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 - 1. Are generally available to researchers, and that
 - 2. Have no extraordinary restriction on their use.
- B. Closed materials: records that
 - 1. Are generally not available to researchers, or
 - 2. Are usually restricted because of their recent creation, or
 - 3. May, upon application for research, be opened to researchers in special circumstances.
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 - 1. Are not available to any researchers, or that
 - 2. Will become "closed materials" after a specific period of time designated by the officer or board creating the material, or by the donor, and agreed to by the archivist.

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Armed Services / Military Support

S701

Abstract: In February 1941, the synod president appointed an Army and Navy Commission which continued for five years until 1946 (*Synod Report* 1946, pages 52–53). In 1952, the “Armed Services Commission of the Norwegian Synod” was organized. Among other duties, names were gathered of service personnel and regular mailings were prepared. In 1962 the work was assigned to the Publications Board. In 1967, the work of the Armed Services Secretary of the Publications Board was transferred to the Youth Board. The revised 2012 guidelines chose not to assign the duty to “Maintain a current file of armed services personnel and provide them with worthwhile devotional materials and tracts.” The following year, the synod instructed the Board for Christian to establish guidelines pertaining to the synod’s military personnel. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed resulting in additional these duties being assigned to the Board for Christian Service in 2014.

Following a resolution from the 2012 synod convention, the synod’s president appointed an additional Ad Hoc committee to determine the feasibility of maintaining a military monument (see Military Monument, S2252).

Dates: 1950s–1980s

Extent: 1 box

Series: The collection consists of mailings to military personnel.

Also see: Armed Services Materials from WWII (T.N. Teigen collection: CD205.B.G) [including *Service-Mens Bulletin*, No.8,9,11,12 (1944–45)].

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BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

S270–271, S420

Abstract: Bethany Ladies College was founded in 1911 by the Evangelical Lutheran Educational Association, which was an s of members of the Synodical Conference. Albert F. Winter, who was the pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, was instrumental in the establishment of the college. While the school rented temporary quarters, fifteen acres of land were purchased on McMahan Hill, and construction of a building began in 1911. After constructing the main building and the classroom building, there were not sufficient funds to complete the music hall, and the foundation for that building finally was removed in 1934.

The college was offered to the ELS at the 1925 convention, but the synod did not feel it could make such a hasty decision. The following year, the college was purchased by a group of eleven pastors and laymen. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod assumed the ownership and operation of Bethany Lutheran College in 1927. The debt on the college was liquidated in 1943 with the National Lutheran Education Association, consisting of members of the Synodical Conference, providing significant financial support to the college during its early years. The Bethany Development Association also supported the college, 1948–95.

Bethany Lutheran High School conducted classes side-by-side with the college, sharing the same faculty and the same dormitories, and continued until 1969.

Full accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was granted in 1974. In 2001 the first students were graduated with baccalaureate degrees.

Building constructed/dedicated: Old Main (1913), President's House (1936) Gymnasium-Auditorium (1959), Boiler House (1963?), Teigen Hall (1969), Memorial Library (1969), S.C. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center (1990), Larson Hall (1994), Sports and Fitness Center renovation (1995), Anderson Hall renovation (1995), Old Main Renovation (1995), Trinity Chapel (1996), Teigen Hall renovation (1996), Memorial Library (1998), Gullixson Hall (1999), Communication Center enlargement (2000—former seminary building, today: Milton E. Tweit Hall), Marvin G. Meyer Hall of Science and Mathematics (2002), Edgewood Hall (2005), President's Hall renovation (2004), Rudolph E. Honsey Hall (2010). The college also operated the Marvin M. Schwan Retreat and Conference Center near Trego, Wisconsin, 1998–2005.

President have been: Holden M. Olsen (1927–29), Sigurd C. Ylvisaker (1930–50), Bjarne W. Teigen (1950–70), Raymond M. Branstad (1970–77), Norman S. Holte (1978–82), Marvin G. Meyer (1982–2002), Dan R. Bruss (2003–15), Gene R. Pfeifer (2015–).

Dates: 1927–2002

Extent: 11 boxes

Notes: Bethany Ladies' College: S1073.6–12
Ledge of Faculty & Students (1913–15): S1073.13
Faculty Women's Club (1961–95): BS.L
Finances (Treasurer's Book, 1928–45): S.1083
Financial Ledger (1953–58): S.1089
Financial Ledger, 1967–69): S.1090

The main archival files of Bethany Lutheran College are housed in the library of Bethany Lutheran College.

Also see: Correspondence re: purchase of BLC: (1930–32): CD.221.15 [H. M. Tjernagel files]
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Series: Bethany Auxiliary

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Dates: 1939–61

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: Board of Regents

S420

Dates: 1935–99

Extent: 12 boxes

Series: Minutes (1953–63): S420.A
Articles of Incorporation ()
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Minutes (1927–31): S270
Minutes (1928–55): S420.A [Iver Johnson]
Minutes/Reports (1959–69): S420.C
Correspondence (1935–43): S420.D
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Notes: Grants

Physical Plant

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Also see: Iver Johnson Papers: Board of Regents Minutes, 1928–55: BS 2.42.5.

