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ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

June 14th - 17th, 2023

Host Site – Best Western Inn & Ramkota Conference Center
Sioux Falls, SD

“Victory in Christ” I Corinthians 15:57

(2023 Committee order for conference business committees #1, #2, #3, #4, #5)

All business sessions & evening services will be held in the Grand Rushmore Hall.

All Conference meals will be served in the Exhibit Hall.

Mealtime meetings: Proceed through meal line in the Exhibit Hall & Annex building and dine in Conference Room Two.
To-go boxes available for easily transporting meals.

Breakfast meetings: If staying at the hotel, proceed through complimentary breakfast line and bring food to your meeting space.

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 14TH, 2023

9:00 a.m. | Committee Meetings & WMF Day

- The conference committees meet for devotions, instructions, and room assignments.

NOON | Lunch & WMF Lunch

- WMF Day and Committee meetings continue after lunch.
- WMF lunch
- Committee/Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

5:30 p.m. | Dinner

- Conference dinner (Exhibit Hall)

7:30 p.m. | Conference Opening & Ordination Service (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- AFLC President Micah Hjermstad will open the 2023 Annual conference.
- AFLC President Micah Hjermstad will appoint necessary committees for conference business.

THURSDAY - JUNE 15TH, 2023

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. | Conference Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

8:45 a.m. | Session One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Credentials Committee Report

Adoption of the Conference Agenda

Adoption of the 2022 Conference Report

- Selection of Nominees for Corporation Positions (Home Missions, World Missions, Schools, ARC)

- Nominations to Committees for Corporation Meetings

Selection of Nominees to Committees for Corporation meetings:

Board of Trustees (1) 1 Lay Member

Board of Trustees (1) 1 Pastor

World Missions (2) 2 Lay Members

World Missions (2) 2 Pastors

Home Missions (2) 2 Lay Members

Home Missions (1) 1 Pastor

FLAPS (1) 1 Lay Member

Bay Broadcasting (1) 1 Lay Member

ARC Board (1) 1 Lay Member

- AFLC President's Report - Rev. Micah Hjermstad, Plymouth, MN

Reports of AFLC Ministries (Com #1) General (6 minutes each)

Co-ordinating Com. Chairman – Mr. David Olson, Sioux Falls, SD

AFLC Director of Development – Rev. Tonnes Pollestad, Andover, MN

AFLC Foundation Chairman – Rev. Michael Brandt, Sioux Falls, SD

10:25 a.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in the East Lobby)

10:50 a.m. | Session One, Continued (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Reports of AFLC Ministries (Com #1) General, Cont.

Director of Police & Fire Chaplaincy – Rev. Jon Benson, Newark, IL (3 min)

Director of Military Chaplaincy – Col. John Eidsmoe, Pike Road, AL (3 min)

Pastoral & Congregational Care Team - Rev. Jerry Nelson, La Crosse, WI

Director of the ARC - Mr. Kirk Rautio, Osceola, WI

Director of Business Management - Mrs. Katie Johnson, Plymouth, MN

Family Bible Camp Treasurers (3 minutes each)

Lake Bronson

Wilderness Camp

Bethany Family Camp

Budget Analysis Committee – Mr. Kirk Rautio, Osceola, WI (or other rep)

Reports of AFLC Ministries– AFLC Schools (Com #2)

FLBCS Report – Rev. Dr. Wade Mobley, Rev. Dr. James Molstre,

Rev. Adam Osier, & Mr. Phil Johnson

11:40 a.m. | Prayer Time (Grand Rushmore Hall)

NOON | Lunch, Builders' Fellowship Lunch

- Builder's Fellowship lunch (Conference Room Two)

- Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

1:15 p.m. | Department Electives

- 1:15 to 2:00 Electives (3 options)

Elective One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Elective Two (Amphitheater One)

Elective Three (Amphitheater Two)

- 2:15 to 3:00 Electives (2 options)

Elective One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Elective Two (Amphitheater One)

Elective Three (Amphitheater Two)

3:00 p.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. | Worship & Conference Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:50 p.m. | Session Two (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Reports of AFLC Ministries – Missions (Com #3)

