

NEWSLETTER 2016 LHC BIENNIAL MEETING



New LHC Board members: (L-R) Mary Jane Haemig, Timothy Grundmeier, Joel Pless, and Martin Lohrmann.

The 2016 biennial meeting of the Lutheran Historical Conference was held October 13-15, 2016, on the campus of Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas. Eighteen papers were presented on American Lutheran topics, ranging from Colonial Swedes to Youth Ministry in the 1980s. The meeting also included a bus tour of local sites, including the Sophienberg Archives and the Texas Ag Center. The Ag Center site houses the building of Zion Lutheran Church of Charlottenburg, as well as the World's Largest Pecan. Dr. Angelika Sauer, Professor of History at Texas Lutheran presented at the banquet on American Lutheran work among the displaced children of Europe after World War II. Luther Oelke, ELCA Region IV-South archivist, served as chair of the Local Arrangements Committee and deserves much gratitude for making the conference run so smoothly.

At the business meeting of the LHC, new board members were elected for six-year terms. Those elected were Timothy D. Grundmeier, Mary Jane Haemig, and Martin Lohrmann. Joel Pless was affirmed to fill out the remaining four years of the board term of Mark Braun. Mark Granquist was elected as President of the LHC, while Joel Pless was named Vice President. Martin Lohrmann agreed to serve as treasurer, while Rick Chapman will continue as secretary. Those exiting the board were: DeAne Lagerquist, Richard O. Johnson, and Joel Thoreson.

The next biennial meeting will be held in October 2018.

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Once again your editor has been negligent in publishing issues of the LHC Newsletter. The last issue published was Vol. 53, No. 1 in Winter 2015-2016. We will try and resume a threetimes-a-year publication schedule, with an issue in late spring and one in the fall. We welcome any news, book reviews, or suggestions for articles.

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This is the latest installment of the bibliography of items related to the history of Lutheranism in America. It covers items published in the calendar year 2015 and items from prior years which were missed in previous indexes.

We have had some difficulty with the bibliography on the LHC web site, so search functions are not currently available. Previous bibliographies are available in past issues of the newsletter or in the Journal of the LHC.

As in previous years, we once again appeal to LHC members for help in compiling next year's index. Although the tools of modern library research are excellent, such as searching WorldCat, such searches are not, nor are they likely to become, exhaustive. Please send us citations of your own work as well as those of your colleagues. We are especially interested in local, private and unindexed theses of note. Send relevant citations to:

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KARI BOSTROM, 1970-2017



Kari Jo Bostrom, ELCA Region 3 Archives Assistant, entered eternal life on January 31, 2017 at the age of 46. She was born on July 3, 1970 to Shirley and Jake Bostrom. Kari is survived by her parents, her sister, Kristin Ellenson, brother-in-law Jim Ellenson, and two nephews, Luther and Hans.

Kari attended school in Menomonie, Wisconsin, graduating from Menomonie High School in 1989. She attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa from 1989 -1993, earning a BA in Anthropology, Art and Museum Studies. She began work at the Wilson Place Museum and the

Rassback Museum in Menomonie and served there for several years. Kari then began working at the St. Louis County Museum at the Depot in Duluth, Minnesota. Her journey to Luther Seminary began with Lay School of Ministry.

Her passion for history, and especially for honoring the personal stories of veterans, were developed in these positions. She would later put this love of historical research to work when she came as a student to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2005. She earned a Master of Arts in Church History in 2008 and a Master of Theology in History in 2015 from Luther Seminary.

While earning these degrees Kari began work in the Luther Seminary Arts and Archives program as a student worker. It was quickly obvious that she possessed a strong abilities for the work of historical preservation and for excellent service to researchers. Later, Kari began work as a full-time employee of Luther Seminary and the upper Midwest area of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the nine synods of ELCA Region 3).

Kari valued her work and the contribu-

tions she made in collecting, caring for and making available the historical and artistic collections of the church and of Luther Seminary. Core to her performance and to her basic personality were an extraordinary sense of hospitality as well as excellence in service to all who walked into the Archives office.

Besides the traditional work involved with any archival collection, Kari was key in building a dynamic volunteer program as well coordinating an ambitious art rotation schedule in several on-campus galleries at Luther Seminary. She did this beautifully all the while supporting the work of the Region 3 Coordinator and the Region 3 Archivist.

Along the way, she remained an intensely dedicated friend to so many people, an active member of St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church, a proud alumna of Luther College and Luther Seminary and a telling witness to God's love of all people. She did this all with grace, infectious humor and a delight in life. We will miss her more than can be expressed.

Kari lost her cancer battle due to complications from chemotherapy. We are pleased to announce the continuation of LHC mini-grants to support projects and activities that promote the study, documentation, and preservation of the history and record of Lutheranism in North America. Mini-grants will be awarded on an annual basis for up to \$1,000. Preference may be given to those who have not previously received a mini-grant award and only members of the LHC are eligible to apply. The grant process is competitive and the LHC board will determine the number of awards each year based upon the quality of the applications.

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