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## St. John's Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA. Installs New Pastor

submitted by Donald Roegge



Row1: Pastors: Peter Haenfting, Joseph Leech,  
President Andrew Dzurovcik,

Back Row: Pastors: James Douthwaite, Waldemar  
Vinovskis, Joseph Weatherell

St John's Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA ordained and installed St. Louis Seminary graduate Joseph Leech as their new Pastor on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at the church in Hazleton. The Ordaining Pastor and Liturgist was Pastor Paul Frank of Hosanna Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. The Installation was performed by SELC District President Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik. Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Peter Haenftling of St Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA served as Lector.

Other SELC pastors participating in the Ordination/Installation included: Pastor James Douthwaite, Pastor of St. Athanasius Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA, Pastor Joseph Weatherell, Pastor of St. John, Bound Brook, NJ, and St Paul, Raritan, NJ, and Pastor Waldemar Vinovskis, Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, PA.

Organist for the service was Mrs. Karen Ann Kowalczyk and Alexis and Stephen Drasher served as Acolyte and Crucifer.

Following the Worship Service, the congregation and their guests enjoyed a celebration meal at Capriotti's Restaurant.

Pastor Leech and his wife Gayle have been married 29 years and have two adult sons, both married, Christian, living in Annapolis, MD, and Austin, living in St. Louis, MO. Pastor Leech worked in the behavioral health/psychology field for 25 years before entering the Seminary. He also served 12 years in the Air National Guard. He and Gayle are excited about the opportunity to serve the Lord in the Hazleton area.

# Biblical Words for Workers

Rev. Thomas Soltis, SELC Stewardship Director

## "My Boss Owes Me!"

"I'm not just anybody! My boss owes me. More than anybody else, he owes me his appreciation, respect and a lot more money. After all me is me!"

Those who go to work with such a proud sense of self importance and entitlement may soon find themselves out of work. Some workers do eventually receive special treatment and pay increases. But it doesn't come easily. It's usually earned over time through dedicated, selfless service. Work sometimes ends up difficult and disagreeable. Those who plow through it despite hard rock obstacles and get the job done, are the ones who generally are rewarded.

## You Owe Your Boss

A servant mind set is a key factor of Christian stewardship in the workplace. It's not "what can my boss do for me, but what I can do for my boss." Jesus often spoke of himself as a servant. In a Cleveland Plain Dealer article (6-24-17), Terry Pluto wrote: "In the world of work, having the 'I'm special' mentality can lead to a lot of problems. Jesus often spoke of Himself as a servant. When His disciples argued about who was the greatest, Jesus washed their dirty, dusty feet to make a point about serving others."

## Meaningful Work

According to a survey by Payscale Inc., members of the clergy top the list of people saying they have the most meaningful jobs. Gambling casino workers were found among the least most satisfied.

Work ends up meaningful and satisfying when it involves "doing for others". Hotel housekeeping workers, who clean rooms and make beds, get a joyous kick out of work when they consider they are doing something to make the next guest happy.

It's encouraging that Millennials (ages 15 to 35) are more concerned about meaningful work than making a lot of money. At the end of a workweek it's wonderful to have the happy feeling that somehow you accomplished something for someone even though the tasks performed didn't hit the front page of the newspaper or you didn't even get a thank you. Actually, if you selflessly, humbly do you work out of love without expecting appreciation, you won't be disappointed when you don't get it.

***Words for Workers***  
*Obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. (Eph. 6:5&7)*

## The Endless Nature of Work

It's often been said, "A woman's work is never done." It's true for everyone. Life consists of a multitude of things waiting to get done. But this is just what gives us a sense of purpose in life. When deeds get done successfully, the joy of achievement makes duties worthwhile. If sometimes you feel like a dog chasing his tail, stop the whirlwind of frustration by being grateful you're alive and able to do things. Get rid of the shakes, quivering lips and grumbles. Pray for help.

Then set priorities to get the important things done. God doesn't expect us to accomplish everything. Consider distracted Martha preparing a meal. Jesus would have preferred her feeding on His word than feeding Him. Mary prioritized. (Luke 10:38-41)

## Biblical Words for Workers

- *Be a Servant* (Mark 10:43-45)
- *Be Respectful* (1 Pet. 2:18; 1 Tim. 6:1-2)
- *Be Faithful* (Eph. 6:5-6; Col. 3:22-23)
- *Be Trustworthy* (Titus 2:9)
- *Be Wholehearted* (Ephesians 6:7)

## Practical Tips for the Workplace

In a Cleveland Plain Dealer article (7-9-15), Olivera Perkins writes about things that prevent promotions.

