

LMAC Holds Semiannual Meeting on February 27th (Elects Officers and Supports St. John's Preschool)

On February 27th 14 LCMS members meet at the LCOC for the LMAC Board of Governors' Semiannual Meeting. They represented 8 of our Evansville Circuit churches, and 6 of those present were pastors.

After the previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, a financial report was filed for review and a report was provided on the Lutheran Community Food Pantry, updates were provided on ongoing missions within our circuits. Pastor Schilling provided an update on the St. Paul's Chinese Mission indicating that their attendance has grown to about 50 people per Sunday. Because that number is close to the limit for Kahre Hall they plan to meet in St. Paul's sanctuary for the next

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two months to determine how it affects attendance. Five members will be confirmed this spring and 4 baptisms will also occur. Pastor Wiist reported on Concordia's WITH ministries and all the additional opportunities that have been initiated to interact with the mentally disabled and their caregivers throughout the week. One camp activity will be provided for these people this summer. Pastor Wenig then provided informa-

tion on all the activities ongoing and planned at their Redeemer – Newburgh site. (See the article below.)

A letter sent to each church requesting support for LMAC was discussed and it was reported that only 4 of 14 churches responded. This letter also requested names of members who might be interested in being part of a proposed board to help manage the Luther Community Food Pantry. LMAC will follow up with the church pastors in an effort to get additional responses to this letter.

Under New Business a request to financially support St. John's, Vincennes Day Care was presented with a recommendation by the Executive Committee that \$750 be considered.

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Redeemer – Newburgh Campus

In Pastor Wenig's update on Redeemer's Newburgh Campus (the old Shepherd of Paradise location) he says it's all about fulfilling their mission: "Perhaps the most important task we have as a congregation is to communicate God's plan of bringing forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus to those outside of the Church. Sharing the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Church's mission. That mission will not change. What needs to change is our passion, willingness, sense of urgency, love for others and love for the Lord. This isn't just about spreading a religion. This is about eternal life versus eternal death."

"In our new purpose statement, this aspect of our work is expressed as connecting people to Jesus by sharing the Gospel. We are working on new ways to make connections with people in our area. One way that sort of plopped into our lap is the Newburgh campus. This is what we would love to achieve at this site in the long run. We would love to have

new people join this congregation and eventually worship either at our main campus or the Newburgh campus because they got connected through an event or class or service at the Newburgh campus. We want to have bible studies there, prayer groups, children's programs and the like."

"For now this is what is definitely planned. We have an ongoing Bible Study on Thursday nights at 6:30pm. Come and invite a friend. We will have a Grace Happens there on May 7. Shortly afterward, we will start a men's Bible study, Financial Peace University, and a summer alternate time worship service—most likely Sunday or Monday night. We will have a service event to assemble backpacks for foster kids and will even have a Saturday VBS."

In addition to all the events Redeemer presently has ongoing and the wonderful plans they have for the future, Pastor Luu is presently providing Bible study for the Chinese community at this site during the week as well.

Calendar of Events

- April 9th & 10th - Marriage Retreat in Montgomery, IN
- April 23rd - PG-13 "Parental Guidance Necessary" at St. Paul's, Evansville
- May 7th - Grace Happens at Redeemer - Newburgh Campus
- May 10th - Financial Peace University at Redeemer - Newburgh Campus
- August 27th LMAC Semiannual Meeting at LCOC

Clergy Corner

Name: Rev. Robert W. Schneider

Church: Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Evansville, IN.

Length of Time at Present Church: 14 years (2002 - Present)

Other Locations Served in Full-Time Capacity::

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rosebud, MO - 4 years (1990-1994)

Salem /Zion Lutheran Churches and School, Farrar/Crosstown, MO - 8 years (1994-2002)

Why I became an LCMS Pastor: My pastor, Rev. Frank Pies, Jr, was an important influence on my life and faith with his faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word. I was an active layman in my home congregation, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Hartland, MI. I served as an elder and Sunday School Teacher for a number of years. I also worked as a mechanical draftsman for a machine tool company. I began thinking about work that was more permanent than designing and rebuilding machinery. There were four men from my parish who were also studying for the ministry. I spoke with them at various times about the seminary and pastoral office. With the support of my wife, Barb, I determined to pursue the pastoral ministry. It was a seven year journey to finish a B.A. and seminary training. I completed my studies and was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry in 1990.

Family and other personal information I would like to share: My wife, Barbara, and I have been married (1980) for 35 years, and have three children and three grandchildren. Our family lives in Evansville and attends Our Saviour congregation. The grandchildren attend Evansville Lutheran School.



Rev. Robert Schneider with wife Barbra

LCMS Resources for Our Changing Times

LCMS members are increasingly voicing concern about the growing polarization in our society. Mark Hofman, executive director of LCMS Mission Advancement, hears from church workers and lay people alike that "Laws, regulations, executive orders and court decisions are increasingly working to silence the right of Christians to live and act under the Gospel of Christ." Simply put: Now it's getting personal. "They are affected in their homes, their schools, their businesses and vocations, and in the public square with a push to be silent in confessing the Gospel in word and deed. And these baptized people are looking to their church body for help, counsel and resources that will allow them to act."

Free to be Faithful is the Synod's education and awareness communication initiative, providing resources to help Lutherans speak the truth in love about one-man, one-woman marriage, the value of life from conception to natural death and the importance of religious liberty.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will expand this important work still more. Dovetailing with Free to be Faithful while establishing a permanent presence in Washington, D.C., the center will serve as a two-way street. Its staff will inform lawmakers and public officials about the beliefs and values of the LCMS as they relate to important legislation while reporting back to the Synod on key issues and laws that will impact the ability of Lutherans to bear witness, show mercy and enjoy life together.

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The following statement from Pastor Maxwell was provided:

"Our daycare is a tremendous gift to us by God. He has provided us an opportunity to share Christ with children daily. We are a Christian resource of child care of the highest degree in a community that is not economically blessed and has its share of social challenges. Some of our children would never know Christ the way we teach Him as Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Christians were we not here. God through St. John makes a difference; we earnestly pray an eternal one, in these kids. They are a joy to serve!"

The recommendation to support this mission with \$750 was approved.

The following officers were then elected

for the coming year: Terry Lampton – President, Shelby Hoffman – V. President, James Kahre – Treasure and Terry Patz – Secretary.

After a new grant procedure was approved and monetary expenditure limits for the Executive Board were set, church representatives were asked to update the group on activities presently ongoing and planned within their parishes. It was truly exciting to hear all the ways that God is blessing the LCMS to make a difference in our community.

The last order of business was to schedule the next Governor's Meeting for August 27, 2016 at 8:30 AM. All LCMS members are welcome at this meeting. The complete minutes of this meeting are available on our website.

CONTACTS & SUPPORT

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