

Mission Rally at Western Koshkonong

The Wisconsin ELS Women's Missionary Society met on Saturday, October 20, at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church. The assembly viewed the Cross-stitch presentation by Chelsea Dietsche, highlighting her work as a teacher of English in our Chile mission. Bill and Faith Krug also presented information on their work teaching in the Czech Republic and about our mission work there. Rev. Paul Fries shared information about all seven of our mission fields. The church provided coffee, snacks and a wonderful meal for everyone.



Reformation Lectures

The Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures were held on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College on October 25 and 26. The theme for the lectures was, "Bible Translations for the 21st Century." Dr. Cameron MacKenzie of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, presented the lecture, "Battling Over Bibles: Episodes in the History of Translating the Scriptures." President Paul Wendland of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, presented the lecture, "Formal and Functional Equivalence in Bible Translation."



Prayer Requests

We urge all to pray for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. We ask God to grant wisdom, courage and strength to our leaders, to law enforcement and rescue workers, to the National Guard and to all involved in helping others.

Disaster Relief

If any would like to make a special donation to assist with recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, we urge you to send your gifts to:

Hurricane Sandy Relief

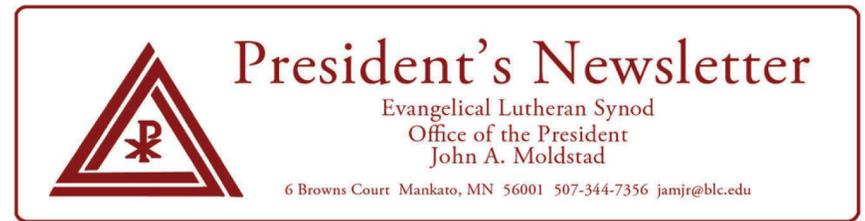
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Our Board for Christian Service will be in touch with WELS in how best to direct these funds for relief purposes.

President's schedule

November 1-2 - Board for Home Outreach
November 8-9 - Board for World Outreach
November 10 - ELS Historical Society
November 12-14 - Board of Regents
November 13 - Board of Trustees
November 15 - Synod staff meeting
November 15 - Lingenfelder colloquy
November 16-17 - Circuit #9 Retreat
November 19 - Circuit 8 Winkel
December 9 - preach at Christ the King, Green Bay, WI (20th anniversary)
December 10-11 - Doctrine Committee



November 2012

Hurricane recovery. Elections. Thanksgiving. New church year. November 2012 carries with it a mix of emotions. But there is a tie-in: Our God, who gives us all that we have and need for this life, is also the God who in his providence watches over his creation and governs it - whatever type elected. He does so for our benefit and for the furtherance of his Gospel kingdom. Among items listed by Luther in his meaning to the Fourth Petition are these: "...good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like." But we especially want to draw attention to a remark in our synod's Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism: "God's providence is most clearly seen in the gift of His Son, whom He sent to give sinners the heavenly treasures and to deliver them from the corruption of this world" (Chapter 16, God's Providence, conclusion). May God bless us with thankful hearts and with full trust in his plans for all that lies ahead.

John A. Moldstad

Rally in the West

Kay Kassulke from Medford, Oregon, presided at the Women's Mission Rally for Circuit #12 held at Christ Lutheran, Sutherlin, Oregon, on September 29, 2012. Presentations were made by Anita Smith on the Indian orphans' education programs, Prof. Michael Smith on home missions, and Rev. Steven Petersen on education projects in each of our foreign mission fields.



Daily Email Devotions

Beginning on the First Sunday in Advent, a daily email devotion consisting of a Bible reading, hymn verse and prayer, will be available from the ELS. To sign up for this free service, go to: www.els.name/devotions.

Memory Work for Children

On My Heart is a memory work program designed to bring the material presented in Sunday school into the home. It is a tool to help parents add memory work into their daily family devotion time. The On My Heart program is a four-semester cycle that covers the books of the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, 60 Bible verses, and the main events of the Old and New Testament timelines. The material is FREE. Please check it out at: <http://www.on-my-heart.com/whatIsIt.shtml>



ELS General Pastoral Conference

The 2012 conference was held at the Ramada Inn near the Mall of America, October 2-4. Papers at this year's conference were: part 2 of Rev. Steven Sparley's study on the "Christological Nature of the Psalms"; Rev. James Krikava's "The Te Deum: History and Use"; an exegetical treatment of Acts 17:16-34 by Rev. Timothy Hartwig; "Lutheran Spirituality and the Pastor" by Pres. Gaylin Schmeling; and "Counseling at the Empty Tomb," by Rev. David Russow.



Christ in Media at BLC

On October 12-14 about 100 participants from around the world attended the Christ in Media Institute at our Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota.



Southern Minnesota Mission Rally

The mission rally for southern Minnesota was held on October 20, 2012, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Princeton, Minnesota.

Colloquy Notice

A colloquy has been scheduled for the Rev. Fred Lingenfelder on November 15, 2012. Rev. Lingenfelder is a former LCMS pastor. Upon successful completion of the colloquy, Rev. Lingenfelder will assist at Redeemer Lutheran, Scottsdale, Arizona. Any pertinent information regarding this colloquy should be addressed to the ELS president's office.

ELS Women's Mission Fall Rally for Circuit 3

The rally was held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Weston, Ohio with 33 in attendance. The theme was "Women of All Ages, Engage Others with Jesus." Rally registration began at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and goodies served. Morning worship services begin at 9:50 a.m. with the Rev. John E. Merseeth, Sr., preaching the sermon, the Rev. Luke Ulrich read the lessons, and the organist was Karen Richards. The guest speakers for the rally were Joslyn Moldstad, day school teacher and author. She spoke on how women of all ages "Engage Others with Jesus." In the afternoon our synod's president spoke on home & foreign missions and the general work of our synod.



Reports were given of mission activities for the year 2012 by the various women's groups. The designation of offerings was decided at the afternoon business meeting, with over \$1400.00 divided between Cross-stitch, Lord of Life Lutheran Church (Holland, Michigan), and Faith Mission Society. Elections were held and a wonderful lunch was served by the women of Grace.

Installations

The Rev. Andrew Palmquist was installed as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne, Minnesota, on September 30, 2012.



The Rev. Wayne Halvorson was installed as pastor of Forest and Zion Lutheran Churches in Forest City and Thompson, Iowa, on October 21, 2012.

Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum



Representatives of the ELS and WELS met on Monday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 23 at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary in Mankato, Minnesota. The Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum meets biennially to discuss our work in the Lord's kingdom, encourage one another and strengthen the bond of fellowship.