- Having a negative attitude
- Showing up for work late or leaving early
- Using vulgar language and gossiping
- Shabby appearance and poor grooming
- Too much time on personal social media
- Taking too many breaks or sick days
- Provocative attire.

## RELATED RESOURCES

[www.selc.lcms.org](http://www.selc.lcms.org)

Personal Stewardship - Christian Life

"Work - the Spice of Life"

"Stewards in the Workplace"

"Time Management"

*Don't forget about your leaders who taught you God's message. Remember what kind of lives they lived and try to have faith like theirs. Jesus Christ never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Heb. 13; 7,8*



**Rev. George Daniel Plvan, EM**  
Married to Vera, Certified Teacher  
4 Children  
8 Grandchildren

Born August 20, 1929 of Slovak Lutheran parents in Cleveland, Ohio and was baptized and confirmed at Holy Trinity, Cleveland. He attended Lutheran elementary school in Cleveland; Concordia Lutheran High School and Junior College in Ft. Wayne, IN; and attended Concordia Seminary (StL) which included one year vicarage at Holy Trinity in Streator, IL and 2 year vicarage at Trinity in Memphis, TN. Ordained at Holy Trinity in Cleveland.

Called by Lutheran Synodical Conference to teach at Immanuel Lutheran College & Seminary, Greensboro, NC.

Other calls: Served at St. John in Emporia VA for 15 years; and 25 years at Holy Trinity in Garfield NJ.

***Pastor Plvan retired from the parish ministry on September 30, 1994 and remains an active member of the SELC District.***

He has served as President & Executive Secretary of the SELC Luther League; Circuit Counselor for 6 years; Secretary of District for 6 years; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of District for 6 years; SELC District Mission Board for 12 years; Editor of *The Lutheran Beacon* for 24 years and editor of the SELC District supplement in *The Lutheran Witness* for 4 years.

He has supervised 15 Vicars while Pastor of Holy Trinity in Garfield NJ; Ordained 4 spiritual sons of the congregation; served as Vacancy or Interim Pastor 6 times (St. Stephen, Dickson City PA, St. John, Hazleton PA, Clark NJ and Holy Trinity, Yonkers NY - 3 times).

In his "spare time" he has served as Chaplain of Garfield Volunteer Fire Company and is chaplain and an active member of Greensville County Volunteer Rescue squad in Emporia, VA.

***In September 1955 he was the recipient of the Servant of Christ award from Concordia College (Bronxville, NY).***

Since his retirement, Pastor has been conducting worship services and preaching at Nazareth, Hopewell VA; King of Kings, Powhatan, VA; St. Paul, Sandston, VA; Resurrection, Richmond, VA; Grace-By-The-Sea, Nags Head, NC, and St. John, Emporia VA where he and his wife are members.

Served as SELC District Director for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LC-MS as well as a 6 year term as LC-MS synodical reconciler in the SELC District.

He has conducted Consecration Sundays in Virginia at Resurrection (Newport News), Emmanuel (Hampton), Holy Cross (Ashland), and King of Glory (Williamsburg).

## Saints Peter & Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Celebrates 100 Years!

Submitted by Diane Riefstahl



LtoR: Rev. Sean Walters, Rev. Paul Sajban, Rev. Kenneth Ballas, Rev. Jacob Deal, Rev. Christopher Cahill, Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik, and Rev. John Telloni



Preparing for procession



Sanctuary



Sts Peter & Paul's Choir under direction of Chris Nelson

Saints Peter & Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sharon, PA recently celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Originally an area consisting of a large number of people of Slovak heritage, the founders of the church organized and became members of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the United States of America in June 1917. In January 1971, the church joined other Slovak congregations becoming a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in a newly-formed SELC District.

Plans began a year and a half ago to celebrate the church's historic anniversary. Working with then-current pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Harter, a steering committee was formed. Committee members Jeff Brandes (co-chair), Dolores Fee, Barry Nelson (co-chair), Patty Parker, and Diane Riefstahl met monthly to discuss and plan fundraising and celebratory events. The committee was blessed with the addition of Rev. Jacob Deal in June 2016.

Incorporating suggestions from congregation members, the committee chose the theme "Celebrating 100 Years of God's Blessings and Embracing the Future to the Glory of God".

