



### Singers in Windsor

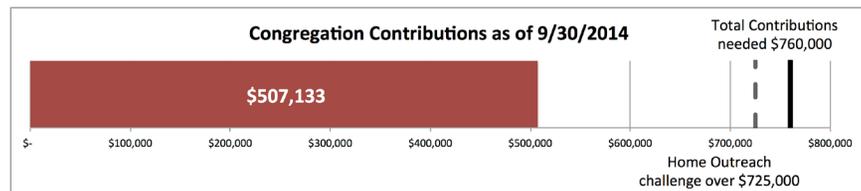
On Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2014, Pres. Moldstad served as guest preacher at Christ Lutheran in Windsor, California. Special music for the day included “A Mighty Fortress” sung in three languages (German, Spanish and English). Singers from Christ pictured above are: (front, from left) Marie Strong, Elizabeth Covert, Bruni Bagley; (back, from left) Heidi Galloway, Angel Bautista, Aurelia Bautista, and Heidi Scheiken. A wonderful German meal was served following a brief presentation on the work of our synod. Christ in Windsor (ELS) is part of a two-point parish with Living Word in Petaluma (WELS), served by Rev. Jeff Smith.

### Colloquy Information

Rev. David Emmons, Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, has applied for colloquy. Any information concerning Pastor Emmons should be communicated to the office of the president (jamjr@blc.edu) by November 18, 2014.

### President’s Schedule

- November 5-6 – Board for World Outreach
- November 6-7 – Board for Home Outreach
- November 10-11 – Board of Regents
- November 13 – Board of Trustees
- November 14 – Synod Review Committee
- November 18 – Preach at BLC chapel
- November 18 – Centennial Committee
- November 19 – Colloquy Committee
- November 21 – Michigan Winkel
- November 23 – Preach at St. John’s, Frankenmuth MI



# President’s Newsletter



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### Dear Fellow Workers in Christ’s Kingdom:

The writer of Proverbs has stated, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” (14:34). We are thankful to live in a nation where we not only can exercise the freedom to gather as Christians for worship each week but also be allowed to exercise voting privileges in a democracy governed by a constitution. Someone has said, “Fortunate is the land that has among its citizens even one Christian.” In this month of thankfulness as a nation and one with an important election day, may we as Christian citizens make use of the opportunity to participate in the voting process. We pray God would grant us good and wise rulers and enable peace and prosperity in keeping with his will.

Blessings in Christ,

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### Celebration at Cold Spring, Minnesota

A fiftieth anniversary service and special dinner took place at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Cold Spring, Minnesota, on October 19, 2014. Former pastor of the congregation, Rev. Rodney Flohr, served as lector; current pastor, Rev.



Cory Hahnke was the liturgist, and ELS Pres. J. Moldstad gave the sermon, “Glory Be to Jesus,” Revelation 1:5b–6. The text and the entire worship service was a duplication of the original worship service at the founding of Gloria Dei. The church joined the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the year of 1996. The congregation today also operates a preschool.



### General Pastoral Conference

The annual General Pastoral Conference met in Bloomington, Minnesota, on October 1–3, 2014. Papers presented this year were: “Great is the Holy One of Israel in the Midst of Thee: An Overview of Dr. Luther’s Great Confession of 1528” by Rev. Aaron Hamilton; “Compassion Fatigue: A Problem for Pastors,” by Rev. Jerry Gernander; “Arming Our Youth to Handle Contradictory Worldviews” by Rev. David Thompson; “The Antinomian Controversy with Application for Law and Gospel Preaching” by Rev. Peter Faugstad; and “Galatians 1–2: A Brief Summary of *Luther’s Works* 26 and an Exegesis of Galatians 2:11–21” by Rev. Michael Smith.



### Installation of Evangelism–Missions Counselor

Rev. Larry Wentzlaff was installed as the Evangelism–Missions Counselor for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod on October 1 at Heritage Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, Minnesota.



### Mission Rallies

Beginning in September and continuing through the month of February eight mission rallies are held throughout the country. Here the women in each area gather to learn about the status of our current missions in the United States and throughout the world and how they can support these missions. Cross-stitch often coordinates the offerings given at these rallies. This year Cross-stitch projects include: \$10,000 for orphans in **India**; \$2,500 for women’s scholarships in **Peru**; \$5,000 for home mission and evangelism outreach in the **United States**; \$2,500 for food for Amazon Lutheran High School in **Peru**; and \$2,500 for the English-as-foreign language program in **Chile**.

### Cyclone Hits India

Between October 7 and 14 a powerful cyclone (Hudhud) slammed into the coast of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, India, tearing down tens of thousands of mud thatch homes, and flattening rice and sugar cane plantations. The storm reached peak strength of 109 mph. Pastor G. J. Ananda Raju (Lutheran Mission of Salvation–India) reported that some of the LMSI elders in the coastal region experienced damage at the thatched worship places and also at the tiled worship houses. He then adds: “We thank the Lord, though the damages were severe, He protected them from great danger.” Please keep our Indian brothers and sisters in Christ in our prayers.



### ELS/WELS Forum 2014

The Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum met October 20–21. This biennial forum brings together administrators, leaders, and theologians of the ELS and Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to discuss theological issues and joint projects and as an expression of the unity that exists between the synods. This forum was held at the WELS mission and ministry center in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

