

Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington DC



LUNCHEON MEETING Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 12:00 noon

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Opening Announcements

LLF President Bob (Sarge) Sargeant opened the meeting at noon. There were 2 visitors present. Bonnie Priebe's birthday is on April 29th and William Greer's anniversary is on April 5th.

Last month scholarship information was E-mailed to all surrounding area Lutheran churches. The deadline for responses is April 15. Due to the short time between now and then, some late responses may be accepted.

Pastor Amy Sevimli from the Metro DC Synod, ELCA, will be our speaker in May; June's speaker will be Melissa Graves from Lutheran Social Services; subsequent to the meeting, Pastor David Berg agreed to be our speaker in July, his topic will be Medical Ethics: 101.

Opening Devotion

Our Chaplain, Rev. Larry Schmidt spoke on this coming Sunday's lesson on Lazarus, the new heaven and new earth, and the Ezekiel "bones" passage.

Caring & Sharing

- Sarge – Thrivant
- Autumn – LSS [Expressions of Abundance](#) breakfast is on May 6
- John P. – attended memorial service in remembrance of Dan Bella
- Ellie – Employment and Memoir Writing groups welcome new people
- Fred K. – Fellowship Square has entered into agreement with Lutheran Communities
- William G. – VA ELCA Synod's [Power in the Spirit](#) will be July 10-12 at Roanoke

Introduction of Speaker

As Roanoke College's 11th president, Michael C. Maxey focuses on student learning and success, the campus quality of life and accelerating Roanoke's dramatic progress. He also is committed to a close relationship between the College, its students and the local community for the betterment of all. Maxey is a strong advocate for liberal arts colleges, contending that the skills learned through the intellectual and leadership opportunities there serve our democracy by preparing outstanding citizens. On the national level, Maxey is active with numerous educational organizations. He serves on the executive committees of the Lutheran Educational Consortium of North America and the Council of Presidents of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He is a member of several other professional organizations. Maxey chairs the President's Committee of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and is a member of Executive Committee of the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia.

He is a native of Bassett, Virginia. His higher education began at Wake Forest University where he earned a bachelor of arts in history and master's degree in counselor education. Later, he earned a certificate of advanced graduate study in counselor education at the University of New Hampshire. Maxey also attended the Institute of Education Management at Harvard University. Maxey has an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. He is a student of history, counseling and conflict resolution. He and his wife, Terri, have three sons: Michael, Stuart and Jack. Terri Maxey, who has worked in admissions and financial aid at four colleges including Roanoke, shares the passion for Roanoke College and is dedicated to serving the students, faculty, staff and alumni through her active work at Roanoke.

Presentation

Our speaker for April was Dr. Michael Maxey, President of Roanoke College. Dr. Maxey spoke enthusiastically about the challenges and joys of being the 11th president of Roanoke College, the second oldest Lutheran college in the U.S. The tensions at this time involve being true to Lutheran roots (with only 8% of the student body Lutheran), while being open to the rest of the world. In the most recent U.S. News and World Report issue of American colleges, Roanoke was ranked #2 in the "Up and Coming" list. Dr. Maxey extolled the virtues of a Liberal Arts college education to prepare students for a successful life and to make a contribution to society. Lutheran higher education is important, different, and treasured. Dr. Maxey listed these four important points:

1. God's grace
2. Lutheran respect for love of learning (all learning glorifies God)
3. Welcoming all, but holding fast to our Lutheran core, and,
4. Vocational calling (finding meaning in life).

Future challenges include:

1. The economy — costs continue to escalate;
2. Technology — change /individuals;
3. Demography — quick changes in society;
4. Political — some politicians want to rate colleges.

William Greer, Director of Church Relations, accompanied Dr. Maxey and provided a display of materials about Roanoke College, one of which is attached to these meeting minutes.

Closing

Chaplain Schmidt gave brief closing remarks at 2:10pm.

ROANOKE *at a glance*

[LOCATION]

SALEM, VIRGINIA

Population 25,000; located in the scenic Roanoke Valley (metro population approximately 300,000)

[ENROLLMENT]

2,100 STUDENTS

46% in-state, 44% male and 56% female from 40 states and 25 countries, about 2% international, and 10% students of color (African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American)

[FACULTY]

129 TENURE-TRACK FACULTY MEMBERS

More than 95% of whom hold the highest degrees in their fields.

[STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO]

14:1

Average class size is 18 students, 94% of classes have fewer than 30 students

[PROGRAMS OF STUDY]

36 MAJORS

35 minors, 23 concentrations, and 8 pre-professional programs
(most popular majors include Business, English, History, Sociology, Psychology, Biology)

[ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES]

83%

of Roanoke students participate in study abroad, internships, research and/or independent study.
(International exchange options with over 100 colleges and universities in 38 countries)

[HONORS]

45

new students are selected per year in this highly competitive program.