Fundraising efforts included the hosting of post-worship brunches. Thrivent helped by sponsoring one of these brunches. Additionally, the congregation made and sold haluski (a Slovak favorite!) at the community's annual Buhl Day (Labor Day) celebration. With each fundraising effort, the sense of fellowship and family became stronger.

In recognition of the importance of Lutheran hymnody, congregation members were surveyed as to their favorite hymns. Efforts have been made to incorporate selected hymns into weekly worship and there are plans for a special evening of hymn singing .

A new history book of the congregation was prepared and included many pictures of church events and groups throughout its hundred years. In the joy of preserving our history, a time capsule was made and will be sealed December 31, 2017, to be opened in twenty-five years. Items spanning the history of the congregation will be included as well as the guest book with messages from those who were in attendance this year.

Congregation member Eileen Burns made a banner for the sanctuary commemorating the anniversary. T-shirts were sold and an exterior banner was also designed as a visible reminder to our community of God's faithfulness.

The pinnacle of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was the Divine Service celebrated June 11<sup>th</sup>. The service, led by current-pastor Rev. Jacob Deal, included participation by SELC District President, Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik, who preached the sermon themed "Celebrate and Embrace".

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Sharing fellowship and memories following our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service



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Serving as lectors were former interim-pastor Rev. Sean Walters and former pastor Rev. Paul Sajban. Circuit Visitor Rev. Kenneth Ballas chanted "The Lord's Prayer" in common Slovak, SELC Second Vice President Rev. Christopher Cahill led the chanting of the Introit, and SELC Secretary Rev. John Telloni read the Prayer of the Church. The Sts. Peter & Paul Choir, led by Chris Nelson, sang "Glory to God Forever" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". The service was well-attended by both current and past members (some traveling from as far away as Arizona!).

After the service, attendees were invited to share in fellowship and food at The Corinthian Banquet Facility in downtown Sharon. Attendees were treated to a performance by a violinist during the social hour. Participants reminisced and delighted in sharing memories spurred by the history book which each received. A brief program followed the meal which included recognition of those who had participated in the service, previous pastors in attendance and those who had led the congregation. Rev. Deal shared a blessing with the guests from former-pastor Rev. Edward Kucera who had been hospitalized a day prior.

The celebration is not yet over! The committee will continue to meet and determine ways in which fellowship can be fostered. God-willing, we pray that a new committee will be making plans in another hundred years to celebrate our past and embrace the future...all to the Glory of God!

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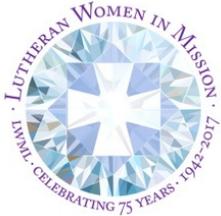
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## Help Wanted! Organist!

Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church in Sharon, PA is looking for a new organist. If you know of anyone in the area, please contact Rev. Deal at (724) 977-1682.

Here is some information regarding the position:

- \* 52 Sundays a year (If needing a vacation, emergency or sick day we can make accommodations with prior notice where possible)
- \* Special Services (Funerals, Weddings, Feast Days), Advent, and Lent
- \* Services
- \* Playing on a Pipe Organ
- \* Lutheran Hymns from The Lutheran Hymnal and Lutheran Service Book (Organist edition available)
- \* Styles ranging from 3rd Century to present
- \* Divine Service Liturgy for three settings, plus special service settings as needed (Will be made aware in advance when we will be switching.)
- \* Paid Position- Part Time
- \* No Benefits
- \* Verizon Cell Phone Incentive
- \* Will not be responsible for choosing music. Should receive most all music one month in advance.
- \* Will be responsible for choosing prelude and postlude music as well as pre-service music from a list.
- \* Baby grand piano available to use for some things
- \* Practice times at the church can be flexible.



## 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

by Sharon Roegge, SELC LWML President

Instead of just reporting about the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention held in Albuquerque. I urge you to go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and view some of the speakers and special events.

However, I did ask our SELC members to send me their impressions of the convention.

First time attendee and Western Zone Delegate, *Julie Stoller*, says "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in the convention as a delegate. The stirring sound of 3,500 people praising the Lord in our opening worship service, the beautiful harmonies of the convention choir, the thought-provoking yet humorous visits with 'Katie Luther', and the encouraging reports of the Mites in Action speakers are my favorite highlights from the convention". She also added that she would pray that each one of us will share Christ with those in our lives, in our everyday personal field.

