, FL 32765**



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Rev. Craig Michaelson
Faith Community Lutheran Church
Las Vegas, Nev.

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Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis elects new officers

The **Board of Regents** for **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** recently elected new officers to fill leadership vacancies.

The board elected Rev. W. Max Mons, campus pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City, Iowa, to serve as chairman. Mons has been serving on the board since 2016 and was previously serving as vice chairman. He succeeds the board's former chairman, Dr. Todd A. Peperkorn, who accepted a call, effective Aug. 16, to serve as an assistant professor of pastoral ministry and missions at **Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.**

Mons earned his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from Concordia Seminary ('96, '05). He has served two parishes: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Luzerne, Iowa (1996-2001); and St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City, Iowa (2001-present). He also serves as the first vice president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Iowa District East.

The board also elected Dr. Tyler Arnold, senior pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Platte Woods, Mo., as vice chairman. Arnold joined the board in 2019.

Arnold earned his M.Div. from Concordia Seminary (1999) and his Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2019). He has served two parishes: Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt, Ill. (2004-06); and Christ Lutheran Church in Platte Woods, Mo. (1999-2004, 2006-present). He also serves as a collegium fellow for DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel.

The LCMS Board of Directors is expected soon to appoint a new regent to fill the vacancy and serve out the remainder of Peperkorn's term, which runs through 2025.



Eastern Circuit meeting held in Emporia, VA

The SELC Eastern Circuit met at St. John the Baptist Lutheran Church in Emporia, VA from September 20-22. Pastor Steve Bocklage and gracious church members were hospitable to the pastors who came from as far north as Quebec to Emporia itself. Rev. George Plvan (Em.) was in attendance and blessed the attendees with memories, knowledge, and pastoral guidance.



From left to right: Back row: Pastors Malec, Scamman, Douthwaite, Bocklage, Berteau, Haenftling, Lepley Front row: Pastors Dzurovcik, Schnake, Mercer, Plvan, and St. Onge





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