



Voices Raised in Praise

The children from Parkland Lutheran School graced the devotion for the West Coast Pastoral Conference in Tacoma, Washington. They sang antiphonally Martin Luther's "We Sing Thy Praise, O God" ELH 45, with the pastors responding. In recent months the children from the school have taken offerings to support our mission congregation in Weatherford, Texas.

ELS Ottesen Museum

Our synod's museum hosted teacher Sue Beilke's 2nd and 3rd grade students from Mt. Olive Lutheran School in Mankato, Minnesota, on May 9. Museum Director of Programming Becky DeGarmeaux, dressed in pioneer clothing, talked with the students about what it was like to grow up in a log cabin. The students have been studying Laura Ingalls Wilder and will soon be visiting historic sites in Walnut Grove, Minnesota.



Prayers Requested

Please keep Rev. Herbert Larson in your daily prayers. He is now out of the hospital and under hospice care at the home of one of his daughters in New Braunfels, Texas. Months ago Pastor Larson published a book of his pastoral memoirs, *Tranquil Thoughts from the Texas Hill Country*. May God give Pastor Larson strength and comfort through the knowledge of the redeeming work of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord Jesus.

On May 20, 2014, James K. Baarts died in Fairmont, Minnesota. James is the father of Joni, who is the wife of our business administrator, Keith Wiederhoef.

Pastor Dan Basel's mother, Marie Agnes, died at age 89 at the Hillman Haven in Hillman, Michigan.

William John Rank, husband of Doris, father of Lynn (Marty) Handberg, Rev. Thomas (Sonja) Rank, David (Vivian), and Susan (Rev. Jerome) Gernander, and brother of Ann (Bill) Overn and Grace Johnson, died on May 25.

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life (John 5:24).

President's Newsletter



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Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

Pentecost is here. We reflect on the great blessings we have through the gift of the Holy Spirit. By the Spirit at work in Baptism, the Word, and the Supper, we are able to have life—life in the holy Christ who flawlessly made atonement for every sin of our own and for the sin of every person in the world. We pray for the Spirit's continual effecting power as we strive to convey the Gospel message to those who do not yet know the Savior. As we go about our task, we also are full of gratitude for the Spirit's work of inspiring word-for-word the book of Holy Scripture. So, in the words of Luther, we pray: "Thou holy Light, Guide Divine / Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine. / Teach us to know our God aright / And call Him Father with delight. / From ev'ry error keep us free; / Let none but Christ our Master be / That we in living faith abide. / In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. / Alleluia! Alleluia!" (ELH 2, verse 2).

Blessings in the Savior,


John A. Moldstad



Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary Graduation and Call Day

On May 14, 2014, Candidate of Theology Paul Lange (left photo) received his graduation diploma from our seminary and was assigned to Abiding Word Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, Ohio. Vicar Michael Lilienthal (right photo) received news that his vicarage will take place at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iola, Wisconsin, under a neighboring supervising pastor, Rev. Harvey Abrahamson. The preacher for the graduation service was father of Paul, Prof. Lyle Lange of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Bethany Lutheran College Graduation

Ninety-eight men and women representing seventeen out of the nineteen majors comprised this year's graduation class from our Bethany Lutheran College. The graduation ceremony occurred on Friday, May 16, 2014, with the guest speaker being an alumnus, Mr. Dan Browning (HS '66, JC '68).

Home Mission News

Divine Mercy Lutheran, Weatherford/Hudson Oaks, Texas: Rev. Kyle Madson reports that two adults recently completed instruction and were received as communicant members on Easter Sunday. The following Sunday, the congregation moved to its newly leased space in a retail center on Ft. Worth Highway in Hudson Oaks.

Hope Lutheran, Cedar Park/Leander, Texas: Rev. Brad Kerkow reports the second highest worship for the congregation took place on Easter: 73 including 7 visiting families. Currently there are four families in adult instruction class.

Hope Lutheran, Farmington, Minnesota: Rev Dan Oberer reports a nice problem to have—worship space is becoming crowded on Sunday mornings! A senior vicar from the seminary regularly assists with door-to-door canvassing in the community.

Redeeming Grace Lutheran, Rogers, Minnesota: Rev. David Russow reports that a total of 187 attended on Easter and witnessed the baptism of two preschool students that day.

Needless to say, we could not support these mission efforts without your help. Thank you for your on-going support. Please visit our website click on the DONATE button on the right side menu.

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations and the Lord's blessings to the first ever 8th grade class graduating from Peace Lutheran School in Kissimmee, Florida! Some of the graduates have completed every grade at the school. Peace has begun a school expansion project, adding four new classrooms, scheduled to be completed by next fall.



World Mission News—Peru

Representatives of member churches from around the world gathered for the triennial meeting of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference in Lima, Peru, May 30–June 2, 2014. The Peruvian church, which began as a mission of the ELS in 1968, served as the host for the conference. All of the affiliates in relation to our Board for World Outreach, except for Gift of Life (Ukraine) are planning to be in attendance. Other news from Peru: Light construction is expected to complete the school at Nuevo Oriente. Rev. Terry Schultz will teach at the Bible Institute of the Amazon Jungle via distance-learning method.

Synod Convention Schedule & Activities

The convention essay and live streaming links will be made available at <<http://www.evangelicallutheransynod.org/about/elsconvention2014/>>.

Location – campus of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota

Sunday, June 15, 2014

3:00 - Festival worship service

4:30 - Supper (free will donation)

5:30 - ELS Historical Society's program – readers' theater

Monday, June 16

9:30 - Opening devotion at Trinity Chapel

10:15 - Opening of the Convention (Younge Gymnasium)

1:30 - Committee meetings

1:30 - Tea hosted by BLC Women's Auxiliary

7:00 - Cross-stitch presentation on missions (YFAC)

Tuesday, June 17

10:00 - Opening devotion (Younge Gymnasium)

2:15 - World Outreach presentation

4:00 - Higher Education presentation

5:00 - Anniversary service (Trinity Chapel)

7:00 - ELS Historical Society's program – readers' theater

7:00 - Retirement Plan presentation (Hahn)

7:30 - Outreach to Muslims (Reid)

Wednesday, June 18

8:30 - Opening devotion (Younge Gymnasium)

9:00 - Engaging Others With Jesus in Times of Trial - Rev. Thomas Rank, essayist

1:55 - Home Outreach presentation

7:30 - Communion worship service (Trinity Chapel)

Thursday, June 19

8:30 - Opening devotion (Younge Gymnasium)

8:50 - Essay and discussion continued

1:00 - Closing recital for Youth Honor Choir at BLC

Synod Convention Attendees

Please note that two major intersections on Highway 22 in Mankato will be closed during convention. If you are staying at hotels near these intersections, please allow extra time getting to the convention. A map of the roads closed with alternate routes can be found at <<http://roundaboutready.com/uploads/V2.CompleteMap.pdf>>.

Nominations for BLC Presidency

The names of nominees for the office of presidency of Bethany Lutheran College have been collected by the Board of Regents and are being published in the May/June issue of our Lutheran Sentinel. The lengthy list can be accessed also at this browser address: <http://www.evangelicallutheransynod.org/download/pdfs/BLC_President_Nominations.pdf>.