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WORLD MISSION REPORT



The following thrilling news about our Synod's missionary efforts is excerpted from the report presented by Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, at last month's LCMS Kansas District Convention, which was attended by Pastor Vogts and Paul Brack as our congregation's pastoral and lay delegates.

This is the LCMS' international moment! The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and state churches of Germany and Scandinavia that dominate the Lutheran World Federation have climbed aboard the bandwagon of redefined sexual norms. For decades, the LWF had already been coercing churches in less developed nations to accept the ordination of women—withholding funds, for

instance, unless they follow the LWF's "politically correct" course. Today, the LWF is working hard to "educate" Lutherans in these countries that the Bible must be interpreted to allow homosexual marriage. Fortunately, these faithful Lutherans are wise to this ruse!

Because the LCMS is not part of the LWF, the largest Lutheran church bodies in the world are increasingly seeking assistance from our Synod. What do they want? It's not primarily money, but rather solid, Biblical teaching and resources. They desire our assistance in clarifying the glorious preaching of the Gospel and administration of the Sacraments. *They want to be Lutheran!*

It's not a one-way street, either. *We* need their joy and zeal for outreach, and their courage for preaching the Gospel, often in the face of mortal danger, such as in Muslim areas!

The Ethiopian Lutheran Church, which is approaching a membership of nine million, solemnly broke fellowship with its founding church bodies (ELCA and Church of Sweden) over sexuality issues. They are strengthening their

Lutheran identity, and we have been assisting them as much as possible. LCMS seminary professors have been providing advanced education to their Ethiopian counterparts. They are now the largest Lutheran Church body in the world, and their president recently told me that they wish to commence formal fellowship talks with the LCMS.

The Lutheran Church in Tanzania is approaching seven million members. Our contacts are increasing daily. Again, these African Lutherans want what the Ethiopians want: *Lutheranism*. They have contracted with Concordia Publishing House to provide *The Lutheran Study Bible* in Swahili—to potentially reach 150 million Swahili speakers!

In Madagascar, the Malagasy Lutheran Church numbers some four million members. We are moving toward fellowship talks soon. The president of that body is a graduate of our Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They are a genuine confessional Lutheran Church, and I expect that we will be able to enter church fellowship with them in the not-too-distant future.

I could mention 30 other new, old, or emerging Lutheran Church bodies around the world where conversations have occurred. *Something exciting happens virtually every week!*

We currently enjoy some form of relationship with 79 bodies worldwide, representing 40 million Lutherans. The International Lutheran Council, the body of confessionally minded conservative churches around the



The largest and fastest-growing Lutheran Church bodies in the world are increasingly seeking assistance from the LCMS to educate their pastors. Twenty-one new pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania kneel as they are ordained at Ebenezer Cathedral in Shinyanga on March 15, 2018.

world in fellowship or association with the LCMS, is increasingly becoming an alternative to the LWF, which represents 74 million Lutherans worldwide, but has lost the conviction of the Bible's inspiration and inerrancy, and the binding character of the Lutheran teachings in the Book of Concord.

It's a wonderful time to be Lutheran—and a joyous moment for our international mission work!

With our assistance, Lutherans around the world are sharpening the preaching of the Gospel. They are improving seminary education for future pastors, and training young women to provide meaningful service to the Church as deaconesses.

And as we assist our many new friends globally, we have doors opening domestically! Connections in Sudan, Ethiopia, or Tanzania immediately bring access to immigrant communities in the U.S. *It's a wonderful time to be Lutheran!*

It was difficult to double the number of missionaries from some 65 to 130, as the Synodical Convention decided in 2010, but the Synod has responded, and we have made tremendous strides.

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Eight years ago, there were only one or maybe two pastors on the field in Central and South America. Now we have over 40 LCMS missionary pastors, deaconesses, and laypeople there! Our programs are currently training 100 native deaconesses across the region. We have vastly increased the number of Spanish-speaking pastors through our Argentinian seminary and our new seminary in the Dominican Republic. The recent hurricane in Puerto Rico has given us the opportunity to show mercy to thousands, while also adding a number of missionaries there!

In Eurasia, we continue to assist our German partner church in evangelizing Muslim refugees, with amazing results. We are working in Moldavia. We have started the first Lutheran Church in Romania. We are conducting seminars in Silesia. There is a new opportunity opening in Turkey.

In Islamic West Africa we are assisting the building of Lutheran elementary schools because Lutheran kids are being caned for confessing Christ in the public schools!

In East Africa, we continue to care for hundreds of orphans, providing education, Luther's Small Catechism, and physical care. We now have kids who have been blessed by this care provided for them by LCMS since they were infants graduating from college! We continue refugee ministry in Kenya and have a congregation solely made up of refugees numbering 440, with congregations continuing to sprout in the refugee camps.

