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**The un-BEAR-able
has happened!**



**Scouting in the Lutheran Church Conference
to be held at
Philmont Training Center
has been cancelled!**

Although we held out hope that COVID-19 concerns and restrictions would ease up, it ultimately became clear that the ongoing circumstances would not allow us to have a viable conference while still protecting the health of our fellow Lutherans. In fact, shortly after we made our decision to cancel, Philmont was forced to cancel all the programming for the rest of the summer. Participants were given the option to apply their fees to a conference next summer or to get a full refund.

We have set our next conference for the summer of 2022 during "Faith Week" at Philmont Training Center. Specific details are forming, keep watch.... [we'll announce it here first!](#)

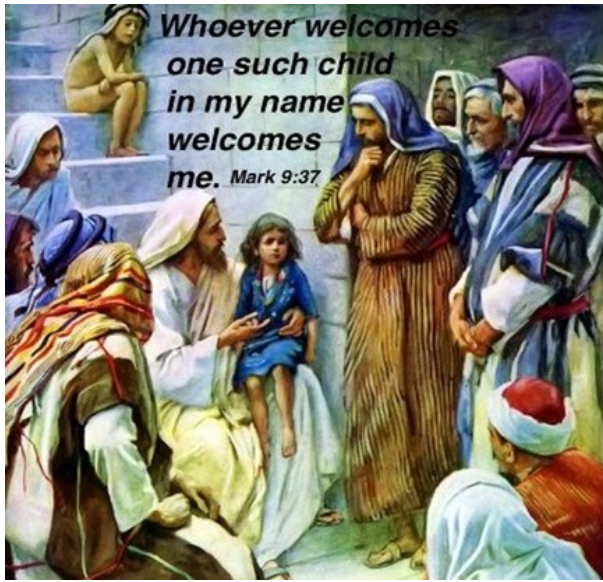
Save the date and mark your calendars for a *Virtual Annual Meeting*, August 15, 2020. Because of pending modifications of the NLAS By-Laws regarding Annual Meetings, there is a small delay in timing.

[All are welcome](#) to join in on this very special meeting. See you then!!

**Keep your eye open for Scout Sunday 2020 Photos from
Around the World throughout this and future Newsletters**

President's Perspective

A few thoughts: Past, Present, Future



Mark 9:34-37 NIV

...the disciples kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Jesus took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

A final NLAS president's article can well be a rambling review of the past two years OR a short and sweet, right to the point, look to the future sort of thing.

I must say, how great it is to be a part of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting! NLAS was formed by dedicated Lutheran Scouters in the early 1980s. It was an organization of support, encouragement, and fellowship of those Lutheran scouters and Lutheran congregations who envisioned the scouting program as a mission and ministry within the congregation and outward to the community.

NLAS would also serve as a resource for youth and adults interested in religious faith growth programs endorsed by Lutheran Church Synods for individuals and parishes active with Boy Scouts of America and also Girls Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls, Camp Fire USA, and 4H.

During the past four decades NLAS members have seen much in the way of change and challenges in congregations, communities, and even the country. However, its (our) mission and vision has remained the same: To equip Lutherans and other Christians to minister to young people in various youth serving agencies. Not separate from, but using the programs of partner youth serving agencies and the various religious growth programs for the greatest purpose. **What great purpose?** That all youth and their families are exposed to the Savior Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to know Him as Lord and Savior.

That has been my focus during my tenure, and primary in my service as NLAS president in the past two years. I inherited the vision, did my best to promote the same, and pass with confidence that purpose to the new leadership and organization.



President's Perspective: Cont. from Pg 2

In this age of confusion, frustration, and polarization; parents are looking for the lost family faith foundation. Sunday School programs are slipping away. What congregation is having a Vacation Bible School program this summer in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis? How many parishes have vibrant youth ministry programs? What kind of effective community outreach and mission do congregations have? Indeed, the need is great.

NLAS has the vision. NLAS has the man/woman power, NLAS has at its disposal and use...tools for the congregation.

The P.R.A.Y. faith growth programs, Jesus and Me, God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life. Program tools that are Lutheran Church approved, age appropriate, easy to use, involving family with their children, pastors, teachers, counselors, and presenters going and growing in faith strengthening, family supporting, and church growing Christian discipleship.

Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us together look to the future:

Let us continue to be at the forefront of the Church's mission and ministry and use the faith building program tools at our disposal.

Let us be the servant that Jesus described so clearly to His disciples and be reaching youth and their families in the church and community.

Let us have on our lips this prayer: Humble and meek
 Lord let me lift up
 Those who are weak
 And may the prayer
 Of my heart always be
 Make me a servant
 Make me a servant
 Make me a servant today
 Amen.