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Series: **Bethany Development Association**

BS-C (2)

Abstract: History: The Bethany Development Association was brought into existence through necessity, the necessity of conserving time. In 1948 certain Bethany College officials learned that a tract of land adjacent to the campus could be acquired. A few friends of Bethany with foresight and a vision saw that an area such as this was essential to a Greater Bethany. This tract was also being considered as a hospital site; this fact, known by our friends of Bethany, made it imperative that this transaction be closed immediately or it would be lost to Bethany forever. They began to cast about for some means to close this transaction and the result was a non-profit organization able to buy, sell, and exchange property immediately, without the time lag which would occur if these projects were brought before the synod convention. This first transaction was successful, providing Bethany College with a much need athletic field. In 1950 the Synod gave its blessing to this worthy group and urged that it continue its good work.

Purpose: The purpose of the Bethany Development Association is to improve, extend develop and beautify the campus and other facilities of Bethany Lutheran College. The Association provides an organization that is mobile, yet responsible, and which can therefore act for and in the interest of the College with both authority and dispatch.

Projects Undertaken and completed: a) purchased area for athletic field, b) purchased organ, c) backed purchase of gym bleachers, d) renovated tennis courts. [taken from the brochure *Bethany Development Association*]

Dates: 1958–81, 1996

Extent: 2 folders

Files: 1958–72: BS-C (2).3.M [M. H. Otto files]

1955–81, 1996 (including Bylaws): BS-C (2).26

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Series: **Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary properties**

S271

Dates: 1942–96

Extent: 2 boxes

Notes: Also includes:

Auditors' reports (BLC, 1935–41,1966)

Deeds/Mortgages (1953–77)

Retired Bonds (1942–44)

Also: Minutes (1927–31)

Container List: file cabinet (printed)

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Series: **Bethany Lutheran College Faculty**

Faculty Minutes

BS-C.2.o-r (Milton Otto)

Extent: 5 folders

Series: 1965–76

Johnson, Iver

BS 2.42.5

Extent: 1 box

Series: Board of Regents Minutes, 1928–55
 Container list: none

Teigen, Bjarne W.

B-B.4
 Extent: 20 boxes
 container list: none

Tweit, Milton E.

B.A.2.3
 Abstract: Rev. Milton Tweit was the longest serving member of the Board of Regents and, for many years, chairman of the board.
 Extent: 13 boxes
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Series: **Board of Regents**

S430 (box 3)
 Dates: 1976–2002
 Extent: 3 boxes
 Series: The files reflect the distinction relationship of the Board of Regents with the seminary.
 Notes: Bethany Lutheran College:
 Dan Bruss (Installation, 2003)
 Gene Pfeifer (Inauguration, 2016)
 Building Committee (1996)
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Also see: Bethany Lutheran College: S420

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Series: **Finances**

S119
 Dates: 1928–98 (miscellaneous)
 Extent: 4 boxes
 Box List: Box A: Auditor's Reports (BLC, 1928–50)
 Evangelical Lutheran Educational Association (1913–17)
 Million Penny Campaign
 Box B: Auditor's Reports (BLC, 1966–98)
 Box C: College & Seminary: Cancelled notes, Correspondence, Retired Bonds, Construction Notes
 Box D: Bethany Lutheran Seminary: Construction Notes (1977), Audit Repots (1979–83)

Also see: Bethany Bonds (1936): S.251

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BETHANY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BS

Abstract: Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary was established in 1946 on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. For the first thirty-two years of its existence the seminary was housed in various rooms of the college. The cornerstone for a seminary building was laid on October 16, 1977 and dedicated on Synod Sunday June 15, 1978. This building was replaced with a new building dedicated on June 15, 1997.
 The president of the college served as the president of the seminary. The administrative work of the seminary was provided by the Dean of the seminary. This position was filled by Norman

Madson (1946–59) and Milton Otto (1968–81). During the intervening years, the administration of the seminary was overseen by the president of the college and seminary, Prof. B. W. Teigen. In 1976, the seminary administration was separated from that of the college. Full-time presidents have been: Theodore A. Aaberg (1976–79), Wilhelm Petersen (1980–97), Gaylin Schmeling (1997–). During the 1979–80 school year, Glenn Reichwald served as the acting president.

Series: **Clergy Bulletin**

S998

Abstract: The *Clergy Bulletin* was published by the pastors' conference 1941–64 when the name was changed to the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly* and the numbering of the issues began anew. Since that time, the editorship of the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly* has been under the seminary with the seminary president serving as the general editor. In 2012, the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly* became the “official journal of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary.”

