

June Midweek Message series: "Lutheran Stories"

June 2nd: The Lutheran World Federation

Due to copyright rules, we will share the excerpts Pastor Ryan is referencing to our mailing list as a congregation-wide Bible study; however, we can't post those on our website. Here are the books and passages being used if you'd like to find your own copies:

Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans, edited by Kathryn A. Kleinhans, copyright 2016, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minneapolis. Pages 152-155: "Gifts and Tasks of Our Larger Lutheran 'We'" by Kathryn Johnson.

Stories from Global Lutheranism: A Historical Timeline, by Martin J. Lohrmann, copyright 2021, Fortress Press (Lutheran Quarterly Books), Minneapolis. Pages 179-182: "1947: Founding of the Lutheran World Federation."

Also check out <http://www.lutheranworld.org>.

And ponder these questions: what can we do as a group (family, congregation, denomination, LWF) that we can't do as an individual person/congregation/denomination?

Have you ever had a chance to hear from/learn from/worship with Lutherans from other parts of the world?

Now that travel restrictions are being lifted for vaccinated persons, where would you like to go? Check to see if there are any Lutherans there and make worship part of your trip.

Since more and more churches are posting online worship services now, try to find a service (live or recorded) by Lutherans from another part of the world. You might not always understand the language, but chances are you'll find some similarities with what you're used to.