

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

April 7, 2003

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus died triumphantly, And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
O hear!
What cheer!
Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth—
He was dead, but see, He liveth! (ELH # 348)**

Dear Fellow Workers:

Take great comfort and joy in knowing that our dear Savior conquered the power of sin, Satan and hell. What a message to proclaim to others! What a message to believe personally! Because our Redeemer rose from the grave, you and I—by faith in Him—will also one day rise to life everlasting. Have a truly God-pleasing celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SYNOD CALLS

- Rev. Erik Gernander to the Ulen/Hawley parish – (holding)
- Rev. Karl Anderson to Heritage Lutheran, Apple Valley, MN – (holding)
- Rev. Robert Sawall (WELS) to be interim pastor at St. Paul Lutheran, Clintonville, WI – (accepted)
- Rev. William Kessel (WELS) to Bethany Lutheran College to the Bolstad Chair of “Contemporary Culture and Christianity” – (accepted)
- Mr. Heath Dobberpuhl (WELS) to be principal at Our Saviour Lutheran School, Lake Havasu City, AZ – (returned)

VACANCIES

- Grace Lutheran, Weston, OH
- Emmaus Lutheran, Chicago, IL, and St. Mark's Lutheran, Chicago, IL
- Heritage Lutheran, Apple Valley, MN
- Our Savior Lutheran, Bishop, CA
- Our Savior's Lutheran, Hawley, MN, and Calvary Lutheran, Ulen, MN

NEWS FROM HOME MISSIONS

- The new building for Peace Lutheran in North Mankato, MN, is now completed. The day of dedication is yet to be announced.
- The new sanctuary for Abiding Shepherd in Bowling Green, OH, will be dedicated on May 4, 2003.

APPOINTMENTS

- Rev. Jesse Jacobsen has been appointed as an advisory member to the Board for Publications. He will serve as a liaison between the Board and the Committee for Informational Technologies (CFIT).
- Prof. Mark Harstad has been appointed to a three-year term to the Board of Directors

of the ELS Historical Society.

Prof. Michael Smith has been appointed to serve as assistant to our synod's secretary for the upcoming convention.

CONGREGATIONS JOINING THE ELS IN JUNE

Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Springboro, OH

Saved By Grace Lutheran, Medford, OR

Apostles Lutheran, Ukiah, CA

REMEMBER TO SEND IN

Pastors and church secretaries: Our Bethany Lutheran College would like to remind you to fill out and send in the "Confirmation T-shirt Mailing." The list of names and addresses of the youth from your congregations is vital for the recruitment files of BLC.

The new Hall of Math and Science at Bethany Lutheran College



CORRECTION

The Board for Publications informs us that the bulletin insert to be distributed on April 27th for the Mother's Day offering naturally should read "Christian Service Board" instead of "Christian Science Board."

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for the men and women from our Evangelical Lutheran Synod who are serving in our military. Also, if you have not already done so, please send names of men and women from your congregation who are serving in the military to Melvina

Aaberg maaberg@blc.edu.

FOREIGN MISSIONS - CHILE

Missionary David Lillegard and his wife Ione are helping in our Chile mission for a period of up to a year. Recently our Missions Counselor, Rev. Steven Petersen, and Rev. Wayne Halvorson of the Board for Foreign Missions visited our mission field in the Santiago area. On Sunday, March 9th, they witnessed Missionary Oto Rodriguez baptize three babies and confirm four adults at Las Vertientes; also two other babies were baptized at Linares. Praise God for the spread of his life-giving Word!

CHOIR DIRECTORS

During this year's synod convention, a presentation will be given on "Small Church Choirs" by Sherry Lawson of Bethany Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN. The tentative schedule for the presentation will be Wednesday, June 18th, from 1-4 p.m. Our synod's Committee on Worship urges our congregations to have interested members attend this free workshop.

INAUGURATION

On Saturday, March 29, 2003, the academic inauguration of Dr. Dan Bruss was held at our Bethany Lutheran College. Our prayers go with Dan and his wife Kathy and their children, Elisabeth and Robert as Dr. Bruss takes up the reins of our synod's college.



OTHER BLC NEWS

The following individuals have been asked to teach at Bethany this coming fall:
Polly Browne (Elementary Education) - holding
Ryan MacPherson (History) - accepted
Orren Ausen (Librarian) - accepted

ELS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In honor of this year's 150th anniversary of the founding of the old Norwegian Synod, the ELS Historical Society is sponsoring a special gathering at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church near Cottage Grove, WI. The program and meeting will be on Saturday, June 14, 2003, and will include historical sketches of the origins of the Norwegian Synod. There also will be a tour of the sites of the first two Norwegian services, other churches connected with the founding, the site of the first seminary in Madison, and the first mission congregation of the ELS, Holy Cross in Madison.

A chartered bus will leave Mankato on Friday, June 13th, at 10:00 a.m. For bus reservations, contact Erling Teigen at 507-388-8327 (home) 507-344-7327 (office) or eteigen@blc.edu.

Overnight motel reservations are available at Chose Family Inn, 1124 West Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589.

Reservations must be made by May 15th. Each room is double, capable of sleeping 4 people. The room rate, to date, tax included, is \$69.58; phone: 1-800-521-1581, local: (608) 873-0330, Fax: (608) 873-8904; Website: www.choseinn.com

- 2003 CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

Theme: "A Table in the Wilderness"

Essayist: Rev. Craig Ferkenstad

Synod Sunday preacher: Rev. Fred Theiste

Seminary Graduation preacher: Prof. Michael Smith

Dedication service (Synod Sunday) for the Missions/Archives building at 4 Browns Court: Rev. George Orvick, arrangements

Chaplain: Rev. Brad Homan

Devotion speakers: Rev. Joel Willitz, Rev. Steven Sparley, Rev. Herb Huhnerkoch, Rev. Richard Wiechmann (Anniversary service), Prof. Wilhelm Petersen (Memorial service). Afternoon opening readings: Rev. Arlen Dethlefsen and Rev. Timothy Zenda

Order of Service for Sunday and Wednesday evening: Prof. Dennis Marzolf, arrangements

Painting/Poster: Prof. W. Bukowski

Special Hymn: Rev. Paul Madson

Special editions of the *Lutheran Sentinel & LSQ*:

Rev. Don Moldstad will assist editors Gullixson and Schmeling.

Video and brochure highlighting 35 years in Peru and 10 years in Chile: Board for Foreign Missions

Monday afternoon: Reception for the women visiting the convention held at the newly acquired BLC president's house; hosted by the Mankato chapter of the Bethany Women's Auxiliary

Monday evening: Cross-stitch presentation at 7 o'clock

Tuesday evening: 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Supper hosted by Mt. Olive – Freewill mission offering

Tuesday evening program: ELS Historical Society

Reception in Great Room: Norseland Bethany Auxiliary

ELS history timeline:

Dave Norris, Prof. M. Harstad, and Prof. M. DeGarmeaux

Wednesday Communion service:

Pres. J. A. Moldstad, preacher

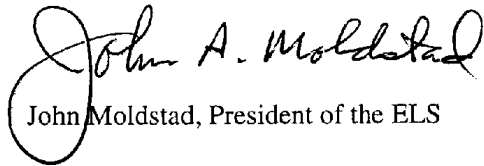
Vice Pres. G. Obenberger, liturgist

Ushers for the convention: Rev. Roger Holtz and Rev. Micah Ernst

Medallion commemorating the sesquicentennial: ELS Historical Society

May the news of our Lord's glorious resurrection sustain you and empower you to share the life-giving Gospel in your congregations and communities.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Moldstad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Moldstad, President of the ELS

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