



Official Publication of the National Lutheran Secretariat, VdC



July 26, 2019

Volume 37

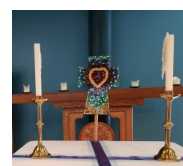
Issue 4

~ Friday ~

~ Morning Worship ~

Pastor Doug Givan related the story of how Nicodemus felt locked out from God's grace and love. He wanted to know if we ever felt locked out of God's love? He pointed out that we find Jesus in the waters of baptism. Keeping score of ones self though your daily struggles does not equal Grace. It is very important to remember that "Emanuel" means God is with us. We were instructed to follow and listen with our hearts to hear God. When we do this our hearts will be unlocked by God just like Nicodemus.

By Greg Frazier

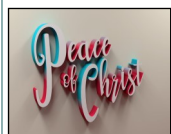


Forum # 1 "Peace of Christ"

Speaker: Dick Brenneman

This forum focused on the reality of experiencing the actual peace of Christ in today's world. Dick Brenneman raised the questions of how to attain and maintain this peaceful state of being in grief. After asking each table to discuss this among themselves the consensus came back that it does not. To cope with finding peace in grief he suggested turning our grief over to Christ in prayer and group support. Another obstacle to finding peace is conflict, which always seems to be present when people are involved. The audience was given examples of how we might find peace; like holding a baby, spending time in nature or floating in an inner tube down a river. Brenneman proposed this definition of "peace" - "when chaos is all around you and you remain calm." He offered that God's grace is a form of peace and a way to find peace. This was followed by more discussion topics of – what are some challenges to peace, benefits of peace, challenges to peace, and what it means to live in peace. The session ended with everyone singing of "Peace Like a River".

By Yvonne Stewart



~ Business Meeting #2 ~

After President Showalter called the meeting to order, the first order of business noting the nominations submitted for the three positions open on the NLS Executive Committee. She noted that two nominations had been submitted for President, two nominations for Vice President of Operations and one nomination for Secretary. The current VP of Outreach, Lindsay Daugherty, gave a talk on what the VP of Outreach position entails. A motion to accept the floor nominations was passed. A new website will be coming soon for the National VdC: www.test.viade Cristo.org. Jim Ryan then presented the financial reports. The meeting recessed until the afternoon session.

By Kim Silence

~ EOI – Jam Session/CCL License ~

Lead by –Jeanne Gaston



Copywrite music is used in nearly every worship service we attend and there are rules that govern the use of the music we love to sing. Jeanne Gaston led the participants through the CCLI License requirements. Some of these rules include not changing any words without permission from the song's owner, not being allowed to post a video online if it includes a song (public domain songs may be used), the requirement to report on 6 months of use when contacted, and ensuring you notate the copywrite notation on all slides projecting the music. There is a lot of resources on the CCLI website. But if you have any questions, please reach out to Jeanne Gaston at National Secretariat.

By Chris Carson



nlsannualgathering@gmail.com

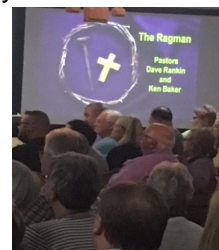
~ Business Meeting #3 ~

The meeting began with Pastor Sue Beall leading us in prayer. The first order of business was to take up a resolution from Good News VdC. Due to the intent of the resolution, President Showalter yielded the podium to Pastor Doug Givan. After lengthy discussion, the delegate body voted to create a task force consisting of representatives from the NLS Executive Committee, Good New VDC and the delegate body to get together this evening to address the resolution and report to the delegate body at Saturday mornings business meeting. At this point, President Showalter resumed her duties at the podium. The next order of business was the election of the NLS officers. Two positions were running unopposed and were confirmed by consensus. Pastor Sue has been elected as Spiritual Director and Jeanne Gaston has been elected as Secretary for a one-year term. Due to time constraints, the remaining position up for election was suspended until Saturday's business meeting. The meeting adjourned for the day.

By Kim Silence

~ Evening Vespers – Rev. Dave Rankin & Rev. Ken Baker ~

The evening started in silence and reflection. Then Pastor Ken Baker told us the story of Noah's flood in a tub and the sacrifice we don't give to our Father and how unforgiveness is our jail. He continues by reading Psalm 103:11, 1 Corinthians 10:13 and 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. At this point he shared the story of the Ragman from the back of the room. After another period of self-reflection, on 3x5 index cards we wrote down our "woes" and "things that were dirty red rags" to be given to Jesus. You see, Jesus was the Ragman of the story. Pastor Dave Rankin came to us as the Ragman exchanged our dirty card or "rags" for a clean linen cloth, filled with pristine whiteness representing forgiveness of a free relationship with our Father through the gift of Jesus.



Standing with all my brothers and sisters, waiting patiently to let the Ragman take my doubt, obstacles and sins, I could not imagine the amount of pain, anxiety and grief we all had given to our Father this evening. So much of our experiences are heaped upon us, but tonight a room full of true believers were set free of the wounds, hurts and things that hinder our walk with our Lord and King, Jesus.

Praising the Blood and Name of Jesus,
Steve Siroky



VENDERS AT THIS YEARS VdC/NLS ANNUAL GATHERING



NLS Distribution Center is where VdC printed and computer materials are found. Our product and contact information is on the NLS website: www.viade Cristo.org. Just follow the links for product descriptions and pricing. To make a purchase, please complete the order form to include personal, shipping and billing information along with the items & quantity of what you need. Upon receiving your request, I will acknowledge your order and provide an expected shipping date. DeColores & Thank you for your business ~ Tom Krause (801-699-5609)

Symbols, Inc. is a family-run business whose goals and ideals are to enrich the community and share in the faith of a kinder world. Our symbols encompass many themes with the ultimate goal of fostering interactions and understanding. Symbols has a long tradition of setting prices to cover operational expenses, preferring to donate excess proceeds to faith based organizations across the globe. If you don't find something that speaks to you, please contact us so we can create a special design just for you. For questions feel free to call us at (800) 733-9142 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (Pacific) or check us out at www.symbolsinc.com



SingtheRooster.com is a new vender for VdC's Annual Gathering. They have cards, bookmarks, lapel pins, magnets, shirts, auto tags, sweatshirts, totes, notecards, and so much more. "The Rooster" was an inspiration of Billy Walker in 1994 which finally went on-line in 2001 as SingTheRooster.com. Joan and Steve Klotz took over the business in 2009. Check them out at www.SingtheRooster.com and Rooster Productions, LLC. Check



Saturday's Gathering Schedule

Time	Activities	Location
6:45-8:00 am	Breakfast	Schwitzer Student Center, 1st Floor
8:15-9:30 am	Worship with offering for Outreach	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
9:30-10:30 am	Business Meeting #4	Schwitzer Student Center, Main Floor Hall A
9:30-10:30 am	Story Telling - Rev. Ron Poisel	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
10:30-10:45 am	Break	
10:45-12:00 pm	Forum #1 – "Joyfullu Thankful"	Schwitzer Student Center Main Floor Hall B & C
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch	Schwitzer Student Center, 1st Floor
1:30 –2:45 pm	EOI Sessions	Schwitzer Student Center—Various Locations
3:00-4:00 pm	Regional Meetings	Schwitzer Student Center—Various Locations
5:30-6:45 pm	Agape Dinner (& Live Auction)	Schwitzer Student Center, Hall B & C
7:00 pm	Evening Worship	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
7:45 pm	2020 A.G. Host Committee Mtg	Schwitzer Student Center, Lower Level Rm 11
8:15 pm	NLS Board Meeting	Schwitzer Student Center, Rm: Trustees C
8:15 pm	Fellowship & Hospitality	Central Hall Dormitory

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were called to peace.
And be thankful.
– Colossians 3:15*



Visit the NLS Web Site:
www.viadecristo.org
Rick Hanzlik, Webmaster

National
Lutheran Secretariat
for Via de Cristo®