World Missions Com. Chair - Rev. Dr. Craig Johnson, Ferndale, WA

World Missions Director – Rev. Dr. Earl Korhonen, Plymouth, MN

Home Missions Com. Chair - Mr. Glenn Mork, Buffalo, MN

Home Missions Director - Rev. Andy Coyle, Rapid City, SD

F L A P S Executive Director – Dr. Kevin Lee, Beulah, ND

WMF President – Mrs. Lavonne West, Columbia Falls, MT

5:00 p.m. | Pastors & Wives Banquet

5 Oaks Venue (Off Site)

5:30 p.m. | Dinner

- Conference dinner (Exhibit Hall)

7:30 p.m. | Communion Service (Grand Rushmore Hall)

FRIDAY - JUNE 16TH, 2023

7:30 a.m. | FLAPS Breakfast (If applicable, proceed through line for complimentary hotel breakfast and bring breakfast to your meeting space. Those staying off site, proceed directly to the meeting space.) (Conference Room Two)

8:30- 8:45 a.m. | Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

8:45 a.m. | Session Three (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Reports of AFLC Ministries – Publications, Parish Edu & Youth (Com #4)

Publications & Parish Edu Chair – Rev. Dennis Norby, Valley City, ND

Publications & Parish Edu Director – Mrs. Marian Christopherson, McVillie, ND

Youth Board Chair - Rev. Ryan Tonneson, Moorhead, MN

Free Lutheran Youth President – Rev. Gideon Johnson, Killdeer, ND

Reports of AFLC Ministries– Evangelism & Benefits (Com #5)

AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship Chair – Mr. Micah Johnson, Maple Grove, MN

Director of Evangelism – Rev. Randy Nelson, Brooklyn Park, MN

Benefits Board Chairman - Rev. Ron Smith, Brookings, SD

- Election Procedures

- Election of Nominating Committee

16 districts, 2 representatives from each

- Committee #1 Resolutions & Elections

Report of Nominating Committee

Selection of Nominees to the Co-ordinating Committee

Election of Committee #1 for the next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

10:25 a.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

10:50 a.m. | Session Three (Continued) (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Committee #1 Resolutions & Elections (Continued)

- Committee #2 Resolutions & Elections

Report of Nominating Committee

(Nominees previously given to Corporation for Board of Trustees)

Election of Committee #2 for the next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

11:40 a.m. | Prayer Time (Grand Rushmore Hall)

NOON | Lunch, Chaplains' Lunch

- Chaplains lunch (Conference Room Two)

- Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

1:15 p.m. | Corporation Meetings & Lecture Series

- Meetings of the ARC Corporation, Home Mission Corporation, World

Mission Corporation, & Schools Corporation held

ARC Corporation (Conference Room Three)

Home Mission Corporation (Amphitheater One)

World Mission Corporation (Amphitheater Two) Schools Corporation (Crystal Room)

- 1:15 to 2:00 | Lecture Series, Part One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- 2:15 to 3:00 | Lecture Series, Part Two (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:00 p.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. | Worship & Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:50 p.m. | Session Four (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Election of AFLC Vice President & AFLC Secretary

- Committee #3 Resolutions & Elections

Report of Nominating Committee

(Nominees previously given to Corporations for World Missions, Home Missions, & FLAPS Board)

Election of Committee #3 for the next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

- Committee #4 Resolutions & Elections

Report of Nominating Committee

Selection of Nominees to

Board of Publications & Parish Education

Youth Board

Election of Committee #4 for next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

5:30 p.m. | Dinner

- Conference dinner (Exhibit Hall)

7:30 p.m. | Missions Festival Service (Grand Rushmore Hall)

SATURDAY - JUNE 17TH, 2023

8:30- 8:45 a.m. | Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

8:45 a.m. | Session Five (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- **Committee #5 Resolutions & Elections**

Report of Nominating Committee

Selection of Nominees to

Evangelism & Discipleship Board

Board of Benefits

Election of Committee #5 for next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

- **Election of Special Committees**

Colloquy Committee for next Conference (5 Pastors)

