

# Convention Chronicles

## 29<sup>th</sup> Convention – CLC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Issue 1

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

### Opening Devotion

The opening devotion of the 29<sup>th</sup> Convention of the CLC was delivered by Chaplain Caleb Schaller of Lynnwood, WA. Much planning and packing was required by him and other delegates to make the trip to Eau Claire happen. As we all know, however, the real “busyness” of the Convention has only just begun. A busy road lies ahead these next couple of days. Our speaker encouraged us to “Stop!” during this busy week to meditate on God’s Word, just as Mary focused on the one thing needful at the feet of her Savior.

As we carry on our business this week we should take comfort in the words of Romans 5:1-2. Our justification is accomplished. We have peace with God through faith. “We are already there.” As you walk through life be secure in your heavenly home.

The devotion concluded with a rousing singing of “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.”

### Nomination Nuance

In an effort to streamline the election of synod officers at Convention, a new nomination procedure will be implemented for called worker positions on synod boards. The new procedure allows for one nomination ballot sheet (for positions with a seat needing to be filled) to be completed ahead of time so a nomination slate can be presented to the floor, without separate nomination ballots for each position. Nominations will still be allowed from the floor, but the Moderator estimates that a 40% reduction of election-related time will result.

With all of this time saved perhaps the election committee could be expanded to the election and entertainment committee. They could be charged with provided entertainment and exercise opportunities between sessions.

### Financial Report

The CLC could use more money to fund our mission opportunities, repair our ILC properties, grant financial aid requests to attend ILC, and pay off our loans on the Academic Center. Etc.

### President’s Message

#### *Christ is our Jubilee*

Referencing Leviticus 25: 8-12 President John Schierenbeck discussed the history behind the Year of Jubilee. After 49 years (7x7) the children of Israel were to set aside a whole year for special purposes. Land would be returned to its original owner’s family and special care would be taken to provide for the poor.

This year the CLC is celebrating its Year of Jubilee. It is not uncommon in the world to use such anniversaries to pat ourselves on the back, to take credit for accomplishments made over the years. May we in our celebration direct praise to the Source of anything good accomplished, our gracious God, Who continues to do amazing things through our tiny church body.

President Schierenbeck outlined the challenges and opportunities that exist in many areas of our synod’s work. Since our last Convention an Academic Center has been constructed on the ILC campus as well as improvements made to Ingram. Mission opportunities abound, especially, it seems, in our foreign fields, where a second full-time missionary has been funded. There is a desire to do more, but offerings in these challenging economic times have fallen short of goals. This requires that we prioritize our projects and do what we can with what we have.

Through all the challenges that we face in the future, let us find joy in Christ – our Jubilee.

The President's message was concluded with the singing of a Werner H. Franzmann hymn – "For Years on Years of Matchless Grace."

## AC

For those who have not been on campus over the past few years, it probably didn't take long for you to notice the differences on campus. As you drove in you, no doubt, noticed a big parking lot where Northwest Hall used to be. You probably noticed a sizeable building off to the left. This is our new Academic Center. Much of this week's committee work will be done in that building.

Having had the privilege to teach in this new building last school year, I found it to be a welcome change. I'm sure you will find as I did that the oxygen level is better and a hint of new new-carpet smell remains. Above all, however, the acronym AC will mean "Air Conditioning" to you this week. As the mercury rises, as it is predicted to do, may your praises rise to our God for allowing this wonderful addition to our campus.

## Essay #1- Walls of Glass

By Pastor Emeritus Rollin Reim

Following a joint prayer, Pastor Reim began his paper with the statement: "This is not a position paper for our church, nor a deep theological study. It is the reflections of an old man who has experienced many blessings through a relationship with the CLC."

Today we strive to fulfill our mission as a confessional Lutheran church just as our founders did 50 years ago, harmonizing the synod aspects of Christian education and mission work. God has blessed us with so many willing servants in conducting efficient stewardship of our limited resources.

Church work involves a burden. "Our path is narrow, uphill, and into prevailing winds." Our confession sets us apart from other Lutheran church bodies and other Christians everywhere. But this confession brings much blessing as well. Pastors and teachers of our synod are united in what we teach. The word of Christ dwells richly among us.

Our confession creates walls with those around us, but let them remain "walls with large windows and open doors." A challenge remains as to how to be evangelical and confessional at the

same time. That is our calling. During the 50 years of CLC history, "this kind of confessional Lutheran ministry has allowed for the full function of a mission church, while protecting and preserving to us the precious, saving gospel of Christ crucified."

The presentation concluded with the singing of "Haste Then On, From Grace to Glory."

## WHILE I SIT

*While I sit here at Convention  
Reflecting on 50 years,  
From the start of our dear synod  
With heartaches and many tears,  
Thoughts of those who came before us  
Who in courage, by God's grace,  
Bold in the face of rejection stood,  
Thus bringing us to this place.*

*"The Scriptures Cannot Be Broken"  
Became the first battle cry,  
When Christians from all walks of life  
Church leaven would now defy.  
Oh, how these "Giants in the Earth"  
Kept Christ's light burning brightly,  
While the "walls" of preservation,  
By His grace, kept unity.  
- Anonymous*

## Convention Cuisine

Tuesday Lunch  
country style ribs  
red potatoes  
corn

Tuesday Supper  
brats  
baked beans  
potato salad  
pasta salad

Wednesday Breakfast  
Scrambled eggs, bacon, yogurt

## Tuesday's Weather

Isolated T-storms



High : 86    Low: 67  
Precip chance: 30% daytime; 30% night  
Humidity: day- 70%; night-82%  
Sunset – 8:56 PM  
Wed. sunrise – 5:21 AM

