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CLCC

Confessional Lutherans for Christ's Commission**Anchored in the Word and the Lutheran Confessions**

June 2016 Newsletter

Anchor

Friends in Christ,

With Pentecost in the back window, it seems a good time to report on our meager efforts to provide a stage for the Holy Spirit. After all, we have always been about helping the laity of our Church know their faith better. Knowing the words of the faith and making them our own provides a hospitable environment for the work of the Holy Spirit among His people.

Although you may not have been hearing much from us for a while, we've been pretty busy.

Publications and Seminars

We published the third volume of the Lutheran Heritage series. *The Reformation and the Lutheran Confessions* joined the other two in the series, *The Early Church* and *The Formation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*. If you are looking for a resource that will give you a fairly quick but thorough review on the history of the church, these three books, basically primers, will do it. The CLCC is proud to call these publications its own. We hope you will check them out also. (You can order copies from our [website](#).)

Each book has a seminar that can go along with it, and we are looking to develop a curriculum for a Sunday morning Bible Study, or other weekly Bible Study. Chehalis WA had a seminar on *The Reformation and Lutheran Confessions* recently, and more are in the works. Contact the [CLCC Education Director](#) for more information.

CLCC Convention

In the first part of April, we had our convention, and we approved the changes to our constitution. If you are a member, you should have already received an email requesting your vote on it.

At that convention, on Tuesday night, Pr. Jarvis did the presentation *The Road to Augsburg and Beyond*. The next day, Pr. Jeremiah Johnson presented an idea he had developed in a previous congregation, *Catechesis Begins at Home*. He offered a practical way of doing home devotions with young children that orients the family toward the coming Sunday's Divine Service. If you would like to see his ideas, please contact [Pr. Johnson](#).

A New Idea

Later in April, Pr. Jarvis tried out a new idea: Host a seminar at a camp in an area

next time. We also picked up some new ideas on target audiences. Later this month we'll have information tables at the MNN and MNS District LWML conventions.

Our Confessional Identity

We have also been looking at ourselves. "Confessional" has always been an important part of our identity, but it's more than just a label. We want to become champions of the Lutheran Confessions. We want to help pastors restore the proper position of our confessions in their congregations. We want to help our members know how to drop references to them with their fellow parishioners, encouraging them to do more than just know our confessions exist. As part of this development, we have been coming up with suggestions for ourselves. Watch for a list to come out asking for your input. If you don't want to wait for that list, you may request a copy from [Pr. Jarvis](#). If you share the same passion as we do about restoring the confessions to a place of honor in our congregations, you might also want to check out the discussion that followed a [post](#) in the Brothers of John the Steadfast about five years ago (July 8, 2011 steadfastlutherans.org).

Outreach

The LCMS is developing a new outreach program that is solidly scriptural and clearly condemns the decision theology that creeps into almost all evangelism talk. The CLCC is considering how we might be able to be a partner with them in this. After all, we are Confessional Lutherans for ***Christ's Commission***.

So, if you had noticed that we've been quiet for a little bit, we are pleased to let you see we have been working out in the background. Thank you for your interest in, and your prayers for, your organization. We hope you will start to feel the energy we have been starting to feel.

In the Name of the Lord of the Church,
Rev. Rob Jarvis

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Although we have had this link on our website since its inception, check out an incredible resource: www.bookofconcord.org. For the sake of our synod, this site needs to be hit frequently!

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