

Lutheran Core Meeting

Geist , Indiana Sept,25,26,2009

1. Remain in the ELCA as a voice of opposition to its direction and decisions.
2. Remain in the ELCA, but join the Lutheran CORE as a public statement of adherence to the authority of Scripture, The Bible). Bear witness to what the church will teach at St. Pauls
3. Remain in the ELCA, but withdraw your funds! Redirect your benevolence!
4. Remain in the ELCA, but seek dual membership in Lutheran Congregations for Mission in Christ (LCMC), or another Lutheran church body. You can have dual membership!
5. Sever ties with the ELCA!

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1. Remain in the ELCA!

Be a voice in opposition to it's direction on gay ministers and teaching of the doctrine of the St. Pauls church.

Make sure our constitution has in it that we do not permit Gay ministers teaching that type of doctrine.

2. Remain in the ELCA but Join the Lutheran CORE!

Make a statement to the adherence to the authority of Scripture and the Bible at ST.Pauls Church. This will bear witness to the Lutheran Church that we still believe in the teaching of the bible. There are no passages in the bible that condone the same sex unions or the like of. It's not that we don't want them to attend church, that is not the question. But it's rather the teaching of the bible as I knew it for 66 years. Not just at St. Pauls but other organizations I belong to. They should teach the Bible doctrine not the popular movement.

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3. Remain in ELCA!

But re-direct the benevolence. Do not participate in the ELCA Synod events.

Get the listing of care units that ELCA give to and do it on our own. We can disperse the funds of our church in any fashion we want. This is not the first time we run into this! The ELCA was founded in 1988. The L-Core started in 2002. The Church belongs to us, not the ELCA.

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4. Remain in the ELCA, but seek membership in Lutheran Congregations for Mission in Christ (LCMC) or another synod.

We can belong to two synods. We can have dual memberships, and they have existed. This step may allow a church to avoid the challenges of formally severing ties, but still find a new more faithful church home for St. Paul. But this would not make a statement and we could still be getting doctrine that goes against what we are trying to avoid.

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5. Sever ties with the ELCA and join another Lutheran church body.

We must be united to do this! As one! And one for all!

The ELCA's constitution requires two votes!

Each with two-thirds majority! And at least 90 days apart!

In the mean time we must consult with the ELCA Synod Bishop, (Kurt Kurssrow)?

We own our property, but if you don't you could loose everything we own, including the Church

Again we must be united to pull this off!

Summary!

We are lucky, we have a Pastor who shares our belief in the doctrine of the Church.

We need to make sure the constitution of our church has it in there that we do not permit gay ministers to preach that type of doctrine!

There is nothing in the bible that teaches this type of doctrine. On the contrary The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has repeatedly affirmed as its own position the historical understanding of the Christian church that the bible condemn homosexual behavior as “intrinsically sinful”. It is contrary to the will of the Creator and constitutes sin against the commandments of God

Lev.18:22,24,20:13:1 Cor. 6:9-20, 1 Tim 1:9-10 and Rom. 1:26,27

Summary!

I don't believe we have a problem with gays coming to our church that is not the issue, but the teaching of the doctrine of our young people is. If we do not take a stand now what will their kids say about how we stood for what we believe!

If we fall into the trap of doing nothing, we will see members leaving by the back door and moving silently to another church.

We are not Bible scholars but we were taught the word of the bible is correct and the right way to bring up our children and live in society. I believe that it is what you do and stand for, not what the the E-mail, blogs, texting and words says. If we don't stand for something we will fall for anything that comes along.

Summary!

We have a great Church here. I have five generations of the Struble family in this church. There are many of you who have the same. I don't want to see our church divided, but we can't stand by and loose our morals and ethics! We must make a truthful and correct decision on this matter. We must be deliberate and steadfast in our decision, but do not waver or hesitate to long in bringing it to a closure. May God be with us all.

Statistics of meeting

Meeting at Fishers Indiana

Sept, 25-26, 2009

Holy Spirit Parish at Geist

10350 Glaser Way

Fishers, In 46037

- >1200 people in Church attendance. There are 1515 Lutheran churches
- 700 churches have with drawn from the ELCA
- The churches have turned upside down with their thinking. They are giving the church view rather then the bible view!
- ELCA formed in 1988. L-Core started in 2002, Home will be in Minnesota
- >100,000 members (from church's) world wide have pulled from the synod ELCA
- Presbyterian dropped 10%
- UCC have dropped 14% 1.1mil member is UCC
- No smart of the wall remarks towards ELCA, but instead pray for them
- Who attended the Invocation
- Over 41 states, USA and Canada/Alaska/Africa
- Indiana 177
- Ohio 163
- Illinois 155
- Pa 70
- Wisconsin 63
- Min 55
- 75% of attendance was Lay people. 25 % of attendance was pastors and clergy's
- Free standing movement, not part of the ELCA
- Next L core meeting Oct, 2010

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