

# President's Newsletter

## Synod Convention

Remember that all reports for the Book of Reports and Memorials are due to the synod secretary by April 1.



## New Members in Wisconsin

Twelve souls were added to the membership of Holy Trinity Lutheran, Okauchee, Wisconsin, on February 23, 2014. Pres. Moldstad preached for the special service that day as the congregation dedicated the use of a new hymnbook, the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*.

## Upcoming Schedule

- March 2 - Bethany Seminary recruitment night
- March 11 - Synod Review Committee
- March 13 - Centennial Committee
- March 16 - Preach for 20th anniversary of Grace, Hobart, Indiana
- March 17-18 - Doctrine Committee
- March 22 - "Christ in Media" at Bethany Lutheran College
- March 23 - Preach at Calvary, Ulen, Minnesota
- March 24 - Circuit 8 Winkel Conference



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## Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

A verse from one of our familiar Lenten hymns captures the mood of this purple season of the church year: "Was it for crimes that I had done/ He groaned upon the tree? / Amazing pity, grace unknown, / and love beyond degree!" (ELH 282:3) May we all take time to contemplate the depth of love our Savior has for every single sinner. He has enormous grace for all now, and an immense storehouse of eternal blessings awaiting all who trust in his name!

Blessings in Christ,

  
John A. Moldstad

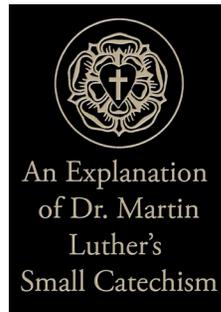


## Twenty Years of Grace at Omro

On February 9, 2014, the members of Messiah Lutheran in Omro, Wisconsin, celebrated the congregation's 20th anniversary. Rev. Jesse DeDeyne currently serves as the pastor of Messiah.

### ELS Catechism in ESV and NKJV

Final editing is being done on two new editions of the synod's 2001 *Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism*. The catechism with Bible translations of ESV and NKJV will be available soon in e-pub format, as well as in print-on-demand. Copies should be available for purchase at the time of our June convention. We thank Elsa Ferkenstad for her work on this project.



### Webber Ordination

Hope Lutheran, West Jordan, Utah, was the site for the ordination service of Candidate of Theology Paul Webber on January 26, 2014. Pastor David Jay Webber, father of Paul, preached the sermon, while Circuit 12 Visitor, Rev. Steven Sparley, performed the rites of ordination and installation.



### More Pictures from the Ordinations in India

Shown above are two separate worship services in different districts where fourteen pastors were ordained in the Lutheran Mission-Salvation India (LMSI). Representing the ELS Board for World Outreach for the occasions were: Rev. Steven Petersen (our World Outreach Administrator), Rev. Brad Kerkow and Rev. Paul Fries. The seminary program began in January of 2006.

### News from Bethany

Dr. Dan R. Bruss, the ninth president of Bethany Lutheran College, has announced his plan to retire June 30, 2015. Dr. Bruss made the public announcement to a campus assembly on February 19. Bruss had formally made his intention known to the college's Board of Regents at their most recent quarterly meeting in early February 2014. Speaking for the Board of Regents, Rev. Herbert Huhnerkoch stated "It has been a distinct pleasure to serve on the Board of Regents during most of the tenure of President Dan Bruss. Though many of us have a deep love and commitment for Bethany Lutheran College and its mission, there is no one with a deeper and more tireless love and commitment than President Bruss. We hate to see him go. Nonetheless, we offer him our heartfelt prayers and sincere desire that God grant him and his dear wife Kathy a blessed retirement."

### Call for Nominations for the President of Bethany Lutheran College

Since president Dr. Dan R. Bruss has announced his intent to retire from the presidency of Bethany Lutheran College, effective June 30, 2015, therefore the Board of Regents of Bethany Lutheran College, in accordance with the guidelines (412, Article IIA) adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, herewith requests the ELS member congregations to submit nominations for President of Bethany Lutheran College. Nominations may also be submitted by the Board of Regents.

The nominee shall be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod or of its fellowship. The nominee should possess the aptitude and experience that will qualify him to direct the control and planning of all facets of the college operation.

The candidate must be a firm believer in the mission of our college. He must combine a skill for supervising and motivating highly-qualified and creative people with an understanding of and a commitment to the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The candidate should possess the necessary skills to lead Bethany and should demonstrate a deep commitment to and love for students.

The Regents respectfully request each congregation to prayerfully consider those who may fulfill the qualifications of this important office and submit their names to Secretary Paul Chamberlin, 90 Fairview Avenue, South Chatham, MA 02659; nrchamb@yahoo.com

Deadline: To be considered, all congregational nominations must be submitted to the secretary by May 8, 2014.