*Karen Ann Kowalczyk*, Eastern Zone Delegate, states "In addition to the opening and closing sermons, Ida Mall had a very inspiring message. Visiting the exhibit hall and talking with some of exhibitors was a learning experience that I enjoy. Some of the songs we sang are engraved in my memory and I keep singing them from time to time."

LWML SELC District Secretary, *Martha Moyer*, wrote "Thursday's worship service is always one of the highlights of the convention for me. The singing, the procession of all the Pastor's, the message is always inspiring, it's a very moving experience for me. I believe Deaconess Betty Knapp presented one of the most inspiring Bible Studies I've ever heard. She spoke from her heart and challenged us to witness in our corner of the world and beyond with our prayers and mite offerings. Jan Struck as Katie Luther was soooo refreshing. I just love her.

Past LWML SELC District President, *Milly Kwiatkowski*, says "I was impressed by the speakers we had that had received grants. They showed so much compassion and care for the people they were caring for and helping. I always enjoy seeing the women that I had served with like Deaconess Betty Knapp. She gave a good Bible Study. I took a Hot Air Balloon Ride, it was fun." She and Miriam Wilms did this the day after the convention-the views were good but the landing could have been better.

*Paul Kowalczyk* says "It is interesting to see over 3,500 people partake of communion in the opening service. The fellowship at this gathering was truly amazing and inspiring. It has to be seen in order to appreciate the level of Christian love and caring."

From *Pastor Ken and Lois Ballas* "Among the many other notable reflections, Lois enjoyed being part of the 265 voice convention choir. Despite the fact that we rarely seemed to see each other in that happy throng of fellow-mission minded Christians, we were all hopefully able to be blessed and be a blessing to many sisters and brothers in the faith (new and old) during each day of what was surely another memorable God-pleasing convention."

Also, in *The Diamond Times*, the convention newsletter, it was mentioned that Rev. Ballas was one of the three generations of the Ballas family that took part in the Tee-Up 4 Mites! That event alone took in \$15,255.78 for the 2017-2019 Mission Grants.

A highlight for *Nona Schipull*, LWML SELC Treasurer, was "Steve Cohen of Apple of His Eye, a ministry to Jewish people. God has opened doors to lead him and his wife to serve in Israel using their unique skills and background as Messianic Jews and with the benefit of the \$100,000 LWML Mission Grant from the last biennium. His story of his father coming to faith just before his death was wonderful, but he continues to pray for his Jewish mother, who disowned him because of his faith and still refuses to see him, that she may also come to faith in Christ."

*Emilie Stoller*, our Young Woman Rep, says "I would like to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to go to Albuquerque as your YWR. It was an experience I will never forget and has impacted me greatly."

*Rev. Curtis Stephens*, our pastoral counselor, "The LWML National Convention in Albuquerque was a shining example of our Crucified Lord's continued faithfulness in granting the gift of cheerful generosity to the hearts of His people. What impressed me most was that of the nearly 4,000 attendees the vast, vast majority did not have to be there – they came because they wanted to."

I was able to attend the Saturday Luncheon featuring Rev. Kevin Robson, Chief Mission Officer for LCMS. When he talked about his getting into the ministry as a second career, he mentioned there was a Lehigh Valley pastor who 'guided' him in that direction. He also showed a short film clip that had some comments from missionary Rev. Jacob Gaugert. In speaking to him after lunch he did mention that persuasive pastor was our Rev. Ray Malec and that he also belonged to Concordia, Macungie, and of course knows Rev. Wally Vinovskis and Larry Schultz. That's the small world of LCMS!

When the mission grants were tallied and the cap almost reached, the next two grants were tied. When this was brought before the delegates, Jan Wendorf, Past LWML President, suggested that perhaps both were meant to be paid their full amounts. Reaching out in faith to exceed our \$2,075,000 goal, the decision was made to fully pay both grants.

# What's Going on at Lutheran Haven?!

by Diane Leining

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the ground was broken on Lutheran Haven's newest addition – The Landings!! Over 200 current and future residents, our Board of Trustees and many other guests gathered on that warm morning where Linda Kirk, CEO welcomed everyone and Pastor Gary Schuschke presided over an Order of Service, which included Pastor Andrew Dzurovcik, the SELC District President, delivering the Homily. After several groups “threw the dirt”, everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch and reflected on the celebration of this joyous event.

We now look forward to new residents joining this wonderful community – Lutheran Haven!!