Budget Analysis Committee

10:25 a.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

10:50 a.m. | Session Five (Continued) (Grand Rushmore Hall)

11:40 a.m. | Prayer Time (Grand Rushmore Hall)

NOON | Lunch, FLBC Alumni Lunch

- Alumni lunch (Conference Room Two)

- Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

1:15 p.m. | Department Electives

- 1:15 to 2:00 Electives Elective One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Elective Two (Amphitheater One)

Elective Three (Amphitheater Two)

- **2:15 to 3:00 Electives**

Elective One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Elective Two (Amphitheater One)

Elective Three (Amphitheater Two)

3:00 p.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. | Worship & Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:50 p.m. | Session Six (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- **Reports of Corporation Annual Meetings**

- **Committee #1 General Resolutions**

- **Remaining Conference Business**

RAMKOTA CONFERENCE CENTER & BEST WESTERN INN

2023 AFLC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 14-17, 2023 | SIOUX FALLS, SD

HOSTED BY THE CHURCHES OF THE AFLC SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT



Over the month of may United Lutheran youth have had a lot to celebrate and be excited about! We are ramping up for our summer trip to Estes Park, CO along with preparing for our summer schedule and events! We had a strong Jr. High night along with a very strong Youth Sunday Service! We thank you all who participated in giving along with encouraging our youth in service. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for summer trip and get ready for the summer as a whole!

United Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
May 11, 2023

Members Present: Scott Urwiler, Dustin Showen, Drew Detlefsen, Joe Ankeny, Kody Urwiler, Jon Mullen, Sara Pehrson, Tiffany Ebberson, Pastor Matt Quanbeck.

Members Absent: Nate Abts, Lisa Karnes, Tom Biernbaum and Erica Diediker

Devotions and prayer led by Jon Mullen.

Tiffany Ebberson read last month's minutes. Joe Ankeny made the motion to approve the minutes. Kody Urwiler seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In Lisa's absence, Scott passed out the balance and P/L reports. Council reviewed the reports and no questions were raised. Drew Detlefsen made the motion to approve the report. Jon Mullen seconded. Motion passed.

Trustee's Report: Kody Urwiler brought up that the stump removal in the south parking lot had been tabled until spring. "Do we need to keep this on the spring agenda?" Hartington Tree had previously given a quote of approximately \$2,400 for stump grinding and removal and \$2,600 for clean up and back fill of dirt. Drew noted that they would be doing work at the school. They could do the clean-up with one of their trucks instead of hiring it done. Kody made the motion to have the stumps ground if the cost is around \$2,400. Drew Detlefsen seconded. Motion passed.

Parish Ed Report: Sara Pehrson reported that currently the Luther League account has \$5,033 (these funds are to be used towards the FLY Convention) and the Parish Ed account has \$10,080. Two students are no longer attending the FLY Convention so there is currently 9 youth and 3 chaperones attending. The kids have approximately \$3,212 more to raise. The youth group plans to have more fundraising events. The first FLY payment is now due. Sara noted that 1 student has applied for scholarship to Camp Assurance and has been approved.

Upcoming church services

* Sunday, May 21 st – Confirmation – 1 Confirmand

Deacon's Report: Drew Detlefsen reported that the Call Committee has met and revised the current youth worker job description to meet the full-time position requirements.

Pastor's Report: Equipping Focus: Pastor has been discussing with the deacons what it looks like to "shepherd" our church well. A majority of the time people are cared for well but, there are times some people "fall through the cracks." An area of focus is caring for families after a loved one dies.

Teaching Focus: Confirmation is to be held May 21st . Pastor is planning a preaching series based on 1 Timothy for the summer. Also, Pastor made us aware that he has had some interest from people to join the church. A new member class is in the works. Vision Moment: Luke 14:12-14 was discussed. "What does it mean to take initiative in building friendships in the church?" "How about welcoming new people to church?" "How about in our relationships outside of church?"

