



# The Beacon Online

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## Rev. Phillip DeVries Installed at St. John Lutheran Church in Cudahy, Wisconsin

Rev. Phillip DeVries was installed at St. John's Lutheran Church on January 7, 2023. Pastor DeVries Father and his Brother-in-law were present for his installation. From left to right: **Front row:** Rev. Richard Ramirez, Rev. Phillip DeVries, and Pres. Wally Vinovskis **Middle Row:** Rev. Carl Krueger, and Rev. Michael DeVries - Pastor Phillip's Father **Back Row:** Rev. Richard Schauer and Rev. Joshua Frazee - Pastor Phillip's brother-in-law





President Vinovskis installing Pastor Phillip DeVries

The DeVries family from left to right: Katie, Kristi, Pastor DeVries, and Markus



## Rev. Troy Countryman Installation Faith Viera Lutheran Church January 15, 2023

Rev. Troy Countryman will be installed on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Faith Viera Lutheran Church in Rockledge, Florida. The installation service begins at 3 PM and a light reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The vesting color for attending LCMS clergy is red. We welcome Pastor Countryman and his family to the SELC!



### A Picture from the Holy Lands Trip



The Hansells (left) and Cahills (right) were part of the group who traveled to the Holy Lands. They are at a Byzantine Era Synagogue in Nazareth. Look for more pictures in upcoming issues.



## **SELC LWML**

Let's Meet Bible Study  
January 19, 2023

"Your SELC Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) would like to invite all ladies of our congregations to a "Let's Meet" Bible Study January 19th at 10:30 EST. If you are a member of a SELC LCMS Church, you are a member of the LWML and we would love to have you join us.

We are excited to announce that we have over 30 women signed up from all three zones! Everyone is SO grateful for everyone's help and hope to see you there!

**The link to join the Bible Study next week is -**

**[2022WinterLWQ\\_p15-DilemmasAndDecisions-BibleStudy-r.pdf \(unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)**

