

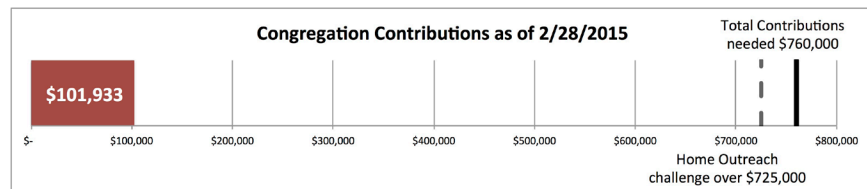


Circuit 7 Lock-In

The Circuit 7 Youth Lock-in took place in Albert Lea, Minnesota, during Presidents' Day Weekend. Youth and pastors from Our Savior's, Albert Lea; Hartland/Manchester; Pilgrim, Waterloo; and Richland, Thornton participated.

Schedule for April-May

- April 1 – Synod staff meeting
- April 14 – Colloquy at the seminary boardroom, Mankato, Minnesota
- April 15 – Synod Review Committee
- April 17 – CLC, WELS and ELS meet in Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- April 21-22 – Great Lake Pastoral Conference in Midland, Michigan
- April 21-22 – West Coast Pastoral Conference, Port Orchard, WA
- April 23-24 – Emmaus Conference, Parkland, Tacoma, WA
- April 27 – Pre-convention meeting, secretary and president
- April 28-29 – Board for World Outreach
- April 30-May 1 – Board for Home Outreach
- May 4 – Iowa Pastoral Conference, Forest City, Iowa
- May 7 – ELS Archives Committee
- May 11-12 – Board of Regents, Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary
- May 12 – Board of Trustees
- May 13 – Vicar Workshop
- May 13 – Seminary Commencement at 4:00 PM
- May 15 – Bethany Lutheran College Graduation at 10:30 AM
- May 18 – Circuit 8 Pastoral Conference, East Grand Forks, MN
- May 20 – Circuit 9 Pastoral Conference, BLC, Mankato, MN



President's Newsletter



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Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

Can you think of any day in history that surpasses the importance of what happened at the first Easter event? No significant happening on the calendar of human activity compares to the *magnitude* of Jesus' rising from the dead—especially when we each of us takes to heart what this means for us personally! "It means that the account was settled. Christ's resurrection was nothing else than the actual testimony which God the Father gave before heaven and earth, before angels and men, that all the demands of the eternal divine righteousness had now been fully met by Him. It means that the debt which Christ had pledged to pay had now actually been paid by Him to the last farthing..." (C.F.W. Walther, from an Easter sermon on Mark 16). Our own account of sins before God has been settled! Jesus Christ has died and risen. May we live in the assurance and comfort of this amazing, forgiving love! Because he lives, we too have life now and surely will personally—by faith in Him—share in the glorious resurrection with all the saints!

Blessings in our crucified and risen Savior,

John A. Moldstad

New Window Installed in Bethany's Old Main

A new stained glass window was installed at the entrance of Bethany's Old Main building in Mankato, Minnesota, on Thursday, March 13, 2015. The Bethany High School classes of 1952 and 1953 donated funds to create and install the stained glass, which is titled "The Way of the Cross." It depicts the life of Christ in the artwork with his birth, death on the cross, and resurrection.



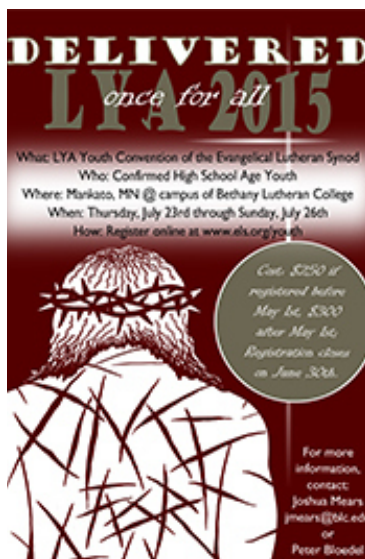


Helpers at Faith and Hope

Faith Lutheran in Carthage, Missouri, and Hope Lutheran in Leander, Texas, received help from young canvassers in the month of March. The Faith in Action teams visited over 1,100 homes around the city of Carthage, Missouri, and over 1,800 homes in the northwest Austin, Texas, region.

Colloquy, Part 2

The Rev. David Emmons, Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, after completing Part 1 of our colloquy process will enter Part 2 on April 14, 2015. Any correspondence regarding the colloquy should be directed to the office of our synod president.



Youth: Please sign up!

This year's ELS National Youth Convention, as sponsored by our Board for Youth Outreach, will occur at our synod's Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. The theme for the three-day convention will be: *Delivered Once for All*. We encourage early registration for the July 23–26 activities. Please go to: <http://els.org/lya15/>

Synod Convention 2015

Our Evangelical Lutheran Synod Convention is scheduled for June 21–25. The 3:00 PM worship service for Synod Sunday, July 21, 2015, will have as preacher the Rev. Jerome Gernander of Princeton, Minnesota, and as liturgist the Rev. Robert Harting, Thornton, Iowa. The essay will be delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 PM each day and will center on theme: *Engaging One Another With Jesus' Teachings*. The Rev. Jonathan Madson, Okauchee, Wisconsin, will serve as our essayist. Pastors and delegates!—Please register soon! You may do so online at: <http://els.org/2015convention/>



Special Issue For Distribution!

Each one of our ELS congregations has received this past week an important bundle. Our news magazine called *Mission News* contains numerous pictures telling/showing the story of the souls who have been touched by the message of Jesus as the Savior throughout the seven foreign countries in which we are privileged to work as a church body. **Please take a copy and familiarize yourself with our synod's mission work in Peru, Chile, Latvia, Czech Republic, Ukraine, India and Korea! We urge all to pray for the pastors, teachers and gospel workers in these countries.**