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THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEIPZIG DEBATE

Many of you know that I spent the third week in January 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I was there attending the annual Symposia at the Concordia Theological Seminary campus, which I have attended almost every year since the Symposia's inception in 1978. It is the premier national conference for LCMS pastors in many different ways, and this year's conference did not disappoint.

The conference is divided into two parts. The first half deals with exegesis, i.e., the interpretation of Holy Scripture. The second half deals with doctrine and church history, especially as that relates to Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessions. This year the second half of the conference focused on the debate in 1519 between Martin Luther and Johannes Eck on July 4th to 14th at the city of Leipzig in Saxony. In the year 2019, Lutherans around the world celebrate the 500th anniversary of this debate, which was one of several significant events in the Lutheran Reformation.

Johannes Eck was a professor at the University of Ingolstadt, which is in central Bavaria on the Danube River. Martin Luther was a professor at the University of Wittenberg, which is in central Saxony on the Elbe River. The city and university of Leipzig was chosen as a neutral location for the debate. Luther framed thirteen theses, which were the focus of the debate. His position on each thesis was "pro" for some, "con" for others. They included issues such as: a) that baptized believers sin daily (pro); b) that good works are not truly "good," because tainted by sin (pro); c) that priests can inflict punishments on those who confess their sins (con); d) that a priest can refuse to forgive the sin of someone who repents (con); e) that souls in purgatory are punished for their sins on earth (con); f) that humans have free will in regard to spiritual matters

(con); g) that the merits of Christ are the treasures of indulgences (con); h) that indulgences are a blessing and encouragement for good works (con); and i) that the pope can forgive any sin owed in this and the future life in purgatory (con). As you can see, most of the theses dealt with the Office of the Keys and indulgences.

The most significant of Luther's theses was #13 which read: "The very callous decrees of the Roman pontiffs which have appeared in the last four hundred years prove that the Roman church is superior to all others. Against them stand the history of eleven hundred years, the test of divine Scripture, and the decree of the Council of Nicaea, the most sacred of all councils." This was the thesis that Professor Eck attacked most vehemently, because it elevated the authority of Holy Scripture over the authority of the pope. In those days, only heretics did that—most recently the professor of theology at the University of Prague in Bohemia, Dr. John Hus, who was burned at the stake. It became clear in the Leipzig Debate that Luther was a Hussite. Thus Luther's accusers believed they were justified in calling him a "damned heretic."

Five hundred years later, the Roman Catholic church does not go around calling Lutherans or other Protestants "damned heretics." We are all more "civilized" now. But the truth is that, in spite of many diplomatic maneuvers, the Roman church still accepts and defends the supreme authority of the pope and all Protestants reject that authority. This is the enduring legacy of the Leipzig Debate of 1519. Thank God!

Yours in Christ,

Martin R. Nelson

School News

LOOKING BACK...LOOKING FORWARD

The carefree days of Christmas and the New Year ended with the commencement of the latter half of the 2018-2019 school year. Children who had been on holiday break greeted their friends to share stories of holiday activities, as teachers dusted off the white boards and began teaching new lessons.

Our February calendar promises fun social activities as we look forward to the annual Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Valentine's Day Parties, 'Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart' and Spaghetti Feed. These activities are intended for the children and their families as well as for the members of our church! Come and meet new people and enjoy the activities!

While January brought with it rainy days, that didn't stop us from holding our Open Houses as we began the cycle of enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Yes, amidst the daily activities, we are always planning for our current and future Grace families and enrollment!

Our Parent/Teacher League and School Boards are eager to grow Grace Lutheran School! To do so, we look to all of our resources. Who knows better than our GLS families where changes may be made? We value your input!

Do you have ideas which you think will help GLS grow its program, enrollment and revenue? Is there a way we can better meet the needs of our students and families? Your ideas are always welcome!

Mr. Brauer and the boards enlist you to join us as we develop a Principal's Advisory Team for the purpose of enriching our school and providing the best experience for your family.

We, at Grace Lutheran School thank you and your family for being a part of the Grace family. If you know of someone looking for an intimate setting for their student, please refer them to Grace Lutheran School. 'Word of mouth' referrals are often the best endorsement for our school.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Watch for the *Parent Information Note*.
It is sent electronically each Tuesday!

