Anniversary Thankoffering

Thanks to all our parishes who have begun sharing the offering with their members. We would love it if you gave your offering through your congregation. But feel free to give directly to: Anniversary Offering, 6 Browns Ct, Mankato, MN 56001. Cash gifts, challenge gifts, planned and deferred gifts are all great ways to help our Anniversary Offering for home outreach. Call 507-469-9656 if you have questions or would like to set up deferred and/or make a matching/challenge gift.

Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done Thankoffering

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Upcoming Events: [http://els.org/about/calendar/]

October 3-4 – Board for Education
October 4 – Board for Youth Outreach
October 4 – Board for Christian Service
October 5-7 – ELS General Pastoral Conference
October 7 – Committee on Worship
October 9 – 100th Anniversary of King of Grace, Golden Valley MN
October 9 – 125th Anniversary of Western Koshkonong, Cottage Grove WI
October 11 – Missions Advancement Project, Inc.
October 17-18 – Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum
October 23 – 160th Anniversary of Trinity, West Bend WI
October 27-28 – Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures
October 28 – Centennial Committee
October 30 – Dedication of Hope, Farmington MN
November 1 – Board of Trustees
November 2 – Committee for Archives and History
November 3-4 – Board for Home Outreach
November 6 – 25th Anniversary of Family of God, Fort Mohave AZ
November 6 – 60th Anniversary of Grace, Weston OH
November 6 – 75th Anniversary of Redeemer, New Hampton IA
November 9-10 – Board for World Outreach
November 14-15 – Board of Regents
November 16 – Synod Review Committee
November 17 – Committee for Communication
November 27 – Ordination of Matthew Behmer at Christ the King, Bell Gardens CA

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Dear Fellow Workers in Christ’s Kingdom:

Happy October 31! We as spiritual heirs of the Lutheran Reformation prize highly the blessings we enjoy today through the productive life of God’s faithful servant, Dr. Martin Luther. Think of how Luther’s main reform for the church has had an impact on you and me and those we are privileged to teach. The restoration of the chief teaching of the Bible to its rightful place of prominence means everything to us! It is the teaching that we poor sinners are justified personally—declared forgiven and righteous—not by good works, but by God’s grace alone, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. This means we are certain of having eternal life! This also is the certainty of salvation we are privileged to pass on to others. What a tremendous change comes through the news of this insuperable inheritance!

Blessings in the name of our Savior,

John A. Moldstad

Anniversary at Redeeming Grace

On Sunday, September 25, Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church (Rogers, Minnesota) celebrated its tenth year as a mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It was a wonderful day and the Lord blessed both the morning and afternoon services held at Redeeming Grace. Special guests, such as Pastor David Russow, the Rev. Steve Peterson, and Pastor Bobby Oberg, helped direct hearts and minds to the true treasure we have through Word and Sacrament: Christ Jesus. In view of God’s abundant blessings, a special thankoffering was gathered for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for its ten years of faithful support. “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished” (1 Chronicles 28:20). The present pastor of Redeeming Grace is the Rev. Joshua Mayer.
Dedication in Farmington

One of our synod's home missions, Hope Lutheran in Farmington, Minnesota, will dedicate its first church building on October 30. President Moldstad will preach for the festive occasion. “One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple” (Psalm 27:4).

Nominees for Professorship at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

The Board of Regents of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota, announces that the following have been placed in nomination for Professor of Old Testament at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota.

Nominees: Nominated by:

Joseph Abrahamson Christ, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mt. Olive, Mankato, MN; Parkland, Tacoma, WA; Scarville, Scarville, IA; St. Luke, Mt. Vernon, WA; St. Timothy, Lombard, IL

Mark DeGarmeaux Christ, Port St. Lucie, FL; Hope, West Jordan, UT; Parkland, Tacoma, WA; St. Luke, Mt. Vernon, WA

Christian Eisenbeis Board of Regents

Timothy Hartwig Board of Regents

Matthew Moldstad Board of Regents; Gloria Dei, Cold Spring, MN; Our Savior’s, Albert Lea, MN; Peace, Kissimmee, FL

Timothy Nass Board of Regents

Nicholas Proksch Gloria Dei, Cold Spring, MN; Grace, Vero Beach, FL; Holy Scripture, Midland, MI; Holy Trinity, Okauchee, WI; Mt. Olive, Mankato, MN; Our Savior’s, Albert Lea, MN

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Steven Sparley Christ, Port St. Lucie, FL; Hope, West Jordan, UT; Parkland, Tacoma, WA; Redeemer, Iola, WI; Redeemer, Scottsdale, AZ; Saved By Grace, Gresham, OR; Scarville, Scarville, IA; St. Luke, Mt. Vernon, WA; St. Timothy, Lombard, IL; Trinity, Brewster, MA

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Part I Colloquy

On September 22, 2016, the Rev. Robert Lawson, Sr., who serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Princeton, Minnesota, successfully completed Part I of his colloquy. Members of the Colloquy Committee are: the Rev. G. Obenberger, the Rev. G. Schmeling, the Rev. E. Ekhoff, the Rev. E. Teigen, the Rev. T. Hartwig, G. Costello, and Pres. Moldstad. No date has been set yet for Part II.