International Lutheran Council News Rev. Dr. David Rakotonirina, President of the Malagasy Lutheran Church (*Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy* – FLM) passed on to glory suddenly on July 11, 2020 after a brief stay in hospital. In addition to serving as President of the FLM, President Rakotonirina had assumed the presidency of the Council of Christian Churches in Madagascar (FFKM) in January 2020. In that position, he had encouraged the government to take greater steps to control the spread of the deadly coronavirus, and urged churchgoers to follow government health directives. The Malagasy Lutheran Church itself had distributed food, medicine, and prevention kits through its hospitals and health centres to various areas of the country.

During Dr. Rakotonirina's presidency, the FLM pursued greater relationship with confessional Lutherans worldwide. In May 2018, the church voted to pursue altar and pulpit fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Later the same year, the Malagasy Lutheran Church was accepted into full membership of the International Lutheran Council on September 26, 2018, during the ILC's World Conference meeting in Antwerp, Belgium. The Malagasy Lutheran Church is one of the largest and fastest growing Lutheran church bodies in the world.

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Please support Pro Life! Thank you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.



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A member congregation of Lutheran Church – Canada

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2020

Lutherans Living Christ

Our Vision: To be an active group of people serving Moose Jaw and surrounding area with a Lutheran spirituality

Our Mission: To engage people in authentic Biblical worship leading to growth in Christian living.



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Prayers:

We remember Lutheran Church-Canada's mission and ministry partners in prayer:

Deaconess Ek Samean serves as a Bible teacher for the youth and Sunday school in the church in Prey Vey Province. She is also studying at the Luther Institute for Southeast Asia.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and set forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Samean by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call Meeting:

Today there will be a vote to call a new pastor at the end of the church service. Information on the three pastors on the ballot is available at the information centre in the foyer. All communing members are eligible to vote.

The Lutheran Hour

You can listen to The Lutheran Hour streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca
on your phone or computer August 2 "Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New"
Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August".

Readings for the Week: Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

Divine Service Helpers:

Sound Tech: Ben Steinhauer Computer Tech: Joan Wilson Organist: Julie Davidson

Elders: Ernie Wilson & Randy Redenbach

Communion Setup: John Kreutzwieser Head Usher: Wilfred Schick



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Check out the projects at www.concordiamissions.org One project that needs support is the Children's Feeding Program in Rancheria, Nicaragua. You can donate online or send a cheque indicating what mission project you'd like to support: to Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Inc. P.O. Box 455, Water Valley, AB T0M 2E0. More information about CLMS can also be found in the supplement in the latest Canadian Lutheran, May/June 2020 issue at the church information centre.