February 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

- GLS Pancake Breakfast
- 3 Partners in Christ (8:40a arrival)
- 7 Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45p- 8:00p)
- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (8:00a- Noon)
- 14 Jump Rope for Heart & Hoops for Heart (12:45p)
- 18 President's Day – Office Closed
No School/No Extended Care
- 22 Mid-Quarter!
- 23 PTL sponsored Spaghetti Feed!
Church & School Social Event. All are welcome!

GLS Welcomes a New Employee!

Since June 2018, GLS has been diligently seeking a new employee for the position of an Extended Care Assistant. We were looking for a person with 'just the right qualities' to work with our students and were delighted to learn that she was already in our Grace Lutheran family!

Mrs. Karla Noland (*does the last name sound familiar? She is the wife of our Pastor!*) decided to 'lend a hand' and help out the faculty and staff by joining 'Miss Judy' in the afternoon Extended Care program! Already actively involved in the Grace Lutheran Church activities, Mrs. Noland will greet the children in the courtyard at the end of the school day (3:30 p.m.) with smiles and fresh "hello's". She will help to oversee the children as they are picked up by parents, and escort them into the Parish Hall where she will help with homework, provide a snack and play games.

Mrs. Noland holds her BS in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration on Early Childhood Education from Colorado State University. She taught Preschool for Lutheran Hospital (Denver, CO), was the director of a day care, was a teacher's aide for K-5th grades, and has taught as a substitute teacher. (*Need tutoring? She's a 'whiz' at Saxon Math and Shurley English!*) She has worked in multiple capacities in the airlines industry, taking an early retirement option which allowed her to focus her attention on her three daughters, Sarah (married and living in IN), Renee (attending Purdue University, IN), and Heidi (a senior at Hillsdale High).

As an ice-breaker, Mrs. Noland's favorite color is pink; her favorite movie is *Steel Magnolias*. She enjoys counted cross stitch, playing cards and board games.

If you do not already know her, take a moment to welcome Mrs. Noland, our newest GLS employee!



Grace Lutheran Church & School

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Grace LWML Mission Statement

“Our mission is to encourage the women of Grace to grow spiritually through Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures.”



“Serve the Lord with Gladness”



Mission Project Work Day

Tuesday, February 26, 2019- 1:00pm at
Dolores Keim's House



Upcoming dates:

February 10, 2019 – Package Cookies for
College Students (If you have a student
going to school away from home, please
contact Dolores Keim 650-344-5948)



2018-2020

Mission Grants

8. Reaching Rahab-outreach
To at-risk women in Kenya

Lutheran Hour Ministries

(RSO)
\$5,000



Save your mites



Pray for
REV. JONATHAN AND ANITA CLAUSING
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATOR
SERVING THE LORD IN EASTERN AFRICA



As a theological educator, Jonathan has served at both St. Peter Theological Seminary in Himbo, Tanzania, and in the theology department of Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya, teaching a variety of courses on the New Testament, the Lutheran Confessions and church history. Jonathan was born in Belvidere, Ill., where Immanuel Lutheran Church, his home congregation, is located. He grew up on the family farm outside of town and received a bachelor's degree in agricultural studies from Iowa State University, Ames. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before serving in Eastern Africa, Jonathan served as the site director of Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, Colo., and, most recently, as the director of campus ministry at Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, St. Peters, Mo. Jonathan enjoys playing and writing music, wilderness backpacking and mountain climbing.

Anita was born in Aurora, Ill., and her home congregation is Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Yorkville, Ill. She received a bachelor's degree in secondary education, along with her Director of Christian Education certificate, from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward. Before heading to the mission field, Anita served as program director at Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, Colo. Since 1999, she has been a stay-at-home mom, homeschooling their children. Her hobbies include scrapbooking and connecting with friends on Facebook. Jonathan and Anita have nine children — Emil, Ellie, Eunice, Ethan, Eric, Eileen, Elijah and Emmanuel — who join them on the mission field.