Dates: 1941–1961 (incomplete)

Extent: 1 box

Series: The collection consists of correspondence and finances from the 1950s –1960s. It also includes printed copies of the *Clergy Bulletin* December 1949–March 1961).

Note: Vol X, no. 3 was not printed.

Also found in: M.E. Tweit collection (1954–1960): B.A.2.3 (file 95)

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Series: **Faculty (seminary)**

Aaberg, Theodore, President

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BS.B.3

Extent: 9 boxes

Also see: C-D 252 (sermons)

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Honsey, Rudolph

BS-C.10

Extent: 1 box

Includes: anniversary photo: Center Lutheran Church
anniversary photo: Scarville,
photo: H.A. Stub
“Term Question” (G. Lillegard)

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Lillegard, George

BS-C.1

Extent: 5 boxes

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Also see: C-D 210. A

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Madson, Juul B.

BS-C.9

Extent: 14 boxes

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Madson, Norman A.

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Extent: 10 boxes

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Otto, Milton H.

BS-C.2

Extent: 13 boxes

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container list: printed for BS.G

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Reichwald, Glenn

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Dates: 1979–81

Extent: 1 box

Note: Seminary Microfiche:

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Hymnody Collection (1978)

Periodical Holdings (January 1978)

Container List: none

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Schmeling, Gaylin, President

BS.B.6

Extent: 1 box

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Petersen, Wilhelm, President

B.5

BS.B

Extent: 8 boxes

container list (printed)

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Series: **Seminary** (General Collection)

BS

Extent 8 boxes

Sub Series:

BS.A: Seminary General

Catalogs: BS.A.4.2 (1971–74, 1977–80, 1987–89, 1992–5, 1998–04, 2019–22).

Dedications: BS.A.1

Microfiche catalogs:

Card Catalog (1978)

Hymnody Collection (1978)

Periodical Holdings (January 1978)

Programs – Installations, Opening Services, Call Services, Commencement

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- BS.G Seminary Student Paper (1941–2002)
“Life in Christ: the Unio Mystica and its relation to Theosis” (T.Schmeling,)
- B.S.I: Class Papers (1958–59)
- BS.J–K: Reformation lectures (see below)
- BS.L: Faculty Minutes (1958–79)
Faculty Minutes (1968–92)
Bethany College Faculty Women’s Club (1961–95) in BS.L
Graduation Programs
- BS.M Construction
75th Anniversary
- BS.N Auditors’ Reports (BLTS, 1979, 1980, 1982–89)
Student Loan Fund (1977–90)
- BS.O Student Vicarage Records
- BS.P Vicar Workshops
Pastors’ Institutes [including “Bethany Mission Seminar,” n.d.]
- BS.Q Seminary construction (1977–78)
Seminary construction (1995–97)
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Series: **Reformation Lectures**

BS.J–BS.K

- Abstract: Since 1965, Bethany Lutheran Seminary has sponsored Reformation together with Bethany Lutheran College. The purpose of these annual lectures is to increase interest in and knowledge of the Reformation era and Lutheranism. In 2012, these lectures were renamed the Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures. No lectures were held in 1966, 1968, or 1981. The lectures are printed in the Lutheran Synod Quarterly with the exception of 1965, 1967, 1994, and 2017 (Erik Herrmann).
- Dates: 1969–2015
- Series The collection consists of committee minutes and correspondence, 1970s along with notes and various programs 1970s-2015
- Also see: Dr. Wm. Oesch: S1098 (box 2) [European Churches] and BS.23.j—m [M.H. Otto files]
- Container List: none
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CATECHISM REVIEW COMMITTEES

S901

- Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod continued to use the Norwegian Synod publications of the Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism* and its Explanation. There have been three revisions of catechism and explanation: 1966, 1981, 2001, 2023 (see *Proclaim His Wonders*, page 263).
- Dates: 1963–66, 1973–75, 1999–2001, 2019–2023
- Extent: 2 boxes
- Series: The collection consists of minutes and working materials for the committees. The collection contains to copies of the 1966 and 2001 editions of the *Catechism & Explanation* which are signed by the committee members.
- Note: Also included in the collection is:
“A Eulogy” written for the Quadricentennial of Luther’s *Small Catechism* (1529–1929) presented to the Norwegian Synod convention in Mayville, North Dakota, June 6–12, 1929 [additional copy at S801.F]
- Printed copies of the 1966, 1981, 2001 catechisms are found in S901
- Also See: Catechism Workbook (1977, 1981, 2002): S811.E
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CHRIST IN MEDIA INSTITUTE

S2256

Abstract: Christ in Media in an institution of Bethany Lutheran College. The institute promotes research and education focused on employing God's gift of mass media to bring the gospel message to vast audiences both in the United States and abroad.

