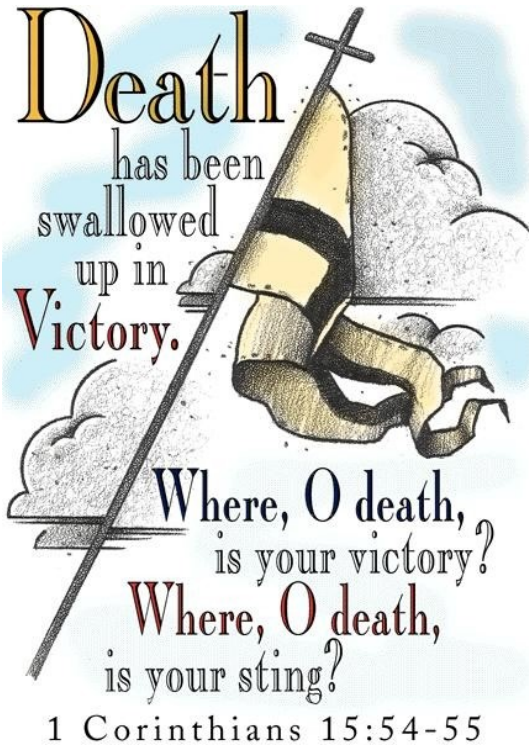


These are historically difficult times, but we have every confidence in the plan of our Lord for us!

All of the CLC boards are carefully watching their budgets, looking for ways to hold down or even trim expenses, if needed. However, we also recognize that expenses can only be cut so far without cutting into the fixed costs that need to be met.

This work is ongoing, and we will continue to keep the church body informed. We are confident that you prayerfully consider your giving in support of God's Kingdom work in your local congregation and our church body. May our good and gracious Lord bless all of our humble, best efforts!





Updates from the Church of the Lutheran Confession in the Days of COVID-19

Easter 2020

The officers and board chairmen of the Church of the Lutheran Confession met (virtually) on April 2 to discuss the feasibility of the spring board meetings, Coordinating Council, and this summer's convention. The following are brief updates concerning the work of our church body as we all navigate the limitations of this time.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

All our lives have been affected to a greater or lesser degree over the past several weeks by the COVID-19 virus. We pray for all those around the world who have become ill. We ask that the Lord in His mercy would provide them with the care they need and that He would extend their time of grace by granting them a full recovery. Above all, we ask that the current pandemic will not prevent the gospel from being proclaimed throughout the world. Through the message of Christ crucified and risen may the Spirit bring spiritual healing to many who do not yet know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Because of the dangers of spreading the coronavirus and the restrictions placed upon gatherings at this time, I, in consultation with the chairmen of the CLC boards, have **postponed the spring meeting of the CLC boards and the Coordinating Council to June 8-10, 2020**, and we have **rescheduled the CLC Convention to July 30-Aug. 2, 2020**.

May the Lord grant that by these later dates, we will again be able to gather in person to praise the Savior, carry on the work He has given us, and enjoy all the other priceless blessings of fellowship as likeminded believers.

In Jesus' name,

Michael Eichstadt, CLC Pres.



Board of Missions

The Board of Missions has received reports from our brethren overseas who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus. This has been especially difficult for our brothers and sisters who do not have the medical care, financial security, and access to needed items that we do, and it has also impacted their mission efforts.

We thank the LORD that He graciously allowed Missionary Ohlmann to return home from his trip to Africa safely and that He prevented him from departing on his planned trip to Myanmar and Nepal. Had Missionary Ohlmann departed for those countries he would likely have been prevented from returning for quite some time. His future travel plans and visitations are on hold for the time being.

Missionary Evensen is sheltering, as much as possible, in Togo—limiting his personal contact while working on translating educational materials and performing other duties he can complete from his apartment. Seminary classes in Togo and in many other countries are temporarily not meeting, and the use of internet for studies is generally not possible. Dates for resuming classes have not yet been set.

Our part time and full time missionaries have received a number of requests for assistance from our overseas brethren. The lockdown and social distancing requirements that many of them are experiencing have had the same effects on them as they have on us, but they are less able to absorb the costs and disruption than we.

The Board of Missions will be assisting our brethren directly affected by COVID-19 with humanitarian assistance through Project KINSHIP which will be used to help with medical assistance, as well as providing food and other needed items for members of our sister synods.

Please remember our fellow brethren in your prayers and offerings. Offerings for this aid may be sent to Project Kinship's general fund.

This all seems, to the human mind, to be cause for alarm until one stops to consider that the work we are doing is not our own, but the Lord's. Just as He fed five thousand men with two fish and five barley loaves, so He can accomplish the work He desires with meager or even no resources. In all things give thanks to the Lord!



Board of Regents

When the Wisconsin governor directed that all public and private schools K-12 were to close March 19-April 5, Immanuel Lutheran High School complied by having students remain at home beyond their spring break. This applied to extra-curricular activities as well, including the Tour Choir's concert tour. Later the governor's order changed to an indefinite end.

Immanuel made preparations for distance-learning via online classes. Online classes began for the seminary on March 24, for the college on March 30, and for the high school on April 6. The logistics and administration of these online classes, getting textbooks to students, and preparing students for the start of online classes was led by the ILC administration and staff so that classes were able to begin on these days.

Except for piano lessons, high school classes are not being taught in "real time," but teachers are available for live interaction with students. In some cases, parents are asked to proctor assessments at home.

Chapel addresses have continued and are available for all to hear at www.ilc.edu/2020-chapels

The ILC campus is closed to everyone except staff members.

Students and campus events have been and are being cancelled as necessary. To date, high school Visitors' Day and the spring theater production (May 1-2) have been cancelled.

Board of Trustees

Details of the CLC financial status may be found in the Trustees' March financial report which was recently shared with the CLC congregations.

The Trustees are concerned that the need for prolonged use of streaming services due to the COVID-19 mandate to "Shelter at Home," as well as the resulting economic difficulties, could lead to a shortfall in offerings. As the Lord has provided us alternate ways to worship, He has also provided alternate ways to continue to bring our offerings of gratitude for His gracious blessings as He prospers us.