In June and July our residents traveled to Gatorland in Orlando; another Small Town Trip to Mount Dora, FL; had lunch at Dixie Crossroads in Titusville,; toured and ate our way through The World of Chocolate Museum; visited the Sea Life Aquarium; and went high in the sky on the Orlando Eye!!



On the first day of summer we held an Ice Cream Social Fundraiser supporting the Alzheimer's Association. Everyone got their fill of all kinds of icy treats. For a donation, residents were then invited to throw pies in the face of several Haven staff members. Cool fun and we raised over \$300 for Alzheimer's research.



Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Potluck was the biggest ever! About 130 residents and family members enjoyed Bar-B-Que chicken, pulled pork and tons of homemade goodies for dinner. We sang patriotic songs and voted on the top three (3) best Red, White & Blue outfitted residents.

A Wonderful day!!



In August things do slow down a bit, but we will continue with trips to local sites and of course we will go out for lunches and dinners and perhaps a show or two. We will host our annual Health and Wellness Fair in September inviting area vendors that offer goods and services catering to our mature community.

As the dog days of summer roll along with high temperatures and humidity, the Lord provides the rain to make our air clean and flowers grow.

**Then He gives us a rainbow to let us know  
he is watching over us here at the Haven!**



[Check this out on our SELC Website [[WWW.SELC.LCMS.ORG](http://WWW.SELC.LCMS.ORG)] - much prettier in color.]

A Thumb-Nail Sketch of Similarities and Differences Between  
the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church and the Lutheran Church

by Pastor K. M. Ballas

The following will hopefully prove helpful in weighing the numerous similarities (never intending to start a new church, the excommunicated reformer, Martin Luther retained much of the liturgical tradition of the upbringing in which he had been raised) as well as lingering differences between these two communions regarding such topics as sources of authority, the way of salvation, the Sacraments (especially the Roman Catholic sacrament of penance), the role of the blessed Virgin Mary, praying to the saints and other related matters.

1. One or Three Sources of Authority (the binding nature of a growing list of papal pronouncements, canon law or tradition and, thirdly, the Bible instead of Christ and Scripture alone). To be a “good” Roman Catholic Christian today also, one need accept, among other things, such evolving dogmas as papal infallibility, the immaculate conception of Mary (not just her Son!) as well as her bodily assumption into Heaven.
2. The Way of Salvation – Ultimately, the question is this: Do good works performed by sinful humans in any way contribute to our eternal salvation, or is divine forgiveness through faith in Christ alone and in His sinless life and vicarious death and resurrection? Although both churches practice confession and absolution, there remains in the RC Church the temptation to conclude that if “Father so-and-so” were to tell a penitent to pray “x number” of Hail Marys and Our Fathers, many still feel inclined to exceed the suggested number of recited beads rather than trust for their salvation solely the completed merits of Jesus Christ.
3. The Sacraments – not only the definition or number of sacraments but their scriptural meaning, for example, with reference to our Lord’s Supper concerning any thought of “sacrifice” in the Mass. Unlike many non-denominational or Protestant churches, happily, informed Roman Catholic and Lutheran Christians both know and rejoice over the fact that, historically, there have never been any substantive differences between the two regarding the efficacy of the God-ordained, Spirit-empowered Sacrament of Holy Baptism as a Gospel means of grace (Catholics and Lutherans do not re-baptize one another as, sadly, in direct contrast to obedience to our risen Lord’s explicit command to baptize, many “Protestant churches” ignore, down-play or even claim that divinely ordained Sacrament to be divisive or even a dangerous “add-on” to clear scriptural Gospel teaching.
4. The Role of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of Our (and Her) Lord and Mary’s Son, Jesus, as the Only Mediator between God and Man. Closely related to the foregoing is not only need for dealing with a confusing term like “co-redemptrix” but also such practices or beliefs as praying to the growing number of saints, purgatory, prayers for the dead, veneration of relics etc. While Lutheran Christians, too, may on occasion have stood at the grave side of a loved one and breathed a prayer for the soul of a faithful departed loved one thinking such an act of piety “wouldn’t do any harm,” such a practice is both unnecessary and potentially dangerous if it in any way detracts from or diminishes the full glory of the completed work of God’s perfectly obedient Son, our Brother-Savior, Jesus Christ whose innocently shed blood has already dealt decisively with all sin and guilt. Believing Christians should think twice before doing anything that could conceivably end up demeaning Christ or His Cross.