Dates: 2014

Extent: 2 folders

Series: Series 1: Bylaws
 Series 2: Minutes (2014)

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE, BOARD FOR

S750–S753

Abstract: The Board for Christian Service was organized in 1974. The board has existed under various names and encompasses various other boards such as:

- Relief in Europe (1920–21)
- Charity Work (1925–39) (Barmjherthighedsarbeide)
- Board of Support (1934–39) (cf. *Synod Report* 1935, page 74)
- Board of Charities and Support (1939–74)
- Board of Directors of the Home for the Aged (1951–74)
- Pension Board (1970–72)
- Board for Christian Service (1974–)

The collection contains incomplete minutes of the meetings of the Board of Christian Service and its predecessors. They are arranged in chronological order. The collection consists of the date September 14, 1959 to December 12, 1972 with the miscellaneous and undated materials together with any correspondence at the end of the collection (miscellaneous).

Of special interest in the miscellaneous file are operational guidelines for the Board of Support and a retirement plan from the Board of Charities and Support.

Dates: 1951–2021

Extent: 1 box

Series: Minutes & Correspondence (1951–2008): S750
 Kasota Valley Home and proposed home (Madison): S751
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Also See: Kasota Valley Home

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CIRCUIT VISITORS

S510

Abstract: The Circuit Visitors are elected for each of the circuits in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. They serve as assistants to the president in his supervisory work.

Dates: 1965–2017

Extent: 3 boxes

Series: The collection of conference papers and minutes is filed annually including minutes after 1983.
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COLLOQUY COMMITTEE

S110

Abstract: The Colloquy Committee meets with clergymen who have not been recommended for membership in the synod upon graduation from Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and wish to join the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: The records are filed by the names of the colloquents.

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COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

S2255

Abstract: The 2002 Synod Convention established a five-member “Committee for Information and Technology” (CfIT). The 2011 Synod Convention eliminated the committee, placing synod communication under the direct responsibility of the office of the synod president and creating a Committee for Communication.

Extent: Empty

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CONFESSIONAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE

S1072

Abstract: Following the break-up of the Synodical Conference, conservative Lutherans organized the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC) in 1993 at Oberwesel, Germany to express their doctrinal unity and mutual support. There were thirteen charter member synods. The CELC meets triennially with the ELS hosting the 1999 and 2011 meetings in Winter Haven, Florida and New Ulm/Mankato, Minnesota.

Dates: 1993–2023

Extent: 3 boxes plus *Proceedings*.

Series: The collection consists of planning committee minutes and meeting information. Also included are *The Eternal Word: A Lutheran Confession for the Twenty-First Century*: Article I—Holy Scripture, Article II—Justification, Article III- Holy Spirit, Article IV—The Person and Work of Christ (photocopy only), Article V—The Last Things, Article VI—The Church’s Mission. Note—the doctrinal statements of the CELC may be found in PDF form on the CELC website <www.celc.info>.

Note: The convention essays are printed in the *Proceedings*.

Also see: Publications (*Proceedings*, 1993-2017).
 “Ninety-five Theses For the 21st Century” (2017): S1072.

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

S 1040

Abstract: The world-wide Covid-19 Pandemic had an impact upon both the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Bethany Lutheran College especially during 2020–21 causing congregations to question the

authority of government regulations upon the church, to cancel Divine Services, and for the college to cancel in-person classes and offer remote learning.

Dates: 2020–22
 Extent: 7 folders
 Series: The collection consist of files gathered by the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and includes 1) synod communication, 2) Bethany Lutheran College announcements, 3) State of Minnesota and the ELS, 4) Miscellaneous items. The collection includes photographs.

- f.1 Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- f.2 Bethany Lutheran College
- f.3 Congregations
- f.4 Minnesota
- f.5 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- f.6 Miscellaneous

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CRISTO REY

S678

Abstract: Project Cristo Rey was the name of a special project of Christ the King Lutheran Church (Bell Gardens, California) to bring the gospel to Spanish speaking people especially within the United States. The project began in 1981. Spanish language Sunday School and VBS were conducted, Spanish language materials were produced, and financial support given to men wanting to minister to the Spanish speaking people. *La Voz de Cristo Rey* also was published as a newsletter.

Dates: 1881–97
 Extent: 4 folders
 Series: *La Voz de Cristo Rey* (Publication for Hispanic Ministry)
 Note: “My Peru Coloring Book”: S678 (folder 3)
 Container List: none
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DOCTRINE

DOCTRINE COMMITTEE:

S519–S521

Abstract: An ad-hoc Union Committee was appointed by the synod’s president following a 1938 recommendation from the General Pastoral Conference that a committee be formed to study the union movement between the American Lutheran Church and the Missouri Synod. Ten years later (1948) this became a regularly elected committee. In 1960, the name was changed to Doctrinal Committee (*Synod Report* 1960, page 87), in 1975 to Board for Theology and Church Relations, and in 1976 to Doctrine Committee (*Synod Report* 1976, page 112).

