

## Ukraine Assistance

The Gift of Life humanitarian ministry has offered to assist in caring for refugees from the fighting on the eastern border of Ukraine. Medical and Dental Clinics on Wheels are being prepared for this task. If you would like to donate to Gift of Life, you may do so through:

*Thoughts of Faith (GOL)*

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## Synodical Guidelines

Updated guidelines reflecting changes made at the 2014 convention are available on the synod website: <http://www.evangelicallutheransynod.org/download/Handbook.html>.

## Schedule

October 1-3 – ELS General Pastoral Conference in Bloomington, MN

October 14 – Synod Review Committee

October 19 – preach at 50th Anniversary of Gloria Dei Lutheran in Cold Spring, MN

October 20-21 – Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum (ELS/WELS), Waukesha, WI

October 26 – preach at Christ, Windsor, CA, and at Living Word, Petaluma, CA

October 30-31 – Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures

# President's Newsletter



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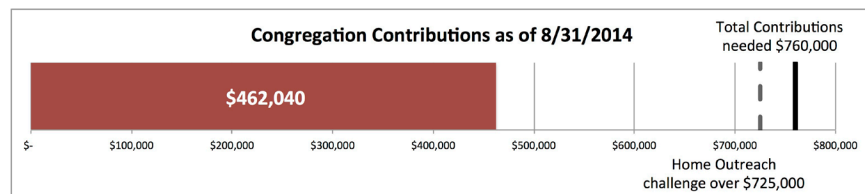
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## Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

Want a taste of heaven? There's no greater way for us weary sinners to experience this side of heaven the *joy of paradise* than by taking hold of the pure, free and full forgiveness offered in the holy Gospel of Christ and in his blessed sacraments. Recall how Dr. Luther early on in his efforts at reforming the church of his day expressed this sentiment when he first grabbed hold—by the Spirit's power—the astounding news that the “righteousness of God” (Romans 1:16, 17) was not the righteousness of *our own making* toward God but that of God declaring us righteous freely on account of His Son, Jesus Christ. Looking back on that “ah-ha!” moment Luther later declared: “Here I felt that I was altogether born anew and had entered Paradise itself through open gates!” So, in that precious gospel taste and see that the Lord is good! It whets the appetite for what surely is yet to come through faith in the Savior!

Blessings in Christ to you all as we work in his Vineyard,

John A. Moldstad



## Baptisms at Hope Lutheran

August 31 was an exciting Sunday at our mission congregation in Leander/Cedar Park, Texas. Troy, Tammy, and Brody Smith were washed with the waters of Holy Baptism. They became members of God's family and of also Hope Lutheran, under the shepherding of Rev. Brad Kerkow.

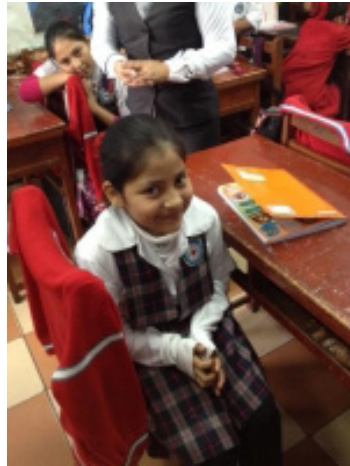


### Jesus Redentor School

In addition to two schools in the rainforest area of Peru and the high school there, two elementary schools and a small high school program are operated in Lima by our sister Peruvian church. Martin Lutero school serves 195 students in grades P-6 with 15 teachers/aides on staff in Reynoso. And at Jesus Redentor in Año Nuevo, 85 students are enrolled in grades K-6. The schools are basically self-supporting, charging tuition of about \$40 per month.

To learn more:

<http://www.evangelicallutheransynod.org/south-america-field-visit-4/>



*Student at school – Lima, Peru*



### Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary 2014-2015

Our Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary began classes on August 25th. Please remember these future pastors of our synod in your prayers! Pictured from left to right: (back) Aaron Ferkenstad, Daniel Ruiz, Andrew Soule, Josh Mayer, (front) Jeff Hendrix, Kurtis Freimuth, Noah Thompson, and Matthew Behmer. Not pictured: Michael Lilienthal, who is serving his vicarage year in Iola, Wisconsin.



### Board for Christian Service 2014

Recently the synod's Board for Christian Service met in Mankato, Minnesota, with a few newer members added to the board. Pictured (left to right): J. Moldstad (advisory), K. Wiederhoeft (advisory), M. O'Neill, B. Wosmek, D. Behr, Rev. E. Hoeft and Rev. P. Van Kampen (chairman). An additional task for this board is assisting our synod in ministering to ELS members serving in the military.

### Announcement of EMC Installation

At the Communion worship service for the ELS General Pastoral Conference on October 1 at Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minnesota, the Rev. Larry Wentzlaff will be installed as the Evangelism-Missions Counselor for the synod.

### Resignation and Appointments

Prof. Mark Harstad offered his resignation from the Centennial Committee. Rev. Peter Faugstad and Mrs. Lois Jaeger have consented to appointment on this committee.

### Ordination of Pastor Chung

Rev. Kyun Young Chung was ordained by Rev. Steven Petersen, our World Outreach Administrator, on Sunday, September 20, 2014, in Seoul, South Korea.

### Training Sessions in Korea

Training for ministry to Chinese-Koreans is being conducted in Seoul by Rev. John Vogt. The sessions are being held at the East Canaan Church which is pastored by Rev. Young Ha Kim.