

Call for Nominations: Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

Pursuant to the guidelines of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for calling a professor to the seminary (cf. Guidelines for Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary II.A.2), the Board of Regents of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota, herewith issues to the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod a call for nominations to a professorship.

The nominees must be ordained clergymen of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod or of its fellowship.

Nominees are to be qualified primarily to teach Old Testament, which requires expertise in the Hebrew language. They shall have a secondary qualification in Symbolics (Confessions of the church) and Church History. In addition to this, they will serve as the supervisor of the Senior Research Project program. The individual called will begin teaching fall 2017.

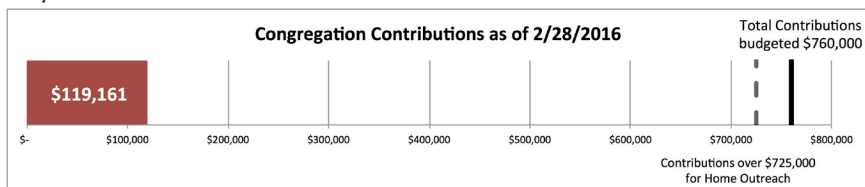
Nominations are to reach the undersigned by June 1, 2016.

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Upcoming Events: els.org/about/calendar/

- April 4-5 – Board for Education
- April 6 – Synod Review Committee
- April 8 – Centennial Committee
- April 12-13 – Great Lakes Conference, Okauchee, Wisconsin
- April 13,15 – West Coast Conference, Yelm, Washington
- April 14 – Emmaus Free Conference, Parkland, Tacoma, Washington
- April 17 – Pres. Moldstad to preach at St. Luke, Mt. Vernon, Washington
- April 24 – Pres. Moldstad to preach at Clearwater Parish, Oklee, Minnesota
- April 24 – Circuit 8 Lay Conference, Oak Park, Oklee, Minnesota
- May 3 – Board of Trustees
- May 5-6 – Board for Home Outreach
- May 9-10 – Board of Regents
- May 11 – Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary Commencement
- May 13 – Bethany Lutheran College Commencement
- May 25 – Pastoral Conference, Circuits 7-9
- May 26 – Ad hoc Veterans' Memorial Committee



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President's Newsletter



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Dear Fellow Workers in Christ's Kingdom:

Somebody once said, "What a grand world it would be if we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings." The post-Easter season, which really is our entire life on this earth, stands to remind us how troubles in life truly are fleeting in comparison to the glory that awaits believers. Through faith in the saving merits of our risen Lord Jesus, we will one day—both in body and soul—join with Christians who have gone before us in enjoying an eternity of complete bliss, praising the Lamb at the center of the throne! So... got troubles? Yes, they are real. But they are also time-limited. "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all," 2 Corinthians 4:17. Have a great post-Easter!

Blessings in Christ,

John A. Moldstad

Thankful for gifts received

Our synod, college, and seminary were presented several checks in March from the estate of Jeanette Ruth Gulbrandson of Albert Lea, Minnesota, who died February 16, 2015, at the age of 90. Jeanette was a student at Bethany Lutheran High School (1943 grad). The gifts were brought by Jeanette's nephew, David Swanson, on behalf of the Gulbrandson family. Thoughts of Faith, Helping Hands, Cross-stitch, Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Bethany Lutheran College, and two ELS congregations were all recipients of the estate. We thank God for the life of Jeanette, and that of her earlier departed husband Howard, and we pray God blesses these gifts for the benefit of His Kingdom's work in spreading the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Youth Retreat

Circuit 7 (Southern Minnesota and Iowa) held their annual winter youth retreat in Albert Lea, Minnesota, in early March. Youth from as far north as Mankato, Minnesota, and as far south as Indianola, Iowa, were in attendance; in all there were 17 youth ranging from grades 6 to



12. Pastor James Kassera, Pastor Matt Pfeifer (WELS), Vicar Jeff Hendrix, and one lay adult were in attendance to lead devotions, Bible study, and help with activities. The group enjoyed games to work on team-building and communication, a few hours on the rock wall, and water polo and swimming to close out the day. “This was a wonderful event again this year. Thanks to all who participated, and we hope to see everyone again next winter,” says Pastor Kassera.

Seminary Pastors’ Institute

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary will host a Pastors’ Institute July 6–7 in Mankato, Minnesota. Professor Timothy Schmeling will give a presentation on “Concordia, Discordia, Et Irenicum: The Reception of the Book of Concord in Seventeenth Century Braunschweig Lutheranism.” This presentation will demonstrate how the Book of Concord was received in the northern German states. It explains some of the conflicts involved in the acceptance of the Book of Concord in Lutheran lands and helps explain the genesis of the Syncretistic Controversy (ca. 1645–86) of the seventeenth century. Pres. Gaylin Schmeling will give a presentation on “Church of the Lutheran Confession: Then and Now,” centering on the origin and recent history of the CLC.

Synod Convention

The 2016 Synod Convention will take place June 19–23 on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. The theme this year is “Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: Give Thanks to His Name!” Convention registration materials are available at els.org/2016convention

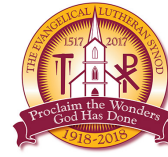


Tell of all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:2

Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done

**Give Thanks
to His Name!**

Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Anniversary

You’ve seen the synod’s Anniversary Logo in the *Lutheran Sentinel*. It is available for download on the synod’s web-site for use by congregations and boards. The web-site also has other anniversary resources: els.org/anniversaries/

LYA Convention

The 2016 LYA Convention will take place in Dallas, Texas, July 28–31. Early registrations are due by May 1. Learn more and register at els.org/lya16/



Board for World Outreach 2016

The ELS Board for World Outreach met March 30–31 in Mankato. Pictured are (back row, L to R): Mr. Tom Conzelmann, President John Moldstad, Pastors Tom Heyn and Brad Kerkow, Vicar Matt Behmer, Mr. Silas Born; (front row, L to R): Pastors Tim Buelow, Wayne Halvorson & John Petersen, Mr. Dan Browning, World Outreach Administrator Steve Petersen. The board includes three former international missionaries, one current home missionary, two Spanish-speakers, and others who have served in various world mission capacities for many years.

Work in Peru

Pictured are students at the Bible Institute of the Amazon Jungle in Tarapoto, Peru. The ELS sponsors week-long classes every-other month for about twelve members of the Shawi tribe. The students study under the Rev. Ronal Rivas and Lima Seminary Prof. Jaime Cortez, and then return to thatch-roof jungle villages to serve small congregations.

