

Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors Meeting
April 7, 2018
Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas

Tim Voelker, LLL Kansas District president, called the meeting to order.

Rev. Scott Snow, LLL Kansas District pastoral advisor, led opening devotion, which focused on the Easter story that was celebrated during the preceding Easter Sunday. Rev. Snow read the Easter resurrection story from the book of Mark 16:1 – 8. Rev. Snow and the meeting attendees rejoiced together, “He is risen. He is risen, in deed. Alleluia!”

Rev. Snow cited the story of the original sin of Adam and Eve, as described in chapter 2 of the book of Genesis, as the originating the need for mankind's redemption through Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Rev. Snow presented the prophecy in chapter 53 of the book of Isaiah that the Messiah would suffer and die to atone for the mankind's sin, then triumph over death.

Rev. Snow reviewed the evidence of Jesus' resurrection from death. He retold the story of Jesus' interaction with two men while walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus (Luke 24:13 – 30). Rev. Snow retold Jesus' subsequent appearance to His disciples behind locked doors in Jerusalem (Luke 24:19 – 23).

Rev. Snow proclaimed that all of us can believe Jesus' words without doubt and fear. To demonstrate this thesis, Rev. Snow reviewed the following stories from Jesus life, as recorded in the gospel books.

- Mark 10:33: Jesus predicts his arrest, trial, condemnation to death, and handover to the Romans.
- Mark 10:34: Jesus predicts that the Romans will mock him, whip him, and kill him.
- Mark 11:1 – 6: Jesus tells his disciple where to find a donkey for him to ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
- Mark 14:18 – 20: Jesus tells his disciples that one among them will betray him.
- Mark 14:27 – 30: Jesus predicts that his disciples will flee when he is arrested and that Peter will deny him three times.
- Mark 8:31, Mark 9:31, Mark 10:34: Jesus predicts his death and resurrection.

Rev. Snow read the following verses from the Holy Bible as evidence of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

- Acts 2:22 – 35: This is St. Peter's Pentecost sermon.
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-8: St. Paul describes people who saw Jesus after his resurrection from the dead. This includes the St. Paul's vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Rev. Snow proclaimed that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead just as he had said that he would. Rev. Snow concluded by reminding his audience that they are privileged to work in support of the mission of the Lutheran Laymen's League to spread the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Following the devotion, Rev. Snow reminded the attendees that he would lead a tour of Israel in March 2019, and a tour in Germany, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia from June 30 until July 10, 2020. Rev. Snow said that the tour in July 2020 will include the famous passion play in Oberammergau, Germany. Rev. Snow passed out a brochure regarding the to the attendees. Rev. Snow reported that the number of persons on the July 2020 tour would be limited to 24 persons.

Following the devotion, the 13 attendees introduced themselves.

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President Tim Voelker presented the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of January 27, 2018. After the minutes were reviewed, a motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the motion was passed.

Carroll Hackbart, LLL Kansas District treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. Carol Hackbart reported that the balance of the operating funds was approximately \$572. Mr. Hackbart reported that the LLL Kansas District expected to receive a rebate of approximately \$2375 from the International Lutheran Laymen's League before the end of the fiscal year, May 31, 2018. Mr. Hackbart reported that expenditure of approximately \$2094 were expected before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Hackbart reported that the expected total expenditures for the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year, excluding the LLL Kansas District Project, and the Maike bequest expenditures, would be approximately \$8250.

Carroll Hackbart reported that approximately \$23,110 had been received for the 2017 – 2018 LLL Kansas District Project before the meeting. Carroll Hackbart estimated that approximately \$2,900 had been received during the Board of Governors meeting.

Carroll Hackbart reported that approximately \$6697 of the distribution from the Maike bequest investment fund remained unspent as of the start of the Board of Governors meeting. Carroll Hackbart reported that the portion of the distribution from the Maike bequest investment fund that remained unspent on May 31, 2018, be given to the LCMS Kansas District for the purpose of making grants to pastors to reduce their student loan debt.

Arlen Schultz moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ron Bott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Tim Voelker communicated information about a Region 3 activity. He reported that 11 persons from Zion Lutheran Church, Linn, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, traveled to Houston, Texas, to assist with cleaning up several houses that had been damaged by Hurricane Harvey and by the flood waters that were the result of the storm. Gary Holle, Rich Schotte, and Tim Voelker's wife, Michelle, participated in the clean-up.

President Tim Voelker encouraged the attendees to spread information about the Kansas District Project and the purposes for which the funds that are raised will be used. President Voelker urged the attendees to encourage churches and groups to organize fundraising events.