[STUDENT LIFE]

100+ CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

for you to discover and explore your interests

[GREEK INVOLVEMENT]

23%

of students are members of social Greek organizations.

[CAMPUS HOUSING]

28 RESIDENCE HALLS

About 70% of students live in campus housing—availability is guaranteed for 4 years.
(Pods, Quads, Apartments, Double and Single Rooms)

[ATHLETICS — MAROONS.ROANOKE.EDU]

19 VARSITY SPORTS

9 men's and 10 women's NCAA Division III, Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC)
(plus 18 intramural and club sports from equestrian to ice hockey)

[INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY]

WIRELESS

All residence halls and academic buildings are networked and have wireless internet access.
(www.roanoke.edu/computing)

[LEGACY]

5,300+ MAROONS

Seniors during the last 20+ years invited to participate in the tradition of carving their names in the president's bookcases

[PRESTIGE]

PHI BETA KAPPA

the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society
(Only 7% of colleges in the nation are granted this highly valued distinction.)

[HERITAGE]

NUMBER 2

Founded in 1842, Roanoke is the second-oldest Lutheran-related college in America and is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

[PRESENCE]

16,886

Living Roanoke graduates who reside in 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mexico, Canada and 36 other countries

[CONNECTIONS]

12

National alumni chapters for professional networking and social connections post-Roanoke

#2

Up-and-coming
national liberal
arts colleges

U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2014

Most beautiful campus
in the United States

The Princeton Review, 2012

#18

91%

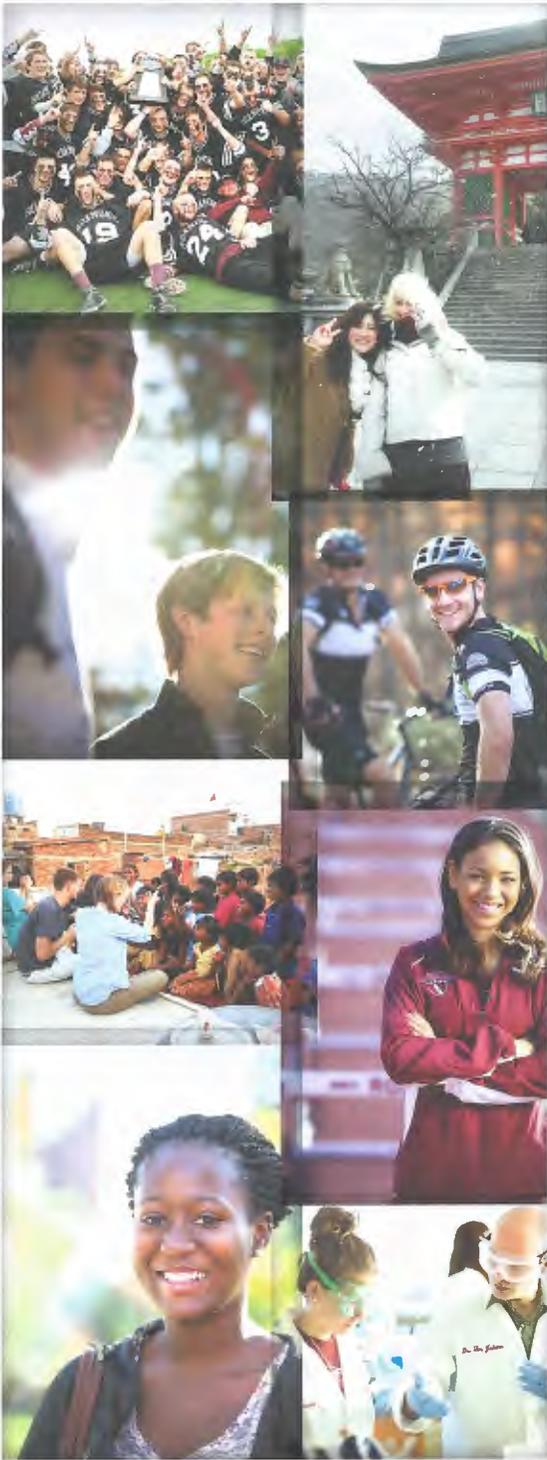
of alumni survey participants indicated receiving
job offers or an acceptance to graduate school
within six months of graduation.

TOP 9%
America's Best Colleges

WORLD MAGAZINE

#1

Campus
of the Year
Campus Activities Magazine, 2009



Out-Smart. Out-Solve. Out-Do the Expected.

[CAMPUS VISIT]

Individual campus interviews and tours are available Monday through Friday. The Admissions Office is open most Saturday mornings from September through April. Schedule a visit: call 800-388-2276 or go to www.roanoke.edu/visit. Open Houses are available in the summer, fall and spring. Visit www.roanoke.edu/events for details.

