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Dear Friends in Christ,

This month at Lord of Life, we are privileged to host a dear friend of mine who also happens to be a world-class scholar. Rev. Dr. Korey Maas is an associate professor of history at Hillsdale College and an ordained minister in the LCMS. He is both an historian and a theologian and you will have the opportunity to hear him speak on both topics the weekend of June 7th-9th beginning with an RSVP-only barbeque dinner on Friday, June 7th at 6:30 PM. The topic of his presentation that evening will be: **"The Significance of Christianity in the Study of History"** He has also been asked to say a few words about Hillsdale College, which, many of you know, is a small conservative Christian college in Michigan. If you would like to attend this event, your RSVP must be received by 5:00 PM on Sunday June 2nd. Please RSVP to <https://planolutheran.com/bbq-dinner/> A free-will offering will be collected to help offset the costs.

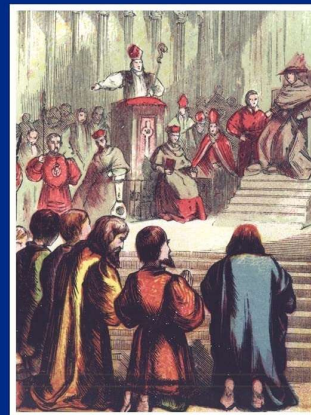
The next morning, Saturday June 8, Dr. Maas will give a presentation at a brunch for the men's group at 10:00 AM. The topic will be the **"The Significance of History in the Study of Christianity."** I am told this presentation will lean heavily in the direction of Christian apologetics. Then on Sunday, Dr. Maas will preach at both divine services and lead the Bible study. This is a great opportunity to interact with a leader in our church body and an excellent scholar. All events (except the Divine Services!) will have opportunities for Q&A.

Korey and I have been friends since we attended seminary together in the late 90's. Then after graduation, we both ended up in Southern California. Korey taught at Concordia University in Irvine while I was a pastor in Pomona. Korey went to England to get his PhD at Oxford and finished in 2006. His doctoral thesis was on the English Lutheran Reformer and martyr, Robert Barnes. Barnes was a friend of Martin Luther and someone you should know about. If you are curious to learn more you should look him up online and, of course, you can ask Dr. Maas all about him since he (literally) wrote the book on him!

Before moving to Hillsdale in 2010, Korey and his wife Kate attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pomona where I was the pastor and he was an elder and regular guest preacher.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and attend some of the events to hear him speak. I think you will enjoy learning from him as much as I and so many others have.

The Reformation and Robert Barnes



HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND POLEMIC
IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND

Korey D. Maas

Trip to the Dominican Republic?

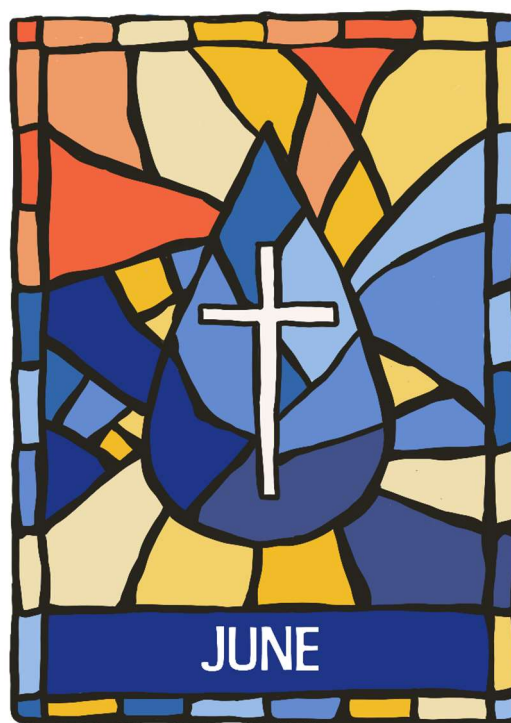
As many of you are well aware, our congregation has been involved in supporting missions in the Dominican Republic for many years. It started when my brother-in-law, Joel Fritsche, was called there in about 2014 and we agreed with the LCMS Office of International Missions to support him for several years. Now a portion of our offerings go to support Concordia Reformer Lutheran Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic. That came about when, in 2020, just days before the Covid lockdowns, a group of ten members from Lord of Life traveled to visit the seminary and the mission congregations in and around Palmar Arriba. It was an inspiring trip as we were privileged to see God at work in and through the missionaries in the Dominican Republic blessing many people and making the Gospel of Jesus known. A year and a half after our trip, and after the worse of the Covid lockdowns ended, our congregation collected a large love offering to support the seminary and missionaries. We collected \$52,000 which, last I heard, is the largest offering from any short term team to visit the seminary.

Another interesting development that has happened since, is that we now support Lutheran missions in Cuba as one of the seminary students we met in 2020 is now serving as a pastor in Holguin. (You may recall I traveled there late last year to attend his ordination.)