These are but a few of the reasons why after prayerful consideration and gentle loving guidance relatively inactive Roman Catholics often find it a blessing in eventually becoming members of a Gospel-centered Lutheran congregation of believers in Jesus Christ.

## BITS & PIECES

Congratulations!!



Andrew Gardner Telloni was born on July 29, 2017 to Doctors Stephen and Stacy Telloni in North Carolina. Older sister, Julia (who turned 2 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July) seems intrigued by this new addition to the family. This is Pastor Telloni's 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild. All thanks and praise to the Triune God, who is good and His steadfast love endures forever.

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### Congratulations

Carter Thomas Buczak, son of Walter & Kristi Buczak and second great grandson of Rev. Thomas Soltis, was born May 7, 2017.



This is the final summer issue of *The Lutheran Beacon*, covering August & September!

We'll be back to monthly publication beginning with the October issue.

Articles & Photos are welcome!

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Photos must be submitted as separate attachments [NOT as part of your article—.JPEG format preferred.] You may send multiple photos in one email. Gail Peterson, Ed.

DEADLINE  
FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE  
IS SEPTEMBER 12TH

### **Dr. Doug's Disaster Corner**

Doug and Nona Schipull

SELC District Disaster Response Coordinators

Summertime is upon us. The summer weather brings lots of thunder and lightning. Thunder itself doesn't pose a risk to us, but lightning does. I learned an interesting factoid when I was a scuba diving instructor that more golfers were killed by lightning than divers killed by drowning (this proves that golf is a higher risk sport than scuba diving). Here are some basic ideas to lessen your exposure to lightning.

- Relocate indoors away from windows if possible.
- Do not stand under a tree.
- Do not stand on a hilltop to view the lightning.
- Do not stand by or in metal items like towers (being a ham radio operator, I stay away from my antenna system when there is lightning) or anything that is tall, metal, and well grounded. This will attract lightning.
- Remove yourself from pools and any other types of body of water. The lightning voltage of a nearby strike can radiate along the ground's surface, invade the water, and produce a deadly shock to anyone in the water.

If you Google "lightning strike prevention" or the like, you can find a lot of common sense items to help you reduce your risk of lightning exposure. There are also a lot of myths and urban legends concerning lightning that are interesting to read about. You can find apps that you can download to your cell phone to inform you of lightning, where it is, and how far it is from you. The thing I like to remember is that lightning is an act of nature and that the Good Lord is the only one who can control it. When it comes to lightning, it is better to be safe than sorry.

Please don't be like Ben Franklin with his kite. Just remember . . .

***When thunder roars, move indoors!***

# ST. LUKE'S CONCERT SERIES 2017-18

## Previews for our 24th season!

Saturday, September 16: **TWO SHOWS!**  
Matinee: 2 pm ~ Evening: 7 pm



Brass Band of Central Florida  
**Dances and Arias**  
Gareth Pritchard, Conductor

Saturday, October 21 at 7 pm

Orlando Philharmonic  
Orchestra

**Eric Plays Haydn**

Eric Jacobsen,  
Conductor and Cellist



Colleen Blagov, Flute

Saturday, November 18 at 7 pm



UCF Symphony Orchestra  
**Reformation 500**  
Chung Park, Conductor  
David Gross, Piano

Open dress rehearsal: Friday, November 17: 6-8pm

**HOLIDAY CONCERT: Three Performances!**

Friday, **December 1st** at 7 pm  
and Saturday, **December 2nd**  
Matinee: 2 pm ~ Evening: 7 pm



Brass Band of Central Florida  
Gareth Pritchard, Conductor

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7 pm  
Orlando Concert Band

**The Music of John Williams**



Jon Territo, Conductor

Open dress rehearsal:  
Friday, January 19 - 7pm

Saturday, Feb. 17~ UCF Symphony Orchestra

**"Meet the Composer"** at 6 pm  
(Guest Composer: Stella Sung)  
Orchestra Concert at 7 pm



**Rising Stars /A Local Legend**

Chung Park, Conductor  
Open dress rehearsal:  
Friday, February 16 from 6-8pm

**Sunday, March 18 at 3 pm**

Lutheran Cantata Choir & Chamber Ensemble

**A Voice from Heaven**

Claire Hodge,  
Director

Free Reception following concert.



Saturday, April 14 at 7 pm

Orlando Philharmonic  
Orchestra

**Mozart & Dvorak**

Guest Conductor and Pianist,  
Benjamin Hochman



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