

Prayers Requested

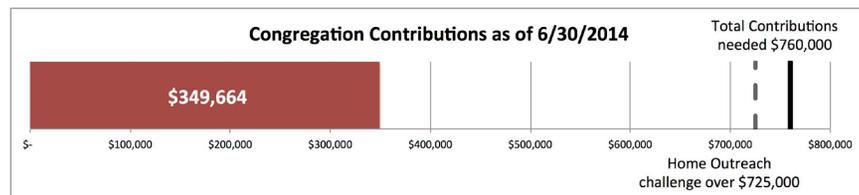
- Rev. Jeff Luplow is scheduled for prostate surgery on August 8 in Ann Arbor Michigan.
- Also, please pray for Rev. Bernt Tweit's wife, Katie, who is undergoing treatments for cancer.
- Rev. Jeff Merseth has been hospitalized recently in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Give a prayer of thanks for a successful hip surgery for Rev. Richard Wiechmann.
- Thank our Lord also for watching over all our youth, counselors and pastors at the national LYA convention in Missoula, Montana.
- Ask for blessings on our Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary as the new school year begins on August 25.

Resignation

The Rev. Dennis Schmidt resigned from the ELS clergy roster, effective July 8, 2014.

Schedule for the Month

August 5 – Board of Trustees
August 6 – Synod Review Committee
August 7-10 – ELS Teachers' convention in Washington D.C.
August 11-12 – Board of Regents
August 18-19 – Doctrine Committee
August 22 – Anniversary Offering Committee
August 24 – Preach for school dedication, Peace, Kissimmee, Florida
August 24 – Opening Service for Bethany Lutheran College
August 26 – Informal meeting with CLC pastors
August 27 – Centennial Committee
August 28 – Board for Christian Service



President's Newsletter



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Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

Presently a major concern has hit the world scene — Ebola. Countries in western Africa have experienced numerous deaths. The fear is that the virus with a fatality rate of about 90 percent will spread rapidly. No known cure or vaccine is said to exist. We can understand why many are frightened. As scary as this disease is — one with no reported medical antidote — an even more devastating one is affecting every person on this planet. It is known as sin. Without help for this disease, an eternally dying situation automatically will occur for all. But the break-through news is: we have a great Physician who has the perfect cure!

With the gracious forgiveness of sins Jesus distributes freely to all because of his atoning work for every sinner, even a perfectly restored body can and will occur one day for every sin-sick patient who leaves this present earth holding the powerful medicine of his saving merits! For every sinner who panics personally over this kind of deadly disease, a 100-percent guaranteed cure exists through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's own Son!

May each of us who already has been treated by this Physician of souls eagerly share the cure. Unlike some hesitant medic who could easily shy away from assisting with Ebola, this Medic fervently desires to be at the bedside of sinners. He says, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17)... Can we make help make an appointment for someone?

Blessings to all in Christ our Lord,

John A. Moldstad



ELS Lutheran Youth Association's Convention

The dates of July 24–27, 2014, were special ones for many of our synod's young people and counselors who assembled in Missoula, Montana, for the annual gathering. On Sunday, July 27, the Mt. Zion congregation of our sister synod (WELS) hosted a joint Communion service at its new location in Missoula. Throughout the week the opening words from Psalm 121 served as the theme. The group photo was taken while doing whitewater rafting about 40 miles from the city.

Installation

The installation of Rev. Nicholas D. Proksch as pastor of River Heights Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, was held at an evening service on Sunday July 13, 2014. The Rev. Joseph Abrahamson served as liturgist/lector and the Rev. James Kassera preached the sermon on Amos 7:14–16a. The Rev. Mark Faugstad, Circuit 8 Visitor, conducted the installation and Janet Sorenson was the organist. A luncheon was provided before the service by the River Heights Women's Guild.

Pictured from left to right: (front) Reverends Mark Faugstad, Nicholas Proksch & James Kassera; (back) Reverends Boyd Longshore & Joe Abrahamson.



CELC members

Pictured here are participants and guests at the 2014 Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference. The conference met earlier this summer in Lima, Peru, May 30 – June 2. We urge all to pray for our fellow believers from around the world who are part of our 29-member communicant fellowship.

Holland, Michigan

Rev. Ron Kruse was installed as the pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran in Holland, Michigan, on July 27, 2014. Pictured are (from left to right) are pastors: F. Adrian (WELS), P. Zager, R. Kruse (WELS) and P. Schneider. The ELS church in Holland has formed a joint-parish pastoral call arrangement with the WELS congregation in Allegan, Michigan.



Medford, Oregon, installation

On July 20, 2014, Rev. Matthew Crick was installed as pastor of Faith Lutheran in Medford, Oregon. ELS pastors on hand for the occasion were: T. Westendorf, G. Smith, M. Smith, J. Wilson and S. Sparley.