Arlen Schultz, vice president of the LLL Kansas District, reported that St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood, had held its 63rd annual pancake feed fundraiser. He reported that free will donations were accepted. He reported that the purposes for which the funds were raised when displayed.

John Johnson, representative for Region 2 on the LLL Kansas Board of Governors, encouraged attendees to spread information to Kansas Lutherans that the International Lutheran Laymen's League provides several outreach programs beyond the Lutheran Hour radio program.

Ron Bott reported that he had observed that persons who belong to LLL affiliated clubs sometimes believe that their membership in a club automatically bestows membership in the Lutheran Laymen's League upon them. Ron urged the attendees to inform LLL affiliated club members that they must contribute to the Lutheran Hour Ministries in order to be considered members of the International Lutheran Laymen's League.

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John Johnson, editor of the LLL/LHM Reporter newsletter for the Kansas District, reported that only two articles had been received for the Spring newsletter. John Johnson requested that more articles be sent to his email address johnejohnson4779@gmail.com.

Tim Voelker opened a discussion about planning for the 2018 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention, which will be hosted in Region 4 (northwest Kansas) of the LLL Kansas District.

- The scheduled date of the convention is Saturday, November 3, 2018. Only one session is planned for the afternoon of Saturday, November 3.
- The Noble Men of Messiah club will host the convention at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main Street, Hays, Kansas (Zip code 67601-2938).
- Ed Malusky, president of the Nobel Men of Messiah club, and Joe Chretien, ambassador for Messiah Lutheran Church, will lead the organization of the event. David Kruse, ambassador at Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby, and Secretary/Treasurer of Zone 15, will also be included in the convention committee. Some members of the men's club at Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby will also be involved in the convention.
- Requests for display tables during the convention should be sent to Joe Chretien.

Arlen Schultz, vice president of the LLL Kansas District, provided a delicious lunch. Attendees contributed amounts of their choice to compensate Arlen Schulz for the expense of the lunch. Excess contributions were forwarded to the LLL Kansas District Project.

Tim Voelker reported that the 46th annual LLL Kansas District Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at 1:30 PM, at the Village Greens Golf Course, 3.5 miles west of Ozawkie on Kansas highway 92. President Voelker requested that the attendees encourage ambassadors in their areas of the state to advertise the tournament.

President Tim Voelker reviewed the LLL Kansas District web site. Since two articles did not justify the production of the Spring newsletter, John Johnson suggested that these articles be posted on the LLL Kansas District web site (<http://www.lhm-ks.org>).

John Johnson and Joe Chretien discussed outreach to college students. They agreed that activities and free food were effective in drawing the college students to events. Joe Chretien reported that one student told him that she liked the contemporary Christian music.

The following topics were discussed during the "District Business" portion of the meeting.

- Tim Voelker reminded the group that the 2018 LWML Kansas District Convention is scheduled from Friday, April 22, through Sunday, April 24, at the Atrium Hotel and Convention Center in Hutchinson, Kansas.
 - Tim Voelker announced that he is scheduled to speak to the convention on Sunday morning, April 24.
 - Tim Voelker reported that Mike Tonn had volunteered to set up a display table for Lutheran Hour Ministries and to assist him in manning the table during the convention.
 - Tim Voelker reported that the booth fee for the convention was \$35.

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- Tim said that Polly Gregali, LHM Ministry Resource Manager, would provide display materials.
- Tim Voelker reported that the LLL Kansas booth would be open from 10:00 AM until 6:30 PM on Friday, April 22, and from 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 23.
- Tim Voelker reminded the group that the 2018 LCMS Kansas District Convention is scheduled from Thursday, June 7, through Saturday, June 9, at the Capital City Plaza Hotel in Topeka.
 - Tim Voelker announced that he had accepted an invitation to make a five-minute presentation. He said that he did not know when his talk would be scheduled.
 - Tim Voelker asked that volunteers be recruited to staff a display table for Lutheran Hour Ministries during the convention. President Voelker requested that someone be recruited to set up the display table.
 - Tim reported that the display table is scheduled to be open from 1:30 PM, Thursday, June 7, until 12:00 PM, Saturday, June 9. Tim Voelker said that the table need not be staffed continually during that period.
 - Tim reported that the booth fee for the convention was \$45.
 - Tim said that Polly Gregali, LHM Ministry Resource Manager, would provide display materials.
- Tim Voelker told the group that the Saints Alive after 55 conference is scheduled for Sunday, July 29, through Tuesday, July 31, at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Tim Voelker asked that volunteers be recruited to man a display table for Lutheran Hour Ministries.
- Tim Voelker reminded the meeting attendees that the national Lutheran Hour Ministries conference that is scheduled for August 3 through August 5 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He informed the meeting attendees that the travel and lodging expenses for two officers of the LLL Kansas District or its zones would be reimbursed. He asked that office holders who are planning to attend the conference contact him if they wished to apply for reimbursement of their expenses in attending this conference.
- Ron Bott, coordinator for the state fair worship service, made the following announcements regarding the LLL/LHM worship service at the 2018 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Kansas.
 - The LLL/LHM worship service is scheduled for 10:00 AM on September 9, 2018 at the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena.
 - Rev. Peter Lange, president of the LCMS Kansas District, had accepted an invitation to preach the sermon. The LLL Kansas District will pay for Rev. Lange's lodging.
 - The choir at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Kansas had accepted an invitation to sing at the service.
 - The cost to rent the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena for the state fair worship service is \$1250.

