

President's Newsletter



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Copies of 2014 Reformation Lecturers

The annual Bjarne Wollen Teigen Memorial Lectures were held October 30–31, 2014, at our Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota. This year's theme was "Apologetics in Lutheranism." The lectures were very well attended, especially since there was much discussion on the subject of creation vs. evolution. The lectures by Prof. Allen Quist and Dr. Dan van Voorhis will appear in the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*, March 2015 issue.

Centennial Committee

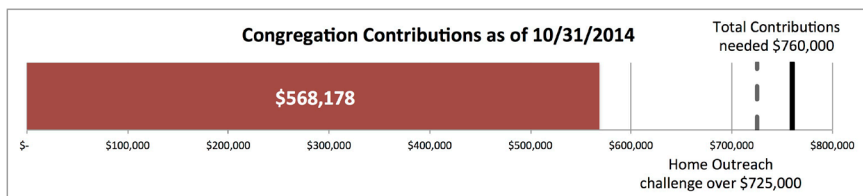
The Centennial Committee met recently to make plans for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 and the 100th anniversary of our synod in 2018. The committee consists of Craig Ferkenstad (chair), Peter Faugstad, Lois Jaeger, Don Moldstad, and John Moldstad. If you have a celebratory idea you would like to share, we encourage you to contact the committee's chairman, Pastor Ferkenstad.

Relief Funds Sent

Our synod's Board for Christian Service approved in the month of November a sum of \$15,000 to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in the LMSI (India). Much work has been needed in repairing hurricane-damaged worship centers in the Rajahmundry district.

President's Schedule

- December 1-2 – Doctrine Committee
- December 9 – Ottesen Museum Open House
- December 16 – Synod Review Committee
- January 20 – Planning & Coordinating Committee
- January 20-21 – Board for Youth Outreach
- January 23-28 – Board for Home Outreach and Home Outreach Seminar



December 2014

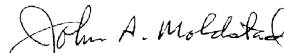
Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

May the familiar words of Dr. Luther find a home in your private prayer room and heart during this holy season commemorating our Savior's birth:

**Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.**

(ELH 123:13)

Blessings in the grace of the Holy Christ-child,


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Theater Bible School in Texas

Our home mission in the Austin, Texas, area, Hope Lutheran (Leander), conducted a theater Bible presentation at the end of the summer. Hope currently is in the planning stages of a building project. If you would like to read more about our ELS home missions and world missions, we invite you to check out this site: <http://www.evangelicallutheransynod.org/News/november-2014-missions-newsletter/>





Be sure to get your 2015 Mission Calendar!

The calendars have been distributed to each of our congregations. Please note the prayer reminders each month for the congregations in our mission fields and for our missionaries and their families.

Convention 2015

Plans are being made for the June 22–24, 2015, Synod Convention. This year we will be scheduling the essay and discussion sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. The theme chosen for our convention is “Engaging One Another With Jesus’ Teachings.” Our essayist, the Rev. Jon Madson of Okauchee, Wisconsin, will be leading us in a doctrinal review to assist us in conversing about our scriptural beliefs both with those inside and outside our fellowship.

Planning & Coordinating Committee in January

Our largest board in the synod, the Planning and Coordinating Committee, is set to meet on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at our synod’s office building (6 Browns Court) in Mankato, Minnesota. This committee consists of the chairmen of some of the various boards of the synod, the officers of the synod, and three elected laymen. The two main duties of the committee are: 1) to do strategic planning for our church body, while assessing and re-evaluating our stated goals; and 2) to prepare a budget (2016) for adoption at the upcoming 2015 convention.

Congregational Treasurers

We urge treasurers of our ELS congregations to submit synod offerings toward our 2014 congregation contribution portion of the budget no later than January 10, 2015. Our hope is that we will meet our goal of \$760,000, with any amount over \$725,000 earmarked for the use of developing home missions.



Worldview Conference in San Antonio

The San Antonio Biblical Worldview Conference will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas, February 6–7, 2015. Pastor Thompson writes, “It is designed especially for students (high school through college) and parents. It will also benefit pastors, teachers, elders, and laymen. More and more we live in a culture where Biblical Christianity is undermined and where many Christians are being misled by false worldviews that creep their way into culture. At this conference we will not only explain and expose these false worldviews, but also contend for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3) and prepare students and others to give a well-reasoned defense for the hope that we have (1 Pet. 3:15).” Presenters include Pastor Chris Rosebrough, Dr. Joel Heck, Pastor David Jay Webber, Dr. Dan van Voorhis, and Pastor David Thompson. More information can be found at the church website: flc-sa.org