Dates: 1948–2018
 Extent: 7 boxes
 Series 1: Union Committee (1948–60): S519
 Papers & Correspondence (1950–59): S519
 Series 2: Doctrine Committee: S520
 Minutes, Papers & Correspondence (1955–2020)
 Series 3: B.W. Teigen minutes/notes (1970–78): S521
 B.W. Teigen correspondence re: Individual Absolution, Blessing of children: S521
 Note: Includes the following papers:

The Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms (Carl Lawrenz, 1975); A Statement on the Doctrine of the Church (Doctrine Committee, 1977); The Danger of Presumptuous Questions about the Lord's Supper (Seth Erlandson, 1977); The Lost (?) Luther Question (Siegbert Becker, 1979); The Justification of the Sinner (no author, 1980); Exegesis of the Words of Institution (Doctrine Committee, 1980); An Analysis of Prof. Siegbert Becker's Essay, "The Lost (?) Luther Question" (Bjarne W. Teigen, 1981); The Reorganization of the Norwegian Synod (John Eggert, 1982); The Lutheran Church of Australia, an Examination (F.W. Noack, 1985); Headship and Submission in Scripture (Rodger Dale, 1986); The Six-point Explanation of Thesis Nine of the ELS Lord's Supper Statement (Doctrine Committee, 1988); Women in the Church (no author, 1988); An Analysis of the Position Paper of the ELS Doctrine Committee, "The Theology of the Lord's Supper" (Bjarne W. Teigen, 1989); The Moment of the Real Presence in the Lord's Supper (Thomas P. Nass, 1989); The Office of the Keys and the Public Ministry (no author, 1989); Men and Women in the Church (Doctrine Committee, 1990); How Does I Corinthians 14:33-35 Apply to Us Today? (J.A. Moldstad, Jr., 1990 [1985]); We Believe, Teach, and Confess (Doctrine Committee, 1991); The Moment Overview (McMurdie, 1992); Book Review: The Church and Her Fellowship, Ministry, and Governance (G. Schmeling, 1993); Addressing Some Misconceptions about The Wisconsin and Missouri Synod Positions on Church and Ministry (John F. Brug, 1993); "...So I Will Comfort You" (Gregory Bork, 1993); Church and Ministry in the Lutheran Confessions: An Anthology (no author, 1995); Concerning Particular Forms/Styles of Liturgy and Christian Freedom (J.A. Moldstad, Jr., 1995); The Evaluation of Cultural Influences on Church Structure (G. Schmeling, 1996); Applying the Principles of Church Fellowship (David P. Kolander, 1996); Certain Questions Among Confessional Lutherans (G. Schmeling, 1996); The Office of the Public Ministry (Doctrine Committee, 1997); This We Believe (WELS, 1998); "Is Gambling a Sin?" (J.A. Moldstad, Jr., 1998); Luther on Ministry (John F. Brug, 1998); An Explanation of Certain Aspects of the Divine Liturgy of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (David Jay Webber, 1999); Hermeneutics (Joseph Abrahamson, 1999); The Nicene Creed and the Filioque: A Lutheran Approach (David Jay Webber, 1999); Ministry Quotations from the Fathers (Timothy Schmeling, 1999); The Bew Education System and the One-World Government (Allen Quist, 2000); The Revised This We Believe of WELS on the Ministry (WELS, 2001); Human Rights from a Christian Perspective (Thomas Kuster, 2001); The Christian and Scouting: How Compatible? (Paul Zager, 2001); Rationalization Theology (WELS, 2001); Theses and Antitheses on the Doctrine of the Ministry (no author, 2001); The Church and its Ministry (no author, 2001); Eastern Rite Lutheran Worship in Ukraine (David Jay Webber, 2002); Gisle Johnson (Tor Jacob Wilde, 2002); Postmodernism and New Pantheism (Allen Quist, 2005); The Gifts of the Spirit: Spirituality or Vocation? (John Pless, 2006); The New Pantheism (no author, 2009); Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage (David Lau & Ryan MacPherson, 2012); Divorce and the Office of the Public Ministry (no author, 2012); Two Kingdoms (Erling T. Teigen, 2013); Hermeneutics – En ELS Overview (J.A. Moldstad, 2013); Proclaiming the Truth of Jesus to a Postmodern World (Allen Quist, 2013); Ten Truths about Evolution (Allen Quist, 2014)

Also See: Doctrine Committee [M. H. Otto, 1959–74, 31 files: BS-C.2.32].
 Doctrinal Affirmation: S1059
 Intersynodical Relations:

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CHURCH AND MINISTRY
 S515

Abstract: From the beginning of the ELS in 1918, the topic of Church and Ministry has been discussed within the synod and with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. This collection reflects some of the documents that were a part of that discussion.

