

Virtual “Beating of the Bounds” – Thursday, May 30, 2019

Save!

Explanation

“Beating of the Bounds” is an ancient church custom observed primarily in England and Wales. It dates from a time when the entire country was divided into geographic “parishes”—the area served by a particular church. On a given day in springtime, priests, church officials and lay members would walk the boundaries of the parish, checking to make sure that boundary markers were still in place. In a time when maps were rare, the ceremony had an important practical purpose—creating a “folk memory” of the true extent of the parish was necessary to maintain integrity of borders.

Although Central Lutheran has been rooted in its downtown Minneapolis location for 100 years, it doesn’t have geographic parish boundaries in a traditional sense. There are members and friends of Central who hail from all parts of the Twin Cities, across the US, and from distant corners of the world. Thus, it is fitting that we conclude our year of Anniversary celebrations with a Virtual Beating of the Bounds.



NOTE: Regardless of which social media app you use, the most important thing is to include the hashtag **#CentralLutheran100** somewhere in your posting. This allows for easy searching to find everyone who participated in the Beating of the Bounds.

Facebook

On May 30, at any time during the day, go to your News Feed and “Check In” from someplace interesting where you are actually spending time that day. Home, work, school, a restaurant, your after-work softball league – anywhere that reflects your interests and helps to show the diversity among Central’s members and friends.

Add to your Check-In by including a photo or image representing Central. Plan ahead and take a selfie in front of the altar a week before; use your favorite photo of Central or something that happened there (Christmas Eve, your wedding, Monday meal); or do a Google image search on “Central Lutheran Minneapolis” and grab one of the many photos you’ll find there. Use your imagination!

Add to your Check-In by sharing your Central story in two or three sentences. Here’s a made-up example:

My church, @Central Lutheran Downtown Minneapolis has been celebrating 100 years of exploring the promise of God for all! My parents met in a young singles group at Central in the early 1960s and were married there in 1966. I was baptized and confirmed at Central. My favorite activity is singing in the Central Choir. #CentralLutheran100

It’s not essential, but if you know how, please “@ mention” Central Lutheran as in the example.

Finally, close out your posting with the hashtag **#CentralLutheran100**.

Twitter

At any time during the day, add a new tweet and tag a location from someplace interesting where you are actually spending time that day. As mentioned above, add to your tweet by including a photo or image representing Central. Share your personal Central story in 280 characters or less, making sure to use **@CentralLuthMPLS** and also make sure to use the hashtag **#CentralLutheran100**.

Instagram

At any time during the day, add a photo by hitting the plus symbol at the bottom of the app. Plan ahead and make sure you have an appropriate image already in your camera roll. In the caption you can share your personal Central story as mentioned above, making sure to use **@CentralMpls** and also make sure to use the hashtag **#CentralLutheran100**. On your post add a location from someplace interesting where you are actually spending time that day. Feel free to also add this post to Facebook and/or Twitter if you also use those apps.