A new seminary in Uganda has its first two classes of 38 students. In Mozambique, the Lutheran church is spreading. The locals are building church after church with their meagre resources. *We provide the tin roofs!*

In West Africa, the struggle with Islam is intense and dangerous for our missionaries and local Lutherans.

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In Asia, we have a missionary seminary professor in the Philippines for the first time in 20 years. The project to put *Luther's Works* into Chinese is leaping forward. With our assistance the Indonesian Lutheran Church is sending workers to evangelize in Banda Aceh, a heavily Muslim community. We are also helping them reach out to an extremely poor group in Sumatra, the Sanak people.

As we proclaim Christ, plant churches, and assist our friends all over the world, *it's a joyous moment for our international mission work!*

Rev. Matthew Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Outdoor Worship & Picnic Potluck July 1

We will celebrate Independence Day at an outdoor Service in the Shelter House on Sunday, July 1, at the regular time of 10:00am. Pastor Vogts' message will be "*Render to God and Caesar*" based on Mark 12:13-17. The special order of worship will include a children's sermon and favorite patriotic songs.

Following the service there will be a potluck picnic lunch for those who wish to stay. Please bring a main dish, side



A big “thank you” to all members of our “Block Walkers” team for your hard work and dedication again this year for the Miami County Relay for Life on June 8. As a team, we raised an incredible and amazing \$8,045! Many thanks to all of you who helped with the campsite, and special thanks to our men’s chorus for singing “Take Me Out to the Relay,” which was a great addition to the baseball-themed event! Thanks also to those who donated and purchased items at the silent auction. The silent auction this year was one of the best, earning nearly \$2,500. Our team’s baskets were wonderful—and our baskets alone brought an incredible \$918! Thank you to all the “Block Walkers” for another wonderful year!

dish or dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. This is a great opportunity to invite family, neighbors, friends, and holiday visitors for worship! All invited—everyone welcome!

JULY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Our records of birthdays and anniversaries may not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the Church Office at 913-849-3344 or email Church Secretary Stacey Elkinton at trinitylutheranblock@gmail.com.

- July 1 Emily Wolf
- July 3 Brandy Allen
- July 3 Molly Hermann
- July 3 Karen Windler
- July 5 Joshua Bunch

- July 5 Samantha Prothe
- July 6 Ryan Morton
- July 7 Regan Boyer
- July 7 Shelly D’Amato
- July 7 Kennedy McMullin
- July 7 Tamara Mitchell
- July 10 Wanda Stagg
- July 11 Ken Debrick
- July 11 Darlene Heater
- July 11 Dennis Prothe
- July 12 Joshua Sombke
- July 12 Steve Warner
- July 13 Steve Grother
- July 13 Duane Prothe
- July 13 Don Warring
- July 14 Sheryl Holtz
- July 14 Rayden Berry
- July 15 Karen Kaiser
- July 16 David Johns
- July 16 Debbie Oberheide
- July 16 Brittannie Ritch
- July 17 Ann Davis
- July 18 Keith Prothe
- July 18 Madison Snider
- July 19 Clint Kettler
- July 19 Cathy Tesar
- July 19 Janet England
- July 19 Annabelle Ducey
- July 20 Mallory Tharp

- July 20 Norma Peckman
- July 21 Dan Hieber
- July 21 Chance Mueller
- July 23 Lillian Kettler
- July 23 Taryn Jones
- July 24 Zachary Davis
- July 24 Margo Rodewald
- July 24 Marcie Reyelts
- July 25 Shannon Fanning
- July 26 Stephanie Bivins
- July 27 Matthew Barnett
- July 27 Denna Jones
- July 27 Curtis Kettler
- July 27 Marla Prothe
- July 29 Lonnie England
- July 29 Barbara Herrs
- July 29 Cody Weaver
- July 31 Barbie Dillenbeck
- July 31 Colleen Richardson
- July 1 Dannie & Elaine Stewart (46)
- July 7 ... Andrew & Brianna Chapman (6)
- July 8 Earl & Darleen Medlin (43)
- July 15 Adam & Lorri Jenson (23)
- July 18 Paul & Karen Brack (37)
- July 22 Charles & Kathy Hall (40)
- July 26 John & Kathy Gerken (49)
- July 26 David & Carol Wray (38)
- July 27 .. Phillip & Morgan Richards (16)
- July 29 Chris & Sherri Webb (29)

July Communion Change



Because of the outdoor Service in the Shelter House on July 1, Holy Communion in July will be celebrated on the second Sunday of the month, July 8, rather than the usual first Sunday of the month.