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- Ron Bott said that he would apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to partially cover the expenses of the LLL Kansas District state fair worship service.
- The Kansas State Fair will provide 35 tickets for the preacher, choir, and other persons who assist in the presentation of the worship service.
- Tom Stanton, a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, will assume the job of coordinating the LLL/LHM worship service at the 2019 Kansas State Fair.
- Tim Voelker made the following announcements regarding the funds that were received from the Maike bequest investment fund in May 2017.
 - The portion of the funds that remained unspent on May 31, 2018, will be given to the LCMS Kansas District for the purpose of making grants to pastors to reduce their student loan debt.
 - \$100 grants are available from the Maike bequest fund to reimburse congregations, LHM groups, and zones for the expense of outreach events.
- Tim Voelker reminded the meeting participants that the appointive office of District Ambassador Coordinator remains unfilled. He asked that district and zone officers work to recruit a volunteer for this appointive office.
 - Tim Voelker asked that zone officers and affiliated group officers work to recruit congregational ambassadors since the office District Ambassador Coordinator is empty.
 - Tim suggested that district and zone officers use the 2017 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention manual to determine the persons who are currently ambassadors at congregations in their zones and regions.
 - John Johnson suggested the creation of a video that can be shown to fellow church members to familiarize them with the opportunities and duties of the congregational ambassador position. John suggested that such a video have a duration of 10 to 15 minutes.
- Tim Voelker announced that the following LLL Kansas District officers will be elected at the 2018 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention for a two-year term (i.e., November, 2018 – November, 2020):
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Executive board representative for Region 2 (southeast Kansas)
 - Executive board representative for Region 4 (northwest Kansas)
 - Tim Voelker reminded the meeting participants that the bylaws limit the executive board offices to two consecutive terms. Tim Voelker said that he could not be a candidate for a third term as president and Arlen Schultz could not be a candidate for a third term as vice president.
 - Arlen Schultz, vice president of the LLL Kansas District, offered to stand as a candidate for the office of president.
 - Tim Voelker asked that district and zone officers and congregational ambassadors recruit candidates for the LLL Kansas District offices that are to be elected at the LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention on November 3, 2018.

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- Tim Voelker reminded the meeting participants that Rev. Scott Snow's term as pastoral advisor would also end at the at the LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention on November 3, 2018. He requested that that district and zone officers and congregational ambassadors send him nominations for the next pastoral advisor.
- President Voelker requested that zone officer and ambassador information be sent to him during the summer or well before the printing deadline for the 2018 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention manual in order to assure that the manual contains correct information. He also requested that updates and corrections of personal contact information be sent during the summer or well before the printing deadline for the 2018 LLL/LHM Kansas District Convention manual.
- The following information about spring zone rallies was discussed with the meeting participants.
 - Zone 3 – April 29, 12:30 PM, Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, Kansas
 - Zone 7 – May 6, 3:00 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bremen, Kansas
 - Zone 8 – April 29, 2:00 PM, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas
 - Zone 15 – April 14, 10:00 AM, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood, Kansas
(After the Board of Governors meeting, the Zone 15 rally was rescheduled for April 28.)
- A brief discussion occurred regarding the importance of involving young persons in the Lutheran Laymen's League and in the Lutheran Hour Ministries.
 - Arlen Schultz suggested the organization of a disk golf tournament as a means to involve young persons in an LLL/LHM Kansas activity.
 - Gary Neuschafer, zone 12 secretary/treasurer, reported that young persons had assisted with the pancake feed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, to raise funds for the LLL Kansas District Project.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled to occur at 10:00 AM on August 11, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 702 South 9th Street, Salina, Kansas.

There being no more business, Tim Voelker declared the meeting adjourned. Tim Voelker then closed with prayer.

Secretary,
Richard Schrum