Upcoming Events

AFLC Annual Conference

Sioux Falls, SD

June 14-17

President's Report: June communion steward will be Tom Biernbaum. Looking ahead, the semi-annual meeting will be coming up and it will be held after the annual conference to give reports from the conference. A date is to be set at the next council meeting.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Tiffany Ebberson, Council Secretary



**United Lutheran
Calendar**

THURSDAY, June 1

9:00 a.m. Sarah Cirelę męzts
6:30 p.m. Ruth Cirelę męzts at Church

SUNDAY, June 4

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Fellowship Coffee follows Worship

TUESDAY, June 6

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 7

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Supper

THURSDAY, June 8

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

SUNDAY, June 11

9:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship Coffee follows Worship
Blood Pressure Checks during Fellowship Coffee

WEDNESDAY, June 14 thru 17

AFLC Annual Conference, Sioux Falls, SD

WEDNESDAY, June 14 FLAG DAY!!!

Fly your American flag proudly!

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Supper



FRIDAY, June 17

8:30 a.m. Bake Sale at HCC

SUNDAY, June 18 Father's Day

9:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship Coffee follows Worship

MONDAY, June 19

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

TUESDAY, June 20

7:00 p.m. Parish Ed meets

WEDNESDAY, June 21

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Supper

SUNDAY, June 25

9:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship Coffee follows Worship

WEDNESDAY, June 28

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Supper

SUNDAY, July 2

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Fellowship Coffee follows Worship

WEDNESDAY, July 5

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Supper

THURSDAY, July 6

9:00 a.m. Sarah Cirelę męzts
6:30 p.m. Ruth Cirelę męzts at Church



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Please find a substitute & notify the church office if you are unable to be present.

JUNE ALTAR GUILD - Diane Urwiler, Erica Diediker

June 4 (White) Communion HOLY TRINITY

LECTOR - Mitzi Luedtke
GREETERS - Matt and Mindy Christensen & Family
USHERS - Lathan Detlefsen, Robert Patefield, Scott & Evan Urwiler, Tom Biernbaum
COMMUNION STEWARD - Tom Bierbaum
NURSERY - Mandi Swanson
MUSICIAN - Glenda Johnson
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE - Jerry & Shelley Groene, Jon & Sara Pehrson, Craig & Arlys Monson

June 11 (Green) Second Sunday after Pentecost

LECTOR - Megan Mullen
GREETERS - Jim & Karen Thompson
USHERS - Verneal Gade, Les Owen, Gabe Abts, Jon Mullen & Marlin Bose
NURSERY - Katie Bose & Samantha Pehrson
MUSICIAN - Anita Gade
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE - Verneal & Anita Gade, Heath & Mckenzie Roeber, Nick & Amy Kort

June 18 (Green) Third Sunday after Pentecost

LECTOR - Kody Urwiler
GREETERS - Lee & Kay Dahl
USHERS - Steve, Jacob & Cody Luedtke, Nick Kort, Drew & Koby Detlefsen, Ron Lundahl, Jon Pehrson
MUSICIAN - Sherie Lundahl
NURSERY - Amy Kort
COFFEE - Lisa Kames, Jon & Megan Mullen, Tim & Teresa Granquist

June 25 (Green) Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

LECTOR - Amy Kort
GREETERS - Greg & Deb Urwiler
USHERS - Mike & Cathie Jacobsen, Kody & Bradyn Urwiler, Greg & Deb Urwiler, Don & Erica Diediker
MUSICIAN - Glenda Johnson
NURSERY - Kayla Detlefsen & Kalin Olson
COFFEE - Drew & Kayla Detlefsen, Dustin & Laura Showen, Diane Peterson

JULY 2 (Green) Communion Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LECTOR - Mike Jacobsen
GREETERS - Nick and Amy Kort & Family
COMMUNION STEWARD - Nathan Abts
USHERS - Lathan Detlefsen, Robert Patefield, Scott & Evan Urwiler, Tom Biernbaum
MUSICIAN - Anita Gade
NURSERY - Teresa Granquist & Krista Luedtke
COFFEE - Matthew & Kiley Maxon, Don & Erica Diediker, Charley & Paige Green



**JOIN US
FOR A ROYALLY
FUN TIME AT
UBS!**

United Lutheran Church
305 W 3rd St. - Laurel, NE

We're lowering the drawbridge and opening the gates to the castle! Grab your armor and prepare for fun as you learn to stand strong in the battle for truth!