Sermon Topics



July 1

"Render to God and Caesar"
Mark 12:13-17

July 8

"Goin' Home"
2 Corinthians 5:6-8

July 15

"Know the Truth"
Mark 12:18-27

July 22

"Thy Kingdom Come?"
John 6:15

July 29

"The Body of Christ"
Ephesians 4:16



Nursing Home Services

You are invited to help provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at North Point and Medical Lodge on Sunday, July 15. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length. We begin at 1:30pm at North Point and then go to Medical Lodge for the second service.



The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held following worship on Sunday, July 15. In order to prepare for this meeting the Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00pm.



New Portals of Prayer

The new quarterly issue of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for July thru September is available at the church. It comes in standard size, large print, and a medium "digest" size (same size as *Reader's Digest*). A great way to keep close to the Lord!



We are preparing a new church pictorial directory for our 150th Anniversary. If you haven't had your picture taken yet please contact Kyle Minden or Stacey Elkinton. Or, if you would like you may submit your own photo. If your photo is already in digital format, you can send it by email to Kyle at kminden@edtkc.com.



Royals Game July 20

Everyone is invited to join the Trinity Youth for a Kansas City Royals game at Kaufmann Stadium on Friday, July 20 at 7:15pm against the Minnesota Twins. It will be Summer Fireworks & Buck Night!

The cost is \$15 per ticket (must reach 20 ticket minimum) and parking is \$12 if purchased in advance, \$15 cash at the gate. Sponsored by the Trinity Youth for the whole congregation, family, friends—everyone is invited!

Let Youth Director Janette Reinke know how many tickets and parking passes you need. You can catch her after worship, or text her at 785-550-7771, or email janettereinke@gmail.com. The deadline to order July 15.



Our current study in Adult Bible Class is *God's Grace in Colossians*. One of the Apostle Paul's shorter letters, Colossians is especially rich with descriptions of Christ, His work, and the blessings He bestows on us. Though written nearly 2,000 years ago, this Biblical book still speaks to our lives today in a surprisingly fresh and relevant way. Join in Sundays at 9:00am to learn more about *God's Grace in Colossians*.



Pastor Lane Burgland Anniversary Speaker

We have now confirmed that Trinity's former Pastor, Rev. Lane Burgland, will be the guest speaker for the 10:00am Service of Holy Communion to celebrate our congregation's 150th Anniversary on Sunday, November 4.

Immediately following this morning service we will dedicate—Lord willing!—our Building Addition & Modernization Project. Everyone is then invited to a free catered Anniversary Luncheon at noon.

At 2:00pm we will have a special Anniversary Service with LCMS Kansas District President Rev. Peter Lange as our guest speaker, followed by an Anniversary Reception so that the reminiscing and fellowship can continue!

Please let all your relatives and friends who may wish to attend this grand reunion know now, so that they can save the date!



Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? Hosts are still needed for July 15 and all of August. The sign-up sheet is by the table with the snacks. Thanks to all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour!

July 1

Potluck

July 8

Michelle Haley

July 15

Need Volunteers

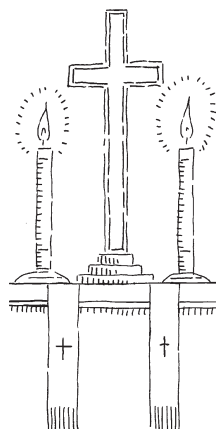
July 22

Ruth Gaffney

July 29

Brigitte Rodewald

Margo's Birthday



Altar Set and Candelabras Donated for Shelter House

Our thanks to Rev. Don & Ruth Gaffney for our new Shelter House altar set and candelabras, being rededicated for service in our congregation and used for the first time at our Independence Day Service in the Shelter House on July 1.

These items were originally in the chapel at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, where Rev. Gaffney was serving as a chaplain in 1991 when the base and chapel were struck by a tornado. Before rebuilding a new chapel, the Air Force sold items salvaged from the destroyed chapel, and this altar set and candelabras were purchased by the Gaffneys. They have now generously donated these beautiful items to our congregation, to keep at the Shelter House for use when we hold outdoor services.

They are chrome rather than the more typical brass because Air Force uniforms have silver buttons and other metal accents, instead of the gold more common among other service branches. You may also notice that each item is prominently stamped "U.S." because it was originally government property!

Missionaries of the Month



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services—and you are encouraged to remember in your personal prayers—specific Missionaries of the Month from around the world, who are supported by our congregation through our mission offerings to our Synod.