[APPLICATION PROCESS]

Early Decision option available—apply by November 5
Final deadline for regular admission—March 15
Apply early in the senior year for maximum scholarship and admission consideration. www.roanoke.edu/apply

[FRESHMAN ADMISSION]

Approximately 4,500 applications
Admit rate: Approximately 68%
Class size: 550
Top tenth of graduating class: 23.5%
Top half of graduating class: 84.2%
Freshman to Sophomore retention: 80%

3 Year Averages

Average HS GPA: 3.42, Mid-Range: 3.0–3.8
Average SAT: 1086, Mid-Range: 990–1170
Average ACT: 23, Mid-Range: 20–25
SAT code: 5571, ACT code: 4392

[ACADEMIC PREPARATION]

Minimum of 18 academic courses (recommended):
4 English, 2 Social Studies, 3 in a modern language
2 Lab Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
3 Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II sequence required)
Extra weight given to AP, IB, honors and dual-enrollment courses

[TUITION FOR 2014/15]

\$36,688 (tuition) \$13,413 (room & board plus fees)
Financial aid form preferred: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
FAFSA deadline (code: 003736): March 1

[FINANCIAL AID]

Over 85% of students receive financial assistance.
Average financial aid package for students who file the FAFSA is \$29,299.

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POWER I N T H E SPIRIT



July 10-12, 2014

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible Study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowships. In addition, congregational leaders, teachers, organists, choir directors, choir members, committee or council members, family life consultants, pastors and others will find POWER IN THE SPIRIT especially nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.

Registration materials will be available in spring 2014

POWER I N T H E SPIRIT

JULY 10-12, 2014

ROANOKE COLLEGE

*Changed
by the
Good News*



Keynote Speaker

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Bible Study Leader

The Rev. Rolf Jacobson



Mark you calendars today to join us!

Start recruiting a group from your congregation to attend together!



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton was elected as the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Born in Cleveland on April 2, 1955, Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

Ordained June 4, 1981, Eaton served as assistant pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio; interim pastor of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Boardman, Ohio; and pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Ashtabula, Ohio. She was elected bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod in 2006 and re-elected in May 2013.

Eaton is involved in a number of boards and committees. She is a board member of Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University, both based in Columbus, Ohio. She is a member of the Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee and the ELCA Conference of Bishops Executive Committee. She also serves on the Conference of Bishops Domestic Ready Bench and serves in roles with the ELCA Malaria Campaign, the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, PORTICO Philosophy of Benefits Task Force, Ohio Council of Churches and Lutheran Planned Giving in Ohio.

Prior to her election, Eaton was the liaison bishop to the ELCA Church Council and a member of the ELCA Memorials Committee for the 2007, 2011 and 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assemblies. She served as a delegate to The Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Budapest in 1984, on the review team for Lutheran Episcopal dialogues in 1982, and she was a part of the delegation from the ELCA's predecessor church bodies to the German Democratic Republic in 1982.

Eaton's husband, the Rev. T. Conrad Selnick, an Episcopal priest, is pastor of St. Christopher's-by-the-River in Gates Mills, Ohio. They are parents of two adult children, Rebeckah and Susannah.

Rolf Jacobson joined the Luther Seminary faculty as assistant professor of Old Testament in July 2003. Prior to joining the Luther Seminary, he taught at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, as an assistant professor of religion.



Jacobson earned his bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. in 1987. He holds a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary (1991) and a doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. (2000).

His teaching interests include the Psalms, Old Testament prophets, biblical poetry, biblical theology, and biblical narrative. He emphasizes that the purpose of a biblical text is not just for preaching or teaching, although these are crucial functions. He says the Scriptures must also be used in pastoral care, personal spiritual growth, and for the shaping of Christian mission and theology. In addition, it can also function as a catalyst for change and growth within a congregation.

Ordained in 1991, Jacobson served for five years as associate pastor of Como Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul before continuing his education at Princeton Theological Seminary. At Princeton, he was the assistant editor for *Theology Today* and *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*. He also served as a teaching fellow.

Jacobson is a in-demand speaker and author, who produces theological and biblical scholarship for both the church and the academic guild. He recently served as editor of *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms*, whose authors included three recent Luther Seminary graduates. His articles have appeared in *Word and World*, *Theology Today*, *Interpretation*, *Teaching Theology and Religion*, and in many collections of scholarly essays. With Kelly Fryer, he wrote the *No Experience Necessary* Bible studies. He has been a contributor to Augsburg Fortress's *Handbookseries* (*The Lutheran Handbook*, *The Christian Handbook*, etc.), *Workingpreacher.org*, *Lectionary Homiletics*, and the like. His credits also include appearances in many video curricula, including *The Lutheran Course*.