Dear Villagers,

I am writing to warn you of a battle that has begun in the Valley of the North between Good and Evil.

An army is being assembled to fight for the Kingdom of Light. And I need your help!

If you so choose to join in this battle, I am recruiting anyone ages preschool (age 3) through 6th grade (completed).

Please register at:

laurelulc.org/vbs

and join us for your armor fitting! You will learn how to be a knight and get equipped to fight against the Kingdom of Darkness. I hope to see you there!

Please recruit other villagers to join you too.

July 30 - August 3

5pm - 8pm

supper served each night

United Lutheran Church - Laurel, NE

Questions - Call / Text Kayla @ 402-841-3511





June is National Safety Month

Injuries are a leading cause of disability for people of all ages – and they are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 44. The good news is everyone can get involved to help prevent injuries.

During National Safety Month, this June, we encourage you to learn more about important safety issues like prescription painkiller abuse, transportation safety, and slips, trips, and falls.

- **Prescription painkiller abuse:** Prescription painkiller overdoses are a growing problem in the United States, especially among women. About 18 women die every day from a prescription painkiller overdose – more than 4 times as many as back in 1999.
- **Transportation safety:** Doing other activities while driving – like texting or eating – distracts you and increases your chance of crashing. Almost 1 in 5 crashes (17%) that injured someone involved distracted driving.
- **Slips, trips, and falls:** One in 4 older adults falls each year. Many falls lead to broken bones and other health problems.

June is National Men's Health Month

June is also Men's Health Month

1. Spread the word and make sure every loved male in your life is living well.
2. **EARLY SCREENINGS!** They will not only save money in the long run but also save your life and/or make life easier to manage if diseases are caught early on.
3. **EXERCISE!** It's summertime! Get at least 30 minutes of exercising in a day, just to help your heart.
4. There are many resources at www.menshealthnetwork.net to find out what you can do to have a healthier life style.

June 12-18 is Men's Health Week

June 16 is Wear **BLUE** Day 2023

- ♦ Men live sicker and die younger. Wear **BLUE** was created by Men's Health Network to raise awareness about the importance of male health and to encourage men to live longer and healthier lives.



Blood Pressure Checks
Sunday, June 11, 2023
during Fellowship Time.



AFLC Evangelism &
Discipleship invites you to:

Sharing Jesus in Post-Christian America

A Rekindle the Fire event

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 3pm
Living Word Free Lutheran
Sioux Falls, SD

Featuring presentations by:

Rev. Dr. Jason Holt

Pr. Brady Arneson

Rev. Randy Nelson

This event is free and open to everyone
Dinner and childcare will be provided

Visit our website to register:

www.aflc.org/evangelism/events/rekindle-fire

evangelism@aflc.org | 763.545.5631 | aflc.org/evangelism

Saturday, June 17th - 8:30 a.m.
Hillcrest Care Center

The Hillcrest Care Center Auxiliary is planning to have a bake sale to raise funds to buy something the nursing home is in need of.

If you would like to donate any baked goods for the sale, please drop your items by 8:30 a.m. the morning of June 17th at HCC.



BAKE SALE

Volunteers Needed for VBS

- ◆ Craft and/or Science Coordinator
- ◆ Kitchen Coordinator
- ◆ Music Coordinator
- ◆ Game Coordinator
- ◆ Drama Director
- ◆ Royal Trainer
- ◆ Troupe Leaders

If you would like to volunteer at VBS and would be able to help with any of these roles, please call or text Kayla Detelefsen at 402-841-3511 or there is a sign up sheet in the entryway.


**SERVING
OPPORTUNITIES**
EVERYONE HAS A PLACE

ALL UNITED LUTHERAN MEMBERS

If you would like your name added or removed from any of the Worship Assistant duties please notify the Church office. We strive to include everyone in all aspects of service throughout the Church.

Please don't hesitate to have your name added any place if you so desire and we will gladly refrain from asking you to serve if you don't care to serve.

Thank you for all that you do.



This is
the day
that the
LORD has
made.



-PSALM 118:24