Dates: 1940–1999

Extent: 1 box

Series: Collection 1: Erling Teigen
Collection 2: A.V. Kuster, J. Dalke, G.A.R. and W.C. Gullixson
Collection 3: Torald Teigen

Also see: Collections of B.W. Teigen, M. Otto, and G. Orvick.

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CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DOCUMENTS

S515

Abstract: Beginning in the 1940s, the issue of Church Fellowship (with whom may Christians worship, pray, and receive communion) became a defining topic in the Synodical Conference. With the “Statement of the 44” by LCMS leaders, the debate was enjoined. The LCMS entered talks with the ALC and produced “The Common Confession—Parts I and II” which were criticized by the ELS and WELS. The materials in this collection reflect the debate from many sources. By virtue of the three Teigenes being on the Doctrine Committee, Torald, Bjarne, and Erling were greatly involved in this debate.

Dates: 1900–2004

Extent: 1 box

Series 1: 1900-1959-T.N. Teigen
A. Pamphlets: 1900-1939
B. Pamphlets: 1940-1949
C. Pamphlets: 1950-1959
D. Documents: 1900-1944
E. Documents: 1944-1959
F. Documents Relating to Romans 16:17-18
G. Documents: 1958-1960, re: Martin Scharlemann

Series 2 1960-1970-B.W. Teigen
A. Pamphlets
B. Documents—1960-1970

Series 3 1971-2000-E.T. Teigen
A. Pamphlets
B. Documents: 1971-1980
C. Documents: 1981-1990
D. Documents: 1990-2004

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PRESIDIUM’S COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (PCM)

S517

Abstract: In 2002, the Doctrine Committee presented a draft of theses on the Office of the Ministry to the synod convention. That draft was not adopted. Pres. John Moldstad then appointed a Presidium’s Committee on Ministry (PCM) to draft theses and antitheses. The PCM submitted a draft of their Theses in 2004. It was discussed at the synod convention and at the General Pastoral Conference. Afterwards Pres. Moldstad personally visited each

Circuit to discuss the proposed theses, “The Public Ministry of the Word” (PMW). These theses were adopted in 2005.

Dates: 2000–2008

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: Collection 1: Erling Teigen
Collection 2: Glenn Obenberger
Collection 3: Jerrold Dalke

Also see: S.516 for the years prior to 2000.

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INTERSYNODICAL RELATIONS:

Series: **Association of Free Lutheran Congregations**

S1093.E

Abstract: The Eielsen Synod (originally named the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) was founded in 1846 by a group of Haugean Lutherans led by Elling Eielsen. In 1876, many of the clergymen and congregations left the Eielsen Synod and organized the Hauge Synod.

Extent: 1 file

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Series: **Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)**

S1099

Abstract: The Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) was organized in 1960 by pastors and congregations formerly of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Dates: 1950–80

Extent: 1 box

Container List: none

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Series: **Confessional Lutheran**

S1051

Abstract: The Confessional Lutheran is a periodical that was “Published in the Interest of Ecumenical Lutheranism” by the Confessional Lutheran Publicity Bureau from January 1940–69.

Dates: 1940–60 [June 1941, M. H. Otto—BS-C (2) 32.ff

Extent: 1 box

Note: Contains index: Vol 1–8 (1940–47)

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Series: **Confessional Lutheran Research Society**

Abstract: Succeeded by *Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology*

S1092

Dates: 1985–91

Extent: “Confessional Lutheran Research Society Newsletter” (1 folder) No. 1-26.
Articles of Incorporation (1 folder)

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Series: **Concordia Lutheran Conference**

S1094.C

Abstract: The Concordia Lutheran Conference is a small organization of Lutheran churches in the United States which formed in 1956. It was a reorganization of some of the churches of the Orthodox Lutheran Conference, which had been formed in September, 1951 in Okabena, Minnesota following a break with Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

Dates: 1 file

Includes: “A Catechism on the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry as it relates to the false teaching of the WELS, ELS, CoLC and their followers.”

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Series: Eielsen Synod (Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, Lutheran Brethren)

S1093.A

Abstract: The Eielsen Synod (originally named the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) was founded in 1846 by a group of Haugean Lutherans led by Elling Eielsen. In 1876, many of the clergymen and congregations left the Eielsen Synod and organized the Hauge Synod.

Extent: 1 file

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Series: ELS-WELS-LCMS Conversation

S1060

Abstract: The

Dates: 2014

Extent: 1 box

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Series: European Churches

S1098

Abstract: The disunity of the Synodical Conference created tensions among various synods in Europe. The collection contains materials about tensions during those years and following.

