

## Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done

Anniversary Thankoffering 2016-2018

## A message from your offering committee:

In a time when population movement to suburban areas is unprecedented, many are finding it more difficult to find a church of our fellowship. Others realize that there is something very special about the ELS and its dedication to the truth of God's Word. That is why it is truly worthy of our support.

At the same time, it is our purpose as Jesus' followers to be God's instruments in reaching the lost, comforting the sick and assuring the dying that through faith in Jesus Christ their salvation is sure. One way we fulfill our purpose is through our offerings in support of missions through our synod.

That is why we seek to fulfill our Lord's command with this special offering in order to

- go and make disciples of all the nations (Matt. 28:18-20),
- prepare under-shepherds to care for Christ's people (Acts 20:28b),
- reach the lost and dying for Christ (Lu. 19:10), and
- comfort and strengthen the saints (1 Thess. 4:18).



God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever.
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.

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What a joyous heritage we have as Lutherans and as members of the ELS! As we celebrate our Lutheran heritage in observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the 100th anniversary of our Synod, we ask you to join us in helping to spread the Gospel through Home Missions.

By God's grace we join with you, our ELS brethren from around the country, in

seeking to raise \$1,500,000 for home missions.

Let's not stop there. Let's join together in setting up deferred gifts with gift annuities, trusts or bequests to keep our home missions strong well into the future.

Some already prayerfully have made this commitment and given at this year's synod convention. Others have promised monthly gifts. As Proverbs reminds us, "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways ..." (14:8) May we all generously support this offering.

## Three Ways to Give:

- 1. Give through your church.
  - *Note that your gift is for the Anniversary Thankoffering.*
- 2. Go online to els.org/donate.
  - Select "Anniversary Offering." Or, you can set up monthly payments by setting up a profile for reoccurring gifts).
- 3. Send in your gift to the ELS office and address it to

Anniversary Offering 6 Browns Ct Mankato, MN 56001

Call 507-344-7311 if you would like assistance.