To God be the glory! Great things He has done! It is His day His way!



**National Lutheran
Association on Scouting
2020
Officer Election Results**

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting (NLAS) is pleased to announce the results of the election of officers to serve on the next Executive Board.

The newly elected officers are:

President Elect: Phill Lawonn

Treasure: Katy Hallberg

Secretary: Wayne Stuckey

Member-at-Large: Aaro Froese

Member-at-Large: Kenneth Toole

Along with current President-Elect, Wendy Cibils, who will become President, the new officers were scheduled to be installed at the NLAS Annual Meeting at Philmont Training Center. Plans are currently being developed for a Virtual Annual Meeting tentatively August 15, 2020.

The NLAS wants to thank all members for voting. Thank you to Robert Moreno, Membership Chairman, for conducting the election. Finally, a special thank you to the Scouts of Troop 106, chartered to Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton, MN, for their assistance in tallying the votes.

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting is truly blessed to be served by these dedicated and talented individuals.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Well, like the Good Book says (that's the Bible for your purists) "There is a time for everything under the sun..." and it is the time for me to vacate the position of Pastoral Advisor for the NLAS. My term has expired, like we all must – sooner or later.

It's been a joy and pleasure writing these missives, and I assume people "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them." Although with no feedback platform it's hard to tell – probably just as well.

Last Sunday I had to do pulpit fill-in for a brother, I hadn't preached there since July 2018 and it was nice to be recognized when I came into the church. Many people pointed and said, "Oh him again." The worst thing you can do to a person is ignore them, so I felt gratified.

When we don't honor the 3rd Commandment, we ignore God, we ignore the communion of Saints, and worst of all we ignore our own spirit.

One of the goals of the NLAS is to keep in the forefront of our youth their *Duty To God*. We do this mainly through our religious emblems program. Youth who earn these emblems and are presented them during a worship service are built up by the saints who make up the congregation, they are recognized, they are valued. "Religious Recognition Matters."

It matters not only for the youth, but also for the congregation. It is a witness from a young member of the congregation of their Lutheran faith and to "meet and right so to" honor them, recognize them for confessing and professing their faith in Jesus.

We, as Americans, are some of the luckiest people on the face of this blue marble floating in space. For 25 years, I lived outside the US as a missionary and have witnessed and lived in areas of poverty. Not like US poverty, but one step from death poverty. The vast majority of Americans can't even imagine the hopelessness of that type of poverty.

And yet people in our country complain and want to destroy our way of life, and replace it with what?

We as Christians have the hope and guarantee of eternal life. That is true PEACE, that is, "The Peace that surpasses all human understanding." That is why we are Christians. That is the hope we live in. Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," expresses it well, yet we complain. It is a part of our fallen human nature to do so.

I once knew a young man who wanted to be a monk. He joined a monastery where you could only say 1 word once a year when you met with the Abbott. The 1st year he said, "COLD." The 2nd year he said, "HUNGRY," the 3rd year he said, "TIRED," the 4th year he said, "QUIT!" And the Abbott replied, "I'm not surprised you've done nothing but complain since you got here."

With that brother & sisters, God speed, pray for the NLAS, support the NLAS and keep the faith unto life everlasting!

Rev. James Hoke
NLAS Past-Pastoral Advisor

Lutherans Celebrating Scout Sunday 2020 Around the World!



Scout Sunday at **Christus Victor Lutheran Church** in League City, TX with Pack, Troop and Crew 615. 16 February 2020
Photos submitted by Jennifer Schaudt - Seal, COR.



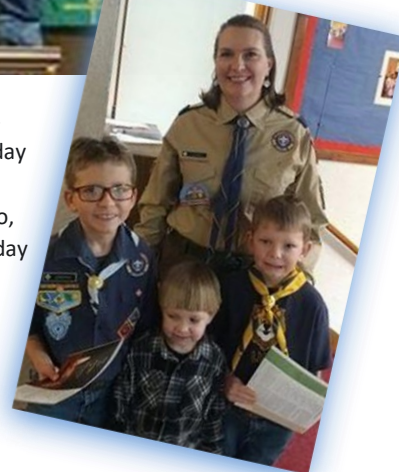
Scout Sunday at **Christ the King Lutheran Church,** Southgate MI. - *Photo submitted by Jack Hickey*



Troops 861 and 6001 at **First United Lutheran Church –ELCA** in Sheboygan, WI with Troop 861's founder and first Scoutmaster (1961-1987) Louis Milsted. — with Keith Jacks - *Photo submitted by Rick Seidemann*



Cub Scout Pack 113 Celebrates Scout Sunday at **Trinity Lutheran Church- LCMS** Pueblo, Colorado at the Saturday Service. - *photo submitted by Krayg Von Mosch*