Pray for the entire Clausing family as they serve in East Africa. Ask God to give them strength and peace in their life overseas as missionaries. Pray that the Word of God takes root and bears the fruit of faith in the lives of the East Africans who hear it.

Visit the Clausings' blog (www.clausingfamily.wordpress.com) to learn about their ministry.

- **BIRTHDAYS:** Jonathan — Aug. 20, Anita — Dec. 9, Emil — Oct. 29, Ellie — Jan. 10, Ernie — July 16, Eunice — June 1, Ethan — May 8, Eric — Dec. 16, Eileen — Aug. 21, Elijah — July 3, Emmanuel — March 6
- **ANNIVERSARY:** Aug. 16
- **HOME DISTRICT:** Missouri

- **Pray daily for Jonathan and Anita** — and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/clausing.
 - **Learn about LCMS international work** at lcms.org/international.
 - **Support and adopt an international worker.** Call 888-930-4438.
- LEARN • PRAY • GIVE • TELL • SEND • GO • CELEBRATE



"HERE AM I... SEND ME!"
MY SUPPORT OF THE LCMS THROUGH THE WORK OF:
Rev. Jonathan and Anita Clausing

Give securely online at lcms.org/clausing or fill out the form below:

Name: _____
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 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

TYPE OF GIFT:

- A monthly recurring gift** of \$ _____ for the duration of Jonathan and Anita's service. (Please choose a payment method below.)
- A per-year pledge commitment** of \$ _____ to be fulfilled:
 - monthly quarterly semi-annually annually
- A special gift** of \$ _____

I/WVE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MY/OUR GIFTS BY:

- Check** — Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Write **Clausing-Eastern Africa Support** on memo line.
- Automatic Withdrawal** — Please include a **VOIDED ORIGINAL CHECK**. I/we hereby authorize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to initiate automatic debits to my/our account at the financial institution named below. I/we acknowledge that the origination of direct debit (ACH) transactions to my/our account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. This agreement will remain in effect until The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution.

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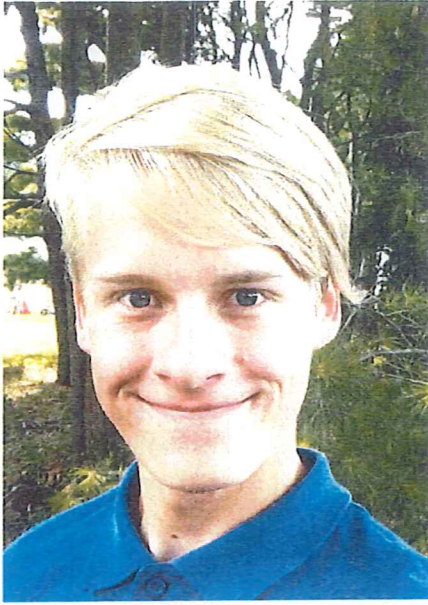


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**The Third of Thirteen
Emil Clausing
2018 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients**

Dear LWML CNH,

I am overjoyed to hear that I have received the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. Thank you so much for your kind generosity! Being awarded this gift is a great blessing, giving me freedom to focus on my education and the future.

Please also accept my thanks for showing encouragement and aid to others like me—the children of missionaries who may find difficulty in adjusting to American life and customs, often in the absence of our parents who are still overseas, all while entering college in what is perhaps the biggest life change we have ever gone through. Your thoughtful support is truly a blessing from God!

My name is Emil Clausing, and as of me writing this I am preparing for the Fall semester of my freshman year at Concordia University Chicago.

I was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I lived in St. Peters, Missouri for most of my life until, in 2016, my family and I moved to spread the gospel in Kenya. We spent the first few months living in East Africa learning Swahili, the most commonly spoken language in that region. My family and I homeschooled through high school and the move to Kenya, so, apart from a few online classes, our wonderful mother has been our only teacher.