Dates: 1975–2014

Extent: 3 boxes

Notes: LBK

SELK

France/Belgium

West Germany

Finland

South Africa

Container List: Box 1: LBK (Sweden); correspondence; 40th Anniversary; Biblicum; publications

Box 2: Correspondence Dr. Wm. Oesch; SELK; European trips – 1973, 1979; Germany, France, Belgium, Finland; publications

Box 3: “Oberurseler Hefte”; “Kollegium”; “Luthersk Kirke”; South Africa; Kenya

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Series: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia

S680.FF

Abstract: Lutheran congregations first were established in Australia in 1838 with two church bodies formed soon thereafter. These two groups merged in 1966 forming the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA). A small group did not enter this merger and joined the Lutheran Church of the Reformation (United States) and was known as the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of the Reformation. The majority of this group formed the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia (ELSA) on July 2, 1992. Pastor Peter Prange arrived in 1995. The synod consists of one congregation in Maryborough, Queensland and several preaching stations. The synod was received into the CELC in 1993.

Dates: 1987–2013

Extent: 1 box

Series: History

Correspondence

Australia conflict documents

The E.L.S.A. Messenger 1993–97 (miscellaneous issues)

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Series: Federation for Authentic Lutheranism

S1097

Abstract: The Federation for Authentic Lutheranism (FAL) was formed in 1971 by a group of pastors and congregations who withdrew from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. After FAL dissolved, several congregations joined the ELS in 1975–76.

Dates: 1972–73

Extent: 9 folders

Series: The collection consists of the constitution, correspondence, and miscellaneous items.

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Series: **Sola Scriptura**

S1097

Abstract: “Sola Scriptura” was published in North Hollywood California as the publication of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism. It was published 1970–73.

Dates: 1970–73

Extent: 2 folders

Note: Also contains *Sola Scriptura* (1954–55, unknown source)

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Series: **ELS, WELS, LCMS, Informal Meetings**

S1060

Abstract: Informal meetings between the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) were held beginning in December 2012. These were considered informal meetings which was defined as “conversations to dispel caricatures, to better understand each other’s positions, and provide opportunities for encouraging toward a confessional Lutheran practice” (*Synod Report*, 2015, page 31).

Dates: 2012–19

Extent: 1 box

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Series: **Hauge’s Synod**

S1093.B

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: **Lutheran Brethren**

S1093.D

Extent: 1 file

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Series: **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

S1059

Dates: 1962–82

Extent: 2 boxes

Note: “A Letter to ... Missouri Synod, from ...President of the Norwegian Synod” (1939)
 Doctrinal Affirmation (1945)
 Doctrinal statements of the Commission on Theology
 History
 Seminary
 “Speaking the Truth in Love” (Essays related to A Statement , Chicago, Nineteen forty-five”
 “What about...” tracts

Also see: Informal meetings: ELS, WELS, LCMS

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Series: **Lutheran Conference of Confessional Fellowship**

S1094.D

Extent: 1 boxes

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Series: Lutheran Free Church

S1093.C

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: Lutheran Free Conferences

S620

Abstract: Following the break-up of the Synodical Conference, “The ELS instructed its officers in 1963 to “take steps necessary for holding of a free conference among conservative Lutherans” (Report ... ELS, 1963, p. 49).”
 “The Lutheran Free Conference met at Waterloo, Iowa, July 7–9, 1964, to discuss the doctrine concerning Scripture. Of the eight essays presented, two were by ELS men: “Scripture and Revelation,” by Pres. B.W. Teigen, and “Scripture’s Relation to the Church,” by Prof. J.G. Anderson. The second meeting of the Lutheran Free Conference was held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 13–15, 1965, the topic being the doctrine of justification. The fourth essay in a series of six, “The Proclamation of Justification: The Gospel Message of Forgiveness,” was presented by Pastor T.N. Teigen. The third meeting of the Lutheran Free Conference was held July 12–14, 1966, at Columbus, Ohio. The topic was “The Holy Christian Church and True Ecumenicity.” ELS men presented two of the six essays, essay No. 2, “The Creation of the Church;” by Prof. M.H. Otto, and essay No. 5, “The Functioning Forms of the Church,” by Pastor T.A. Aaberg. The fourth meeting, which continued the topic of the third, was held at Chicago, July 18–20, 1967. A fifth meeting is to be held July 9–11, 1968, at Minneapolis. The topic will be: “Jesus Christ — Fact or Fiction?” Essay No. 2, “Jesus Christ, the Humble Servant — Fact not Fiction,” is to be presented by Pastor G.M. Orvick of the ELS.” [Aaberg, *A City Set On a Hill*, 1968, pages 260–61 and footnote 5, page 262–63]. Additional conferences were held in Davenport, Iowa (July 21–31, 1969), and Rockford, Illinois (July 1970).
 Conclave of Theologians were held in Oakland, California (1959), Mequon, Wisconsin (1960, 1962), and Mankato, Minnesota (1964).