### **Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Stained Glass Windows Concordia Seminary St. Louis**

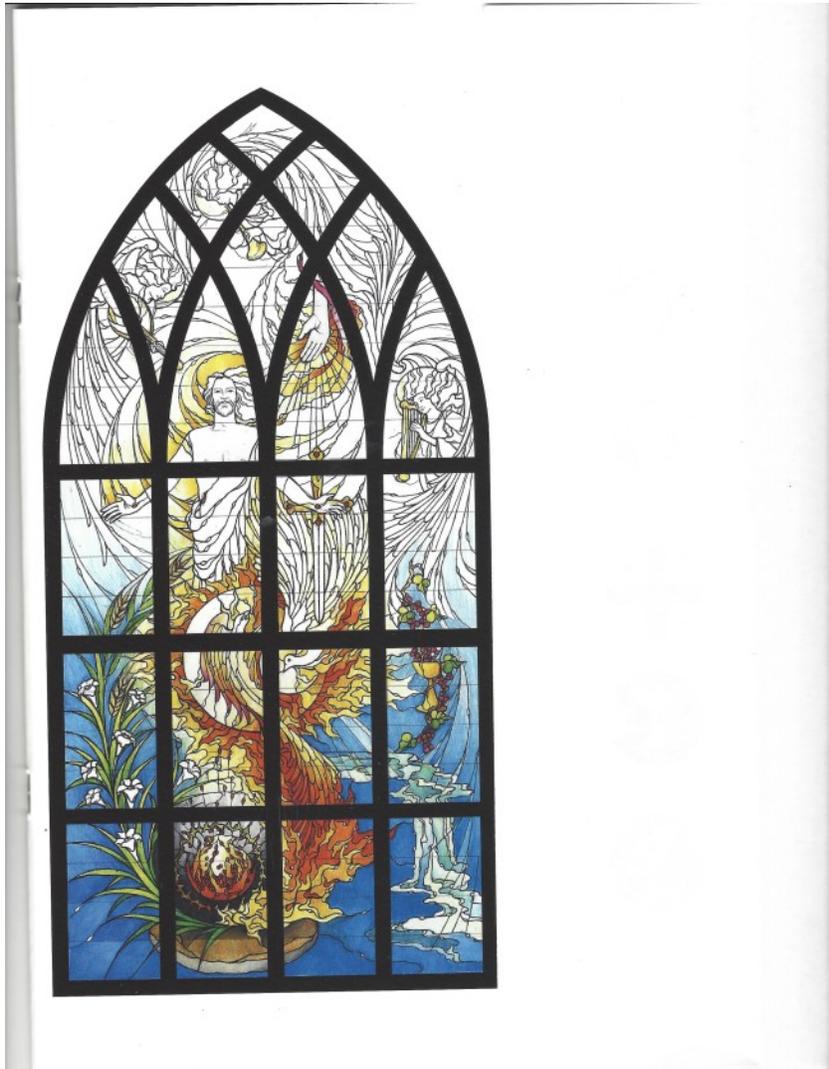
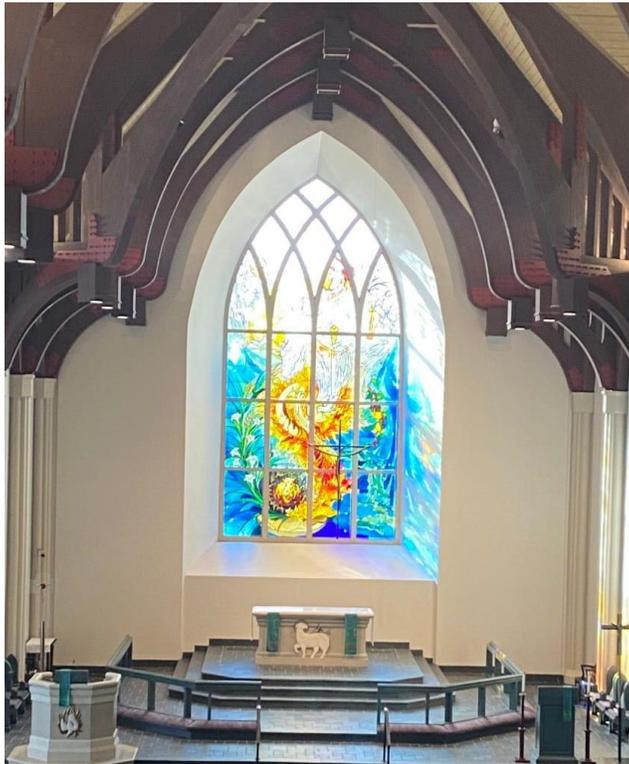
The windows of the Chapel divide the worship space into two main areas: the nave and the chancel and transepts. In the nave, the windows celebrate the *Te Deum's* opening emphasis on the praise of God by all creation in heaven and on earth. The transept and chancel windows lead worshipers into the *Te Deum's* closing emphasis on the ministry and work of Christ, tracing His life, death, resurrection, and enthronement until His return to judge the living and the dead.

The Chancel Windows focus on the Resurrection. The central windows are the chancel windows at the front of the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. The windows depict the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as well as the Holy Sacrament.

The bottom pane shows a pomegranate, which is an ancient symbol of the Resurrection, bursting from the tomb. It is encircled by a crown of thorns, but the deadness of the thorns turns to green symbolizing new life. To the left in the bottom two panes is an Easter lily. The phoenix, an ancient symbol of rebirth, rises from the bottom and greets the Holy Spirit, seen as a dove. The Spirit's descent among the fire is a reminder of Pentecost.

In the top pane the Father's hand reaches down to present His Son. The sword that is in Jesus' hand represents the Word of God and the jewels on the cross shaped sword represent the five wounds of Christ in the second pane from the top.

The Holy Sacrament is represented by the wheat shafts coming from the lilies on the left representing the bread and the cup is filled with grapes representing the wine on the right of the second pane from the bottom. This is a reminder of the Lord's Supper where Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine. The river is a baptismal stream that flows into the other windows to remind viewers of their baptismal identity in Christ.



