

Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington DC



April 2016 Newsletter

Opening Devotion

Well, it's been over 2 weeks since the time change to Daylight Saving Time and I just got around to changing the old analog clock on my fireplace mantle. Everything is so easy these days, even your cell phone knows how to adjust for Daylight Saving Time! But did you "spring forward" in your walk with God or are you still in "fall back" mode?

In March, I attended a community gathering where the guest speaker talked about their walk with God. She said she was energized by the 3-day retreat weekend she attended and has been more in tune with God ever since. She felt compelled to volunteer to give a talk about that at the gathering. She said to picture a courtroom scene where you are on trial for being a Christian and you are not allowed to testify on your own behalf.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ([Matt 28:16-17](#)) Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ([John 20:24-25](#))

Are there enough witnesses that can be called to the courtroom to testify on your behalf to convict you of being a follower of Jesus?

2016 Scholarship Announcement

The Lutheran Lay Fellowship of the Washington, DC, Metro Area (LLF) is pleased to announce the availability of at least one scholarship award for 2016. One of the five objectives of the LLF is "to initiate and support worthy project of a religious, charitable, and educational nature." The promotion and encouragement of the pursuit of degree oriented education among Lutheran students is the purpose of the scholarship program. The intention of the scholarship is to direct awards to promising students entering careers which would enable them to help those in need of spiritual development, and/or affordable shelter and medical attention both at home and abroad. This intention is continued in this scholarship focusing on committed applicants going in their **third or fourth year of undergraduate study.**

For churches wishing to advertise this scholarship to their congregations, see our website www.LutheranLayFellowship.org and click on the **Scholarship** tab for more detailed information and bulletin inserts. The application deadline is May 1, 2016.

This announcement was mailed to all Lutheran Seminaries, Roanoke College as well as the Metro DC and Delaware/Maryland Synods of the ELCA and the Southeastern District of the LCMS. If you know a college student who qualifies, please pass this announcement on to them.

Caring & Sharing

Is there something in your life or in the life of your congregation you would like to share with other members of the Lutheran Lay Fellowship to be published in a future LLF Newsletter? Send articles to webmaster@LutheranLayFellowship.org.

Three LLF Meetings a Month

LLF Wheaton – The Executive Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at Panera Bread in the Wheaton Mall. All are welcome. Organizer: John Corkill

LLF Bethesda – Christ Lutheran Church is located at 8011 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda. Join Dave Lambert for the “Lunch Bunch” on the second Wednesday of the month.

LLF Tyson Corner – Bob “Sarge” Sargeant invites you to a Northern Virginia meeting at Brio Tuscan Grille in the Tyson Corner Mall.

Meeting Schedule

1 st Thursday, April 7	LLF Wheaton, 11:00-12:30
2 nd Wednesday, April 13	LLF Bethesda, 12:00-1:30
3 rd Thursday, April 21	LLF Tyson Corner, 11:00-12:30
1 st Thursday, May 5	LLF Wheaton, 11:00-12:30
2 nd Wednesday, May 11	LLF Bethesda, 12:00-1:30
3 rd Thursday, May 19	LLF Tyson Corner, 11:00-12:30
1 st Thursday, June 2	LLF Wheaton, 11:00-12:30
2 nd Wednesday, June 8	LLF Bethesda, 12:00-1:30 (need a facilitator)
3 rd Thursday, June 16	LLF Tyson Corner, 11:00-12:30

For updated information see www.LutheranLayFellowship.org and click on “Calendar”