

## Report from the LCMC Annual Convention

This note is just a little update on current events with our church community. First, Paul and Becky Fiske attended the Annual LCMC Convention held in Arden Hills, MN. For those who are not familiar with the LCMC, the following is a snippet from their website: *"We're Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, and our name pretty much says it all. We're not a denomination, we're a movement. We view the local church as the place where people in the community come to get connected with God and one another. We celebrate the fact that everyone is wired a little differently; it allows each and every one of us to serve according to our own unique strengths, skills and talents."*

We have been members of this organization for several years. It is important for congregations to be connected to national church-related organizations for several reasons not the least of which is to be in a relationship with those who share the same beliefs in their practice of Lutheranism. If you wish to know more you can see their website at <http://lcmc.net>. Here is Paul's report on this convention. We attended the LCMC annual convention on October 5 in Arden Hills. Because of Covid 19 the attendance was limited and it was compacted to 1 rather than 3 1/2 days. There were 139 in attendance. Rev. T. J. Anderson, Senior Pastor of Arden Hills gave a welcome and led the opening worship service.

The Keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba. He gave a very dynamic address. He opened with Psalm 50:15. *"and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will glorify me."* God says 'call upon me.' He who is in you is greater than he is in the world. His message was based on Matthew 17. He emphasized that there is one relevant message for everything - Jesus is Lord, He died and is risen. He talked about 10 deadly mistakes the church makes. Summarizing he said that we need to let Jesus lead, listen to God and read the Bible, preach the Word of God with simplicity and clarity, focus on Jesus, share the Word of God. Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

The afternoon speaker was Matt Randerson. He talked about how different age groups feel about worship: online vs. in person. The major business item was the installation of Mike Bradley as the new LCMC Service coordinator. Mark Vander Tuig has retired. He served as Service Coordinator for 10 years. Mark received a standing ovation.

The message from Mike Bradley, the new Service coordinator, was that God is alive in the world and God gets the last Word! *"I am already a child of God. My identity has already been declared over me!"* It was a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

In Christ, Paul & Becky Fiske



### Prayer Concerns – Week of 25 October 2020:

#### Sending Healing Prayers

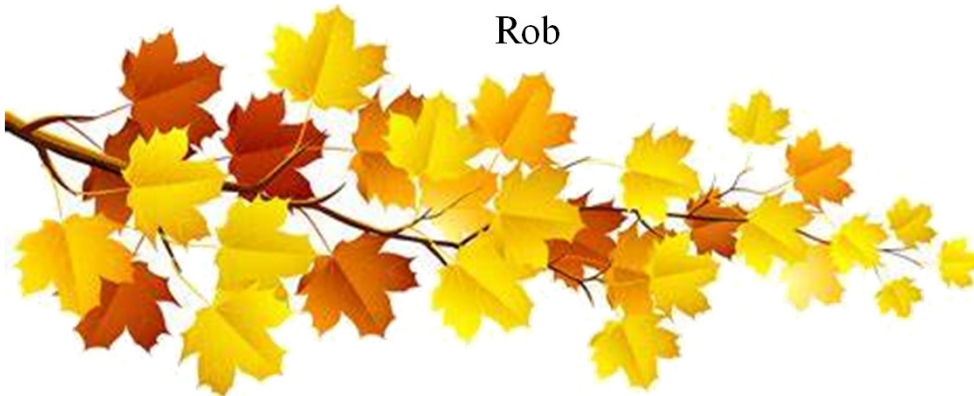
- **Madi – Struggling w/Covid symptoms – Pray – Speedy recovery – 10/23/20**
- Danielle W. – Covid + -- Pray – Continued recovery – 10/08/20
- Brian H. – HOME! – Pray – Continued improvement – 10/09/20(upd)
- Vicki B. – Cancer diagnosis – Pray – Speedy resolution and remission – 09/27/20
- Lynn D. – Fell, slight concussion, bruising – Pray– Healing – 09/27/20
- Kym M. – Serious abdominal issues – Pray – Answers & Cure – 09/25/20
- Becky F. – Health concerns – Pray – Answers and cures soon – 09/18/20
- Cheryl S. – Covid test positive – Pray – Recovery, no side effects – 09/18/20
- Quentin – Transplant complications – Pray – Resolution, courage, recovery – 09/11/20 (upd)
- Taola – Movement on right side – Pray – Continued healing – 08/30/20 (upd)
- Connie K. – Chemo for cancer, post surgery – Pray – Success & Remission – 08/22/20
- Mary – Leukemia, bone-marrow transplant – Pray– Success and remission – 08/13/20
- People of Beirut Lebanon – Pray -- Courage & Peace in your recovery!
- M – Cancer – Pray – Remission – 08/07/20
- David – Liver Cancer – Pray – Successful Chemotherapy – 07/26/20
- Jay N. – Stage 4 cancer – Pray – Complete remission – 07/20/2020
- Anyone frightened by this CoVid-19 thing – Pray – Comfort in knowing Christ has their backs!
- All schools, military, churches, and others – Pray – Safe from the virus!



This last piece of information concerns the leaf-cleanup that was scheduled for tomorrow. Due to the weather forecast, we will postpone this until next Saturday, 31 October @ 10:00am. Oh, yet another thing... the videos we are presenting via the church's website (virtual church) can all be found on YouTube in our channel. Simply go to YouTube and, in the search bar, type in Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford. Our channel will come up and provide a link with which to subscribe to it thus making it easier to find the sermon-history videos. That's it!

God bless all,

Rob



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