Dates: 1959–2013

Also includes: Conference of Theologians (1960)

Extent: 3 boxes

Also see: BS-C (2).32.z [M. H. Otto—1959]

BS-C (2).32.u [M. H. Otto—1962]

BA-2.3 [M. E. Tweit—1962]

BS-C (2).32.w, BS-C (2). 16.b [M. H. Otto—1963]

BS-C (2).30.a–h [M. H. Otto—1964–70]

BS-C (2).31.a–h [M. H. Otto—1974–70]

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Series: Lutheran Churches of the Reformation

S1094.B

Abstract: The Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (LCR) is an association of Lutheran congregations. The LCR has its roots among groups of Lutherans that broke with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the middle of the 20th century and was formally incorporated in 1964

Dates: 1969

Extent: 1 folder

Series: The collection consists of a two issues of “The Faithful Word” (Vol 1, No 1, 1961, Vol 6, No. 1, 1969)

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Series: Lutheran Confessional Synod (Decatur, Illinois)

S1094.A

Abstract: Lutheran Confessional Synod (LCS) was a Confessional Lutheran church, characterized by a strict interpretation of the Lutheran Confessions and a historical liturgy. Initially, it declared doctrinal agreement with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. LCS was for a brief period in fellowship with WELS and ELS, but broke with those two synods because of differences in the doctrine of the Ministry, and a possible difference in the doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

Dates: 1994–98
 Extent: 1 folder
 Series: “The Confessional Courier” (1994–98)
 Container List: None
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Series: **Lutheran Loyalty**

S1051
 Abstract: A lay-supported magazine with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
 Dates: 1951–53
 Extent: 1 folder
 Container List: None
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Series: **Orthodox Lutheran Conference**

S1091
 Abstract:
 Dates: 1949–63
 Extent: 1 box
 Series: The collection includes “A Short History of the Orthodox Lutheran Conference,” and “Our Confessional Platform,” along with copies of “Orthodox Lutheran Theologian,” “The Orthodox Lutheran,” and the “Conservative Lutheran Defender.”
 Container List: none
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Series: **United Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church (Forenede Kirke)**

S1093.F
 Abstract: The United Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in 1890 as the result of a union between the Norwegian Augustana Synod (established 1870), the Conference of the Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of American (organized 1870) and the Anti-Missourian Brotherhood (formed 1887). In 1917 it merged with the Hauge Synod (established 1876) and the Norwegian Synod (organized 1853) to form the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (NELC) later known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC).
 Dates: 1914
 Extent: 2 folders
 Includes: Northfield School / Augsburg Seminary
 “Brydninger i den Forenede Kirke” (1892)
 Includes:
 Also see: J. C. Jensson, “Samfunds Haandbog for Medlemmer af Den Forenede norsk lutherske Kirke i Amerika,” 1896.
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Series: **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

S1065
 Dates: 1959–97
 Extent: 2 boxes
 Notes: “Continuing in His Word” (tracts, numbers 1–11)
 “Lutherans for Life” (1997–99, 1 folder)
 Special Ministries (1 folder)
 Staff Ministry (1 folder)
 Mischke, Naumann (photograph)

Ministry (study papers)
 Handbook for Circuit Pastors
 History

Also see: Informal meetings: ELS, WELS, LCMS
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ELS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S1066

Abstract: The ELS Historical Society held its first meeting on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in 1979 with fifty-five people in attendance. The purpose of the society is to promote interest in the historic heritage of Lutheranism and particularly the history of the ELS. Annual meetings often are held in conjunction with the synod convention. The society also publishes a quarterly newsletter known as *Oak Leaves*.

Dates: 1996–2023

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: Constitution
 Minutes
 Miscellaneous
Oak Leaves
 Programs
 Treasurers' reports

Container List: none

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EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE (Laymen's)

S877

Abstract: In 1956 the synod convention established an Equalization Committee to equalize the travel expenses for delegates attending synod conventions.

Extent: 1 folder

Series: Letters 1954, 1959, 1960, 1963.

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONFSSIONAL FORUM

S1056

S100.F

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Confessional Forum was organized in 1967 between the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to discuss the work and concerns of each church body. The forum meets biannually.

Dates: 1966–2018

Extent: 1 box (1967–86): S100.F
 5 boxes (1966–2020): S1056

Series: The collection consists of minutes, reports, and correspondence.

Also see: BS-C (2).29.a–j [M. H. Otto—Confessional Forum 1968–73].

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod was reorganized in 1918 as the successor to the Norwegian Synod which was organized in 1853. Until 1958, the synod was known as the “Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.” The synod owns and operates Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary which are both located in Mankato, Minnesota. The synod was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference 1872–1883, 1920–1963. It also was a charter member of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).

Series: Ad Hoc Committees

S2251 Apologetics Committee

Abstract: In 2017, the synod adopted resolutions regarding apologetics for “near-term implementation” and “future implementation.” The synod president appointed an ad-hoc committee “to study the feasibility of establishing a center for Christian outreach that would emphasize three areas: the discernment of worldviews