**International Lutheran Council Invitation  
Wheaton, Illinois  
February 4, 2023**

**For the Future of the Church and the  
Life of the World**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

**St. John Evangelical**

**Lutheran Church**

410 North Cross Street  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

4:30 Reception

5:30 Fireside Talk

7:00 Evening Prayer

*After Bishop Pohjola and before Evening Prayer guests will learn how they can support the work of the ILC.*



*ILC Board of Directors. Left to right: Archbishop Joseph Ochola Omolo (Kenya); President Antonio del Rio Reyes (Philippines); Chairman George Samiec (United Kingdom); Bishop John Donkoh (Ghana); Past President Robert Bugbee (Canada); Bishop Juhana Pohjola (Finland); President Timothy Teuscher (Canada); ILC General Secretary Timothy Quill; President Alceu Alton Figur (Paraguay); and President Matthew Harrison (USA). Photo: LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford.*

The new Board of Directors of the International Lutheran Council (ILC) invites fellow Lutherans to join them for a **reception** of drinks, light foods, and relaxed conversation, followed by a **"fireside talk" with board chair, Bishop Juhana Pohjola** (Finland), who will reflect upon the importance of the ILC for confessional Lutherans and Churches in a challenging world. Finally, hearts and voices will join in **Evening Prayer for the Future of the Church and the Life of the World.**



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## **District Financial Support for 2023** ***Please return by January 15, 2023***

It's that time of year when congregations are setting their budgets for 2023. If your congregation has completed that process, don't forget to indicate your financial support for the work of the SELC district for 2023. In late October pastors received information about this process. If you would like to receive this information again, contact Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, [markclarson0341@gmail.com](mailto:markclarson0341@gmail.com).

We value the support that we receive from our congregations and sincerely thank you for generosity as we partner together to strengthen the proclamation of the Gospel in our country and throughout the world.



## **Making a plan for self-care... during the holidays and beyond!**

Are you feeling stressed out this holiday season? Making a simple self-care plan can help mitigate the effects of stress. [In this recording](#) from KFYO Radio's "Mental Health Monday" podcast, Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Executive Director for Spiritual Counsel with DOXOLOGY, discusses developing a plan for self-care. Dr. Yahnke talks about:

- What self-care means
- Why you need a plan
- How to begin developing it
- Important considerations
- How to ensure that you use the plan!

This plan would also be an ideal way to begin the New Year!  
Visit [LookUpIndiana.org](http://LookUpIndiana.org) for additional self-care resources.



## **Vicarage Applications and Call documents for Seminary Graduates are due to the SELC District Office by February 1, 2023**

Vicarage applications are due to the SELC District Office by **February 1, 2023**. This is to ensure that your applications are submitted to the Synod before the deadline. We are accepting applications. The earlier your applications are submitted is appreciated! You can contact the District Office for directions on how to access the required documents.

Vicarages are assigned in late April or early May and the vicarages normally start in mid-July. Please contact the District Office with any questions.

If you are interested in calling a Seminary Graduate, please contact Patti Smith at the District Office for more information.

# 4% ONE-YEAR FIXED-RATE TERM NOTE

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## Closing Thoughts by Pastor Ken Ballas, EM

Many of our SELC District family this week are pausing to thank God for the undeniably faithful, earthly ministry of sainted Pastor Paul Hoyer and the Hoyer family. Especially during this Epiphany season one occasionally hears it said, "If only I had lived when Jesus walked this earth to hear our Brother-Savior teach and witness some of His public miracles, it would be easier for some to believe in a loving God in the midst of so much division and violence in our fallen world." The truth of the matter is we are told that a number of those who were privileged to see or hear nevertheless chose not to believe -- the point being that we today are blessed to have the whole story in the entire collection of written Scripture to see how everything the incarnate Son of God came to accomplish at His first coming all fits together. It is truly a miraculous advantage in its own right that no individual believer living back in the first century had access to in addition to the preached Word and sacraments which sustain all His redeemed people until our blessed ascended Lord's promised return at the Day of the Resurrection of all flesh or until He graciously calls us to Himself whichever occurs first. **THANK YOU, LORD JESUS!**



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