



# The Beacon Online

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## **Memorial Service for Rev. Paul Visoky**

The memorial service for Pastor Paul Visoky was held November 6, 2021 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Wilkes Barre, PA where Pastor Visoky previously served. Several Pastors of the Eastern Circuit participated in the service led by Pastor Peter Haenftling (below).





From left to right: Back row - Rev. Josh DeYoung - St. Peter's Wilkes-Barre, PA, SELC Eastern Circuit Visitor Rev. James Douthwaite, St. Athanasius Vienna, VA, and Rev. John Zimmerman, Immanuel in Scranton, PA  
 Front Row: Rev. Ryan Schnake and SELC President Rev. Waldemar Vinovski - Concordia, Macungie, PA, Rev. Peter Haenftling - St Matthew in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Rev. Kim Bode - Emeritus Grace Lutheran in Hop Bottom, PA, and Rev. Peter Richert - Our Savior, Mt. Pocono, PA



St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA was established 125 years ago.

# World Lutheran News



## International Lutheran Council (ILC) News

### American Lecture Tour by Finnish Bishop

In November, Bishop Juhana Pohjola is visiting the United States for a lecture tour sponsored by the ILC. Bishop Pohjola faces charges in Finland for his role in publishing a 2004 booklet which articulates historic Christian teaching on human sexuality. [READ MORE](#)

### New program to support Lutheran theological education worldwide

The International Lutheran Council has announced a new program dedicated to supporting confessional Lutheran theological education worldwide: the International Lutheran Council Accreditation Agency. Rev. Dr. Steven Schumacher will serve the ILCAA as its Chief Accreditation Officer. [READ MORE](#)

### Lutherans in Spain welcome new bishop

On October 9, 2021, the Spanish Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrated the consecration of its new bishop, Rev. José Luis de Miguel. [READ MORE](#)  
Standing with the Saints before the throne

Rev. Roger B. James, Assistant to the General Secretary of the ILC, reflects on All Saints Day. [READ MORE](#)

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod is a member of the International Lutheran Council (ILC), a global association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. For more World Lutheran News, visit [www.ilcouncil.org](http://www.ilcouncil.org).



## 75th Anniversary of the Lutheran Haven Seals A Personal Reflection

by John Lisy Daniel

It was a great delight reading the Beacon article noting the 75th anniversary of Lutheran Haven seals since I was a participant with my family for the first years when the seal campaign was operated from the parsonage of our Bethlehem PA congregation. My father was president of the Haven board from 1945 until 1963. The board officers did not have paid staff at their disposal so he personally arranged for the design, production and distribution of the seals from his parsonage office. The Scranton PA printer delivered the packaged seals and printed mailers which landed on the Daniel dining-room table for repack by the entire family for shipment to SELC congregations and others. All of this to the consternation of my mother whose holiday planing was interrupted endlessly for the seals following with Oplatky packaging for every-member Christmas visits as well as candy sorting for Christmas Eve children's program treats.

Interestingly, the lead printing plates for seals campaigns thru the mid-1950's remained in the parsonage attic until they were disposed of after my father's death in 1982.

In May 1948, the entire family including my dad's father drove to Slavia in a 1941 Chevrolet for the dedication of the first units of the Lutheran Haven, Orphanage and "Old Folks Home". I vividly recall meeting Andrew Duda Sr as well as their sons who received and entertained us warmly. Sons, John and Andy Jr provided us with a memorable fishing experience at the ranch.

Just months before his death in February 2020 my younger brother, the Rev. Dr. David P. Daniel and I spoke about several things in our childhood which were mutually recalled. We both clearly remembered Lutheran Haven Seals and fishing at the Duda ranch. We were 8 and 10 years old.

You can appreciate why I am excited to observe this anniversary.

John Lisy Daniel



Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

"Now Thank We All Our God"  
-LSB 895 st. 1

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## The SELC District Supports the Water Works Wonders Campaign at the Lutheran Haven

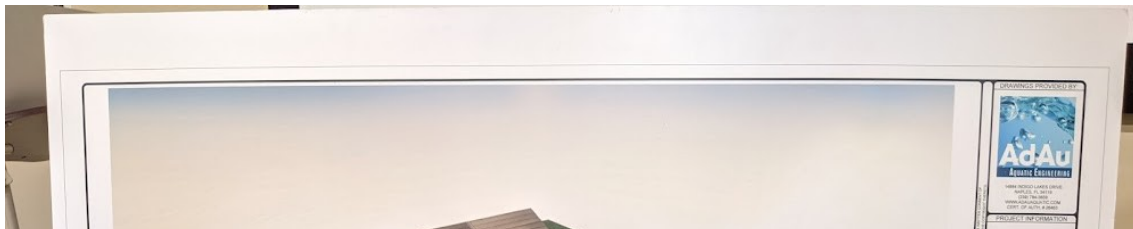
The SELC District made a pledge of \$20,000 to the Water Works Campaign to build a new pool on campus at the Lutheran Haven in Oviedo, Florida.

If you would like to contribute to the Water Works Wonder Campaign you can make a difference in the lives of people every single day! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann McCunn at the Lutheran Haven Foundation at 407-706-1281. If you would like to support the "Water Works Wonders" Capital Campaign, please make your tax-deductible gift payable to:

**The Lutheran Haven Foundation  
2041 West State Rd. 426  
Oviedo, FL 32765**



Pictured from left to right: SELC District President Vinovskis presenting the check to Lutheran Haven CEO Jerry Griffing and former SELC Board Member and Lutheran Haven resident David Vorpagel.





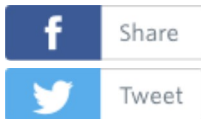
This is the rendering of the new Pool for the Water Works Wonders Campaign

**The next two issues of the Beacon Online will be issued on the following dates:**

**November 23, 2021  
December 3, 2021**



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.



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