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Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

-Philippians 2:5-8

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Lutheran Congregations Celebrate Scout Sunday

The **Bethany/Lost Island Lutheran parish (ELCA) in Emmetsburg, Iowa** celebrated Scout Sunday on February 6. Representatives from Pack 146, Troops 46, 123 B, and 123 G, as well as Crew 446 attended. Scout Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to the Boy Scouts of America's birthday, February 8, or on a Sunday convenient to the congregation, as a way of saying thanks to the chartering congregation and a means of reinforcing the Scouts' Duty to God. Photo submitted by Peter



Morlock.



Rev. Michael Diegel, the national partner representative of the Lutheran Churches in Canada, preached at **Augustana Lutheran Church in Saskatoon** for Transfiguration/Scout Sunday on February 27, 2022. Due to Covid protocols there were no Scouts in church but the service was live streamed and posted to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZkM5rr29f8> .

The Luther Rose crest is given to all Lutheran sponsored Scout groups in Canada by the Lutheran Council in Canada.

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95 Reasons you SHOULD be a Chaplain at the 2023 National Jamboree

An important part of NLAS ministry is providing Lutheran Chaplains for BSA high adventure bases and national events, such as the 2023 National Scout Jamboree. Are you, or do you know, a Lutheran minister, deacon, Director of Christian Education (DCE) or seminarian (who has completed at least one course in Clinical Pastoral Education) who would enjoy the challenge of working with a "congregation" consisting of hundreds of youth and adult leaders from across the U.S. and elsewhere in the world? In addition to planning and conducting worship services, you will be called upon to provide presence, pastoral care, and counseling in an all-faith environment, as well as visiting those in on-site medical facilities and assisting in event management in case of serious accident, illness or death. Women and men are needed who are willing to model how "a Scout is Reverent" while encouraging youth to engage in "Duty to God" activities, advocating participation in their faith tradition's religious award program, and assisting youth Chaplain Aides in carrying out their religious leadership duties. Does this sound challenging and exciting? See the letter from the NLAS Lead Chaplain or email chaplain@nlas.org. Candidates will be vetted by their District President, Synod Bishop, or other national church judicatory official as appropriate. It is important to contact the NLAS Lead Chaplain before submitting your NSJ 2023 application, so the NLAS Lead Chaplain can reserve your selection as a chaplain!





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<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>	<i>He lives! All glory to his name!</i>
<i>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!</i>	<i>He lives, my Savior, still the same</i>
<i>He lives, he lives, who once was dead</i>	<i>Oh, sweet the joy this sentence gives</i>
<i>He lives, my ever-living Head</i>	<i>"I know that my Redeemer lives!"</i>

Spring is a time for renewal, new life, longer days, and probably my favorite holiday – Easter. We sang the above hymn (I know that my Redeemer lives) to close the service on Easter morning and it was wonderful to be able to sing ‘loud and proud’ in a full church. It’s been a long journey to move past some of the more serious aspects of Covid and be able to gather in church, but we are moving forward.

A few weeks ago I was an instructor at our Council’s University of Scouting and was able to see a number of youth and adults that I hadn’t seen in a long time. The adults were eager to get outings planned, the youth were excited to learn new skills, and everyone was looking forward to a busy summer and fall.

BSA is planning their National Jamboree for July, 2023 in West Virginia, GS-USA is planning their National Gathering for July, 2023 in Florida, and AHG is planning their Anniversary Legacy Gala for 2025. These events will connect and enliven numerous youth and adults who value the in-person relationships and connections that our programs foster. It’s been a long two years, but we are moving forward.

Reflecting on Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday, and then Easter shows another very uncertain time that turned to joy and a new reality – a risen Messiah. The early church had amazing challenges and struggles that needed to be overcome. God had a plan then and also has one now. I’m not sure what that is some days or what ‘normal’ will be, but I have faith that our paths will be guided to better days.

A date for the NLAS National meeting has not been set because we are waiting until the BSA bankruptcy is resolved and more information is shared about their program. We are tentatively planning to meet in southern California in late July/early August. 2022 is also an election year, so new NLAS officers will be installed.

While the calendar says spring, Minnesota hasn’t quite said goodbye to winter. We’ve had off and on snow and freezing rain for a good part of the month, but I’m looking forward to some warm weather scouting events in the near future (warm weather means anything above 45 degrees).

As the glow and joy of Easter carry us forward, I hope you have the time to do something fun outdoors with your family or youth that you work with. It’s hard to top a colorful sunset behind a lake with the crackle of a campfire and the laughter of friends.

Be well friends,
Phill

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Michael is sharing the Canadian uniform for Rover Scouts and Scouters. Michael is wearing the chaplains stole given to his father by 5th Our Savior's Lutheran, Owen Sound, ON and the medal from the centennial of Scouting in 2007. He is also wearing his father's Lamb Award medallion from 1978 (having received the Lamb Award himself in 1998). The neckerchief is that of the Baden Powell Guild of Canada. The flags from left to right are Venturer Scouts (not really visible), World Scout (1933 World Jamboree emblem on top), Cub Scouts (old leaping wolf mount), Canada, Green Scout flag not showing, Beaver Scouts and Rover Scouts.