Girl Scout Sunday with Troop 1133

Girl Scout Troop 1133 of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council really knows how to make and maintain a close relationship with its host congregation. Hopeful Lutheran Church in Florence, KY serves as the meeting location for Troop 1133's multi-level troop. Back in 2015, Tonya Freeman's new Daisy Girl Scout was the only one to show up in uniform at church on Girl Scout Sunday. From that point, Girl Scout Sunday has grown to an event of mutual appreciation and celebration between Hopeful Lutheran Church and Troop 1133. They interact, do things together, and do things for each other. Their success at making Girl Scout Sunday an event to celebrate is told on the NLAS web site at <https://nlas.org/resources/>

On Girl Scout Sunday (March 8, 2020) Troop 1133 served breakfast to the congregation. A display was set up in the fellowship hall highlighting Troop 1133's achievements and service, some of which was co-service with the congregation's mission projects. The girls wrote, produced, edited and starred in a video that was played in the sanctuary as the Scouts were publicly recognized by the congregation. <https://youtu.be/E9a830uskCY> This year the congregation asked Troop 1133 to expand their service projects to include:

- ◇ making friendship bracelets to be sold for a fundraiser for the church's Mexico mission;
- ◇ cleaning up the cemetery and mowing through the summer
- ◇ stocking the food pantry in December 2020
- ◇ working with Church volunteers to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief for Make a Difference Day (5/9/20). (In 2018 Hopeful Lutheran Quilters made 309 quilts for the needy. All scraps were used to make pet beds for local pet shelters.)



Ready to attend church Girl Scout Sunday 2020.
(Photos : **Tonya Freeman**)



Congregation enjoying breakfast made by Troop 1133



Display of accomplishments and service

ORIGINAL PATCH

NEW & IMPROVED

Lutheran Recognition of Excellence

NEW PATCH

The NLAS Executive board, assisted by Matt's brother, Aaron Rogahn, took on the task of creating a new Lutheran Recognition of Excellence uniform patch. Reverence and Duty to God have always been a cornerstone of Scouting values. In the words of Robert Baden-Powell "First: Love and serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor".

Requirements to Earn the Lutheran Recognition of Excellence Award:

Within the past calendar year, the unit shall have accomplished all of the following:

1. Earned the Journey To Excellence Award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold level) of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Ten percent or more of the registered youth members of the unit were enrolled in or have completed the appropriate Religious Emblems Program for their age level and religious affiliation.
3. The pastor serves as the Religious Emblems Counselor or has appointed someone to serve in that capacity for the God and Me, God and Family, God and Church and the God and Life Religious Emblems Programs.
4. The unit participated in the local Lutheran congregation's Scout Sunday observance and completed at least one service project for the chartering Lutheran organization.
5. The unit provided regular worship opportunities when away from their home congregations on Sundays for camping trips and outings, and provided the appropriate religious setting for banquets, ceremonies and other unit events (prayer at pack, den, troop, crew and leader meetings).
6. The Chartered Organization Representative (COR) shall be a member of the chartering Lutheran congregation or, for other Lutheran organizations, a member of a local Lutheran congregation.
7. Your Chaplain Aide is trained and actively working with a Lutheran pastor, youth minister, or designated layperson.

Progression of the Patch's Design



ANNOUNCEMENT!!

**Applications for the Four Star Scholarship
have been extended to July 31, 2020**

Please find application and information @ NLAS.org

MORE SCOUT SUNDAY PHOTOS



Celebrating Scout Sunday at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation - RIC, West Long Branch, New Jersey. Youth and Adults from the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore and the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America served as Lectors, Acolytes, Crucifers, Ushers, and Assisting Minister. Two Religious Emblems and a special children's sermon were also presented by Pastor Matthew Cimorelli. *Photo submitted by [Brian J Valentino](#)*



Celebrating Scout Sunday with Pack & Troop 551, established in 1965, at Grace Chapel Lutheran Church, in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO. - *Photo submitted by [Sheri Briley](#)*

Celebrating Scout Sunday in Germany!
Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC) is a congregation of (mostly) American military members and civilians. We are thankful for the scouts in the congregation and their cheerful service to the church!





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We are a resource for youth and adults who wish to know more about the religious emblems program, endorsed by the Lutheran Churches for members of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls, 4H and Camp Fire USA.

NLAS Mission

To equip Lutherans and other Christians to minister to young people, using the programs of our partner youth serving agencies.

NLAS Vision

That all young people and their families are exposed to Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to know him as Lord and Savior

The mission and visions statements were accepted by the NLAS Executive Board on October 12th, 2002