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Sharing the Story of God's Mission Work in Ghana



Pentecost by Anthony van Dyck 1618-1620

PENTECOST

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house. . . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:1-2, 4 (ESV)

The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise and the prophecy of Joel. The people were gathered in one place celebrating the holy festival, The Feast of Weeks; and as they were gathered in Jerusalem, tongues of fire descended on the disciples emboldening them to preach the Gospel so the hearers from all over the Mediterranean Region were able to understand in their own dialects the saving message of Jesus Christ crucified for the salvation of all mankind. Through God the Holy Spirit, people heard this Gospel saving message, were baptized, and received the free gift of faith. The Christian church thus began and the Gospel message through them would begin to be shared in all the world.



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Rev. Schumacher Signing and Telling how Ghanaian Men are being prepared for Word and Sacrament Ministry to the members of The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Kokomo, IN

Cynthia and I have traveled to the United States for our time of Home Service. Home Service is the occasion when we personally thank our faithful supporters, visit new congregations and individuals sharing about our ministry with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana including teaching at her seminary. During the month of April, we visited congregations in Indiana, allowing us to meet our supporters and update them about the work which God is blessing through their prayers and gifts to our ministry. At the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, a young deaf woman came to learn more about how we are serving the deaf of House of Grace and the deaf community in the village of Adamorobe. It was a joy to share with her and the congregation that two deaf evangelists are receiving training for pastoral ministry, along with sixteen

hearing men who are attending the seminary at this time.

Following the presentations, questions always arise about our living in a country and culture foreign to our own; including what foods do we eat, how do we travel, and about our home. We explain that we live in a modern home with running water, but the water is not safe for cooking, drinking or brushing our teeth. We do have a multi-step, nine liter water filter system, which allows us to drink the filtered water, also utilizing it for cooking and personal use. We have a home equipped with metal burglar guard on all the windows and metal safe-like exterior doors. We are thankful for the safety of our home, and our night guard which helps to ward off the armed robberies that have become more frequent in our village of Saasabi.

Home Service



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**Rev. Paul Nielsen and
Rev. Schmacher at the Lutheran
Church of the Resurrection
Waterville, ME**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*All missionaries as they share
the Pentecost message to
repent and believe.*

*The ELCG as they prepare to
install their newly electe
President Rev. John Donkoh*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

*Our safe travels and enjoyable
beautiful Spring weather.*

*Rev. Dr. Detlev Schulz, Rev.
Dr. Timothy Quill, and Pro-
fessor Robert Rothemeyer
for their encouragement and
support.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

*The many congregations and
individuals who pray for us,
encourage and support us.*

This month we give praise for:

*Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church Gretna NE*

*Christ Lutheran Church
Columbus, NE*

*Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln, NE*



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***A time of meeting and thanking
the wonderful people of God who
support us in the spreading of the
Gospel to both the hearing and
deaf of Ghana.***

Our May travels took us to churches
in Maine and Connecticut. The above
left photo is of our presentation at Lu-
theran Church of the Resurrection in
Waterville, Maine. The above right
photo is a Circuit gathering at Holy



Trinity Lutheran Church, Terryville,
CT. Cynthia and I served in the New
England District for eleven years, so we
enjoyed reconnecting with our dear
friends and partners in ministry. Our
visits to congregations often include
preaching, such as the lower left photo
at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer,
Kokomo, IN.

On May 18, I joined the 2018 Gradu-
ating Class at Concordia Theological
Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. In April I
successfully defended my dissertation:
Positioning an International Partner
Lutheran Church Seminary for Accredi-
tation: A Critical Analysis of a Proposed
Procedure for The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Ghana Lutheran Seminary,
Ghana, West Africa, and graduated with
the Degree of Doctor of Ministry.

The month of June will bring more
presentations along with time set aside
for vacation with our family.



*Cynthia and I thank you for your time in read-
ing our monthly newsletter. We thank God,
for you and pray that you would, prayerfully,
consider praying for us and, if possible, sup-
port us through a financial gift.*

*May God bless you and your service to Him,
- Rev. Dr. Steven & Cynthia Schumacher*



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