July 1

Alyssa Anders
Russia

July 8
George & Margot Fretz
Thailand



July 15

Rev. Gary & Stephanie Schulte
Burkina Faso

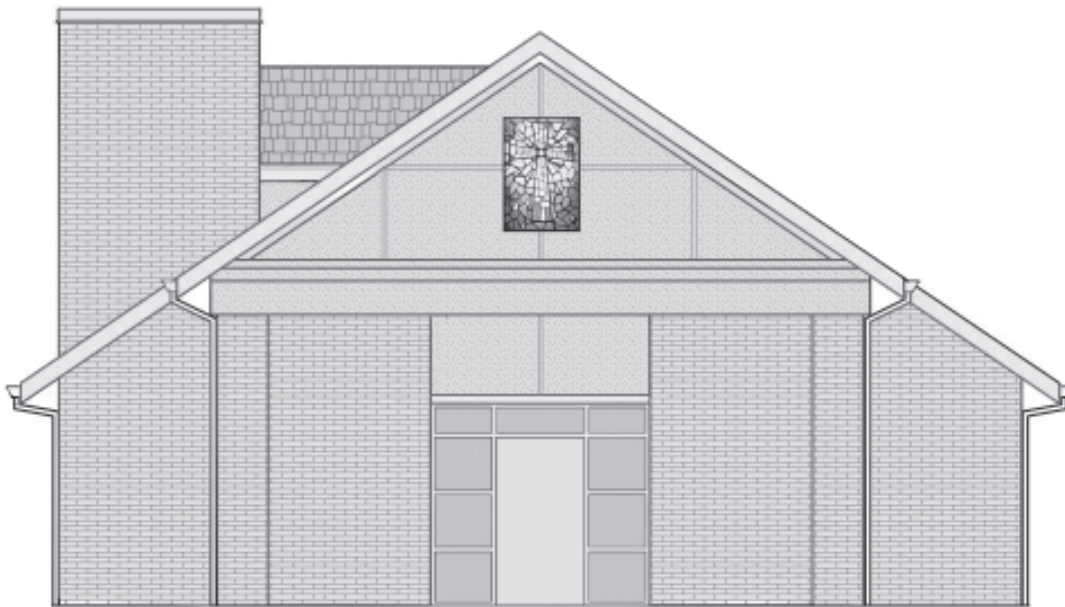
July 22
Rev. Steven & Martha Mahlburg
Sri Lanka



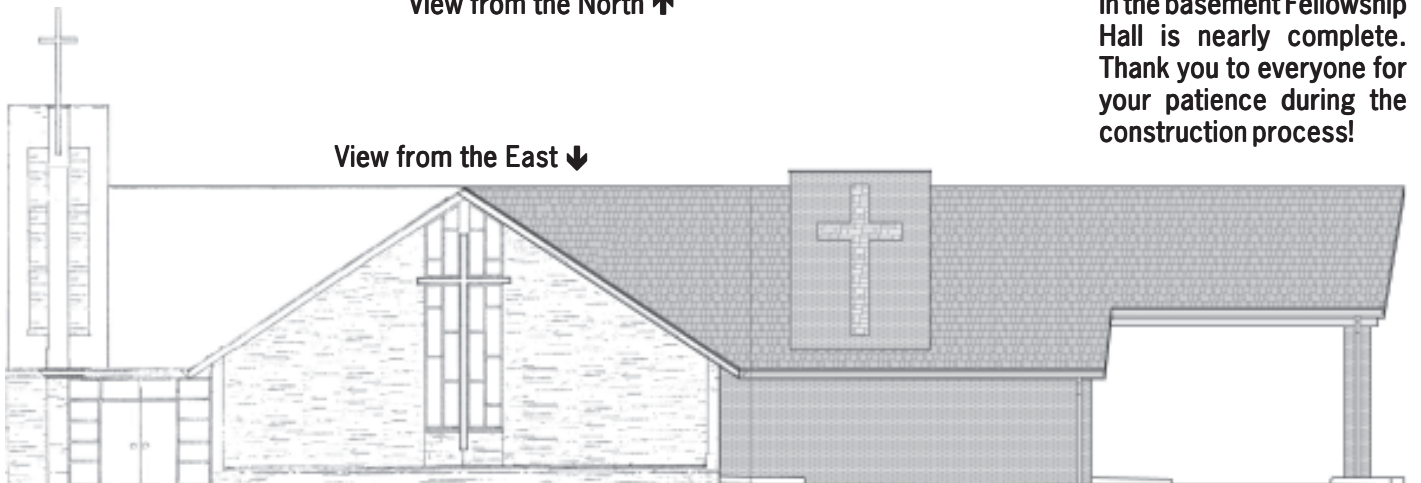
July 29
Rev. Jonathan & Anita Clausing
Kenya



*"Brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it is among you."
(2 Thessalonians 3:1)*



View from the North ↑



View from the East ↓

Our Building Addition and Modernization Project progresses, as the block walls for the first floor of our church's new north wing, the columns to support the canopy for the covered drive, and the interior wall framing, and floor joists and decking of the addition are completed. In this photo masons are beginning to raise the elevator tower, as shown in the illustrations. On the interior, larger ductwork has been installed to better service the Sanctuary, and the new ceiling and lighting in the basement Fellowship Hall is nearly complete. Thank you to everyone for your patience during the construction process!