Living in Africa was the greatest experience of my life. I would not give it up for anything. The two countries we lived in, Kenya and Tanzania, are full of wonderful and kind people. It was amazing to encounter their culture and customs—once I even got to give a devotion to the children of a boarding school! East Africa is also a very beautiful place. The lonely majesty of Mt. Kenya, the massive hills and valleys of central Tanzania, and the perfectly warm blue waters of the Indian ocean, not to mention all the exquisite native wildlife—lions, zebras and many more—, are all testaments to the glory of their Creator. Even though I only saw a tiny portion of the land and its people, I will never forget living there.

As I enter the world of higher education, I hope to pursue a career in animation. I love to draw, design, and tell stories, and so the classes I will be taking this year include Intro to Visual Arts, Cartooning, and Characterization.

Again, a great big thank you for your great work and encouragement!

In Christ,
Emil Clausing

Human Care Committee

Scholarship Application for the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship Fund

<p>Your Name, Birth Date and contact information: Mailing Address, Email Address, Phone/Cell Emil Clausing 29 October 1999 613 Henry Street Washington, MO 63090 (address of family in US) emilclausing@outlook.com 6369224596</p>	<p>Name and Address of school you plan to attend: Concordia University Chicago 7400 Augusta St. River Forest, IL 60305-1402</p>	
<p>Parent's names and contact information: Mailing Address, Email Address, Phone/Cell Jonathan Clausing jonathan.clausing@lcmsintl.org</p>	<p>Grade Fall 2018 (circle or highlight): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior 5th year Anticipated year of graduation? 2023 How many members of your family are currently in an institution of higher education? 0</p>	<p>How many years of schooling do you anticipate? 4 Would you like an application in two years? Yes, for purposes of reapplication</p>
<p>In what mission field are your parents currently serving? LCMS Office of International Mission-East Africa</p>	<p>Are you a member of a LCMS congregation? If so, Name and location of your church: Yes Chapel of the Cross 907 Jungermann Rd. St. Peters MO 63376</p>	
<p>Tell us something about the places you have lived and type of missionary work in which your family is involved: I have lived for two years in Nairobi Kenya. My dad is a pastor and teacher; he has taught and preached in many different places around East Africa. Especially, he has taught the students at the Lutheran seminaries Neema Lutheran College at Matongo, Kenya and Saint Peter Theological Seminary in Himo, Tanzania.</p>		
<p>What course of study do you plan to pursue in school? Animation</p>		
<p>What are your plans for the future? After getting a degree in animation I hope to find a job at and animation or art studio. I especially hope to be involved in the production and animation of animated films or TV shows.</p>		
<p>Make check payable to <u>who</u> and <u>mailing address</u>? If your school, any special instructions? Emil Clausing 11318 Hill Road Garden Prairie, IL 61038</p>	<p>Date 5/13/18</p>	

Behold what manner of love
 the Father has bestowed on
 us, that we should be called
 children of God. 1 John 3:1

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Prayer Page

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." ~Galatians 6:10

Egon Adam	Robert Innes	Caroline Nagy	Dimitry Spencer
Bella Archer	Shirley Innes	Pamela Nelson	Peter Spittler
Marilyn Baillie	Michael Innes	Rev. Martin Noland	Candice Stahl
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Donald Iocco	Karla Noland	Tamaray Starling
Valerie Balgeman	Heather Iocco	Renee Noland	Darryl Sterner
Chandler Balgeman	John Iocco	Heidi Noland	Sandra Sterner
Mike Bannister	Judy Iocco	Floyd Oatman	Michelle Sterner
Tami Bannister	Ko Ishikawa	Doug O'Donnell	Brett Toensing
Nathanael Bannister	Mariko Ishikawa	Patty O'Donnell	Anne-Marie Toensing
Mike Beebe	Yuzo Ishikawa	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Brooke Toensing
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Susan Bethke	Stefanie Kilcullen	Daniel Saber	Leann Udishes
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Jordyn Brauer	Ryan Koester	Scott Semmler	Randy Wimmer
Justin Brauer	Amanda Koester	Daniel Semmler	Caden Young
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Veronica Crews	Heather McLaughlin	Barb Smoot	
Clara Crews	Sandra Means	Paul Soals	
Celeste Crews	George Melke	Stacey Soals	
Charlotte Custino	Molly Munson	Jacquelin Soals	