Girl Scout Troop 10178 celebrated Girl Scout Sunday 2022 while assisting with the worship service at **Trinity Lutheran Church, Baton Rouge, LA.** Photos submitted by **Melissa Bowling Thibodaux.**



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Happy Anniversary Girl Scouts

2022 is the 110th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts

To celebrate, girls can earn a 110th anniversary patch by completing a number of “Creating Our Future” challenges. (See the activity challenge sheet at https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusu/forms-and-documents/discover/GSUSA_110-Anniversary-activity-sheet_GirlScouts.pdf. Among the challenges is learning about different faiths by watching the “Girls of Faith: Celebrating Together” virtual events that were recorded in spring 2021 by various faith groups of the Girl Scouts Interfaith Committee, including NLAS. The Lutheran conversation was presented by Tonya F. and her daughters Dacy and Dixie-Lee of the Wilderness Road and Hornet’s Nest councils.

The Virtual Interfaith Event series can be accessed at <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/footer/faith.html> , with the Lutheran presentation available at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8416171486466319631> .

After completing the challenge, girls may visit www.girlscoutshop.com/110-anniversary to purchase their “Creating Our Future Challenge” patch in honor of 110 years of Girl Scouts!

calvarado@girlscouts.org or 212.852.8573.



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Former NLAS President, Matthew Rogahn, delivers a Scout Sunday message for a world in turmoil at **Our Savior Lutheran Church** – Mountain Tops and Valley Lows. The Scout Sunday message, focused on two important faith and life truths. The first is that Jesus is with us in our mountain top experiences. The second is that Jesus is also with us in our valley low experiences. It is His promise. "Lo, I am with you always."

Mr. Kyle Abel received the Servant of Youth award on February 20, 2022 during Scout Sunday service at **First Christian Church, Newton, Iowa**. The Servant of Youth Award is an adult recognition presented by NLAS for outstanding Christian service to youth in the church and civic youth serving agencies. The recipient can be an active member of a Lutheran congregation OR be an active member of another Christian congregation who serves Lutheran young people. See the full nomination application at <https://nlas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/servantofyouth2020.pdf>



Kyle was an Assistant Scoutmaster and the High Adventure coordinator for Boy Troop 354B for many years at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Newton, IA. After his son became an Eagle Scout, Kyle continued to help as the High Adventure Coordinator, taking many groups on canoeing and backpacking trips. He is an Eagle mentor for Lutheran youth. He is now the Assistant Scoutmaster for the Girl

Troop 354G, and is also the Charter Organization Representative for Cub Scout Pack 356 at First Chris-

tian Church, Newton, IA.

Kyle has helped with several Religious Emblem classes and promotes them within the community.

AHG Troop MI0408 demonstrates service by serving at **Ascension Lutheran Church in East Lansing, Michi-**



gan. Photo submitted by Heather McCoy

The Lutheran Church of the Reformation (ELCA) in West Long Branch, NJ celebrated Scout Sunday on 20 March 2022. Photos are provided court



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YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Keep you eyes open

NLAS Membership Renewal Letters are in the mail!

Membership is open to persons aged 18 and older who are:

1. Members of a Lutheran congregation
2. Members in a civic youth-serving agency
3. Other persons subscribing to, and wishing to further the purposes of NLAS

Membership is open additionally to youth members of one or more of the partner youth serving agencies

The term of membership is June 1 to May 31.

The minimum contributions for membership are:

Regular.....	\$20.00
Couple	\$30.00
Youth	\$5.00
Life Member.....	\$350.00 (or \$75/year for 5 years)

Members receive the LUTHERAN SCOUTING, a newsletter published three times a year, which reports on the activities of the NLAS members, the accomplishments of members, Lutheran Congregations, Lutheran Religious Emblems, Lutheran faith based youth gatherings and how to volunteer, National and World Jamborees and many other items.

If you have further questions about membership, contact membership chair: Robert Moreno email membership.nlas@gmail.com >

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Tonya Freeman sent photos of Girl Scout Troop 1133's GS Sunday service at Hopeful Lutheran Church in Florence, KY. Troop 1133



Thank you to ALL who submitted Articles and Photos. Please continue to share your good news!!



If you like your issues of Lutheran Scouting, and because we are now sending them electronically, they become easy to share....how about if you send the newsletter to 5 Lutheran Friends! How about your Lutheran Charter Rep, your Minister, your youth directors, Sunday School teachers, etc., etc., etc.

Remember those Faberge commercials, tell 2 friends, so on and so on.

Let us know how it worked!!

Come on, do it , we dare you.... DOUBLE DARE YOU!!



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- Membership
- Accounting
- Chaplains

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please contact Phill Lawonn at 612-619-6779 or by email plawonn33@outlook.com



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



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