Recently, the suggestion was made to send another group from Lord of Life to visit the missions and see how we might be able to assist them. To that end, if you would like to visit there with me and a group of folks from church, would you please email me (pastorshaltanis@yahoo.com) and let me know? We are looking at travel dates in early September of this year or early March of next year. Those dates are not absolute, and depending on the number of people interested, we may decide to attend another time altogether. Costs are largely dependent on airfare, but last time our group had a wonderful experience for a very reasonable price. Just let me know your level of interest and we can see where this leads.

Blessings,

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prepare for worship in june

June 2: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Deut. 5:12-15 2 Cor. 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

Hymn of the Day: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice," 556

June 9: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Gen. 3:8-15 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Is the World's Redeemer," 539

June 16: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Ezek. 17:22-24 2 Cor. 5:1-10 (11-17) Mark 4:26-34

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord," 497

June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Job 38:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest," 498

June 30: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Lam. 3:22-33; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest," 498

Lord of Life Small Groups

EPIC PARENTING

- † For 30ish couples with kids
- † For info contact Ben Scarth
BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com
- † Usually meets one Sunday a month in the afternoon or evening

FRUITS OF THE VINE CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Scott Peters at 972-898-3351 cell or speters@planolutheran.com
- † Usually meets the 2nd Saturday of the month

GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Mike Kunschke at (847) 951-6974
- † Will meet Sat., June 8 at 6:30 PM for Bible study

COLLEGE GROUP

- † For students in college or recent grads
- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at
PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com
- † Usually meets after the late service for lunch and Bible study





JUNE

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Gary & Shannon Nuschler (50!!)
- 2 Kevin & Jan Doughtie (51)
- 4 Sean Tweedie
- 6 John & Linda Francis (60!!!)
- 8 Scott & Jonelle Peters (33)
- 10 AJ & Tasie Kade (7)
- 14 Tim Wood
- 14 Jack & Nelda Schrank (66)
- 16 Vivian Bennett
- 16 George Munden
- 16 Larry & Judy Dibbern (62)
- 19 Thomas George
- 20 Kaitlyn Hacker
- 20 Mark & Carrie Ziegelbein (26)
- 21 Sally Barr
- 21 Athan Shaltanis
- 21 Tony Vess
- 21 Karl & Debbie Olsen (49)
- 21 Pastor Joel & Phaedra Shaltanis (27)
- 23 John & Vicki Frinksko (40!)
- 24 Sue Parson
- 26 Samson Carter
- 29 Melanie Scarth
- 29 Helen Wozniak
- 30 Greg Moudy



Please join us on July 28 for the installation of our deaconess intern, Julie Baumann. She will service Lord of Life for a year. You may read her acceptance letter on the following page.

Deaconess Internship – Letter of Acceptance

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This is my formal acceptance of the deaconess internship assignment offered to me by my brothers and sisters at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas. I am very excited to begin the ministry that the Lord has in store for me to do, and I am honored to be able to do so by starting my service here with you and for you. I enjoyed talking with Rev. Shaltanis about what my service here at Lord of Life may all entail! I think it's nice that Lord of Life has not had a deaconess intern in the past, and I have never been a deaconess intern – so we all have the chance to learn and grow together in this new experience!

While I will do my best to get to know each of you during my time here at Lord of Life, it might be nice for you all to know a little bit about me too. I was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the 2nd oldest of 5 kids. When I was 12, my family and I moved from Sioux Falls to a 20-acre hobby farm outside of Chester, SD – although we continued to carpool an hour and a half roundtrip every day into Sioux Falls for church, school, work, and extracurriculars. My siblings and I were home-schooled from 1st through 8th grade, then we each went to the Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls. In 2021, I received my bachelor's in Human Development and Family Studies from South Dakota State University.

Throughout high school and undergrad, I worked at a Christian childcare center as a lead teacher, plus worked additional hours during the summer months doing either pollination work or other field research for AgReliant (a corn genetics company). For fun, I like to watch movies, play card games, embroider, grab coffee or boba tea, find new food places with friends, as well as hike, hunt, and fish. I'm a big animal lover, whether they're named "Steak"...or about to be my steak. If any of these things sound up your alley, consider this an invitation to join me in any of these activities, or to just show me around your favorite places in the Dallas-FW area! I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you over the next year as much as time allows.

My family and my faith both mean a lot to me. My parents laid the foundation in my faith formation growing up, and they, along with my home pastor, Pastor Chris Ascher, encouraged me immensely in my journey to become a deaconess. It's too long of a "Jonah" story to tell in an acceptance/introduction letter, but I will gladly tell you in person sometime. It may even encourage some of you to consider full-time ministry, or to reach out to someone you believe might make a good church worker someday!

My hope and prayer for my time here in Plano is that our Lord would continue to lead and guide me as He always has – to give me opportunities to grow in the faith that He has given me, and to learn how to be a better example of His love and mercy to everyone He places in my life. So, for this next year and beyond, I'm incredibly honored and blessed to be able to love on and serve you all at Lord of Life Lutheran, whether it be through prayer and simple coffee-talks, or by walking alongside you in the ups and downs of your own life. I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store for each of us!

In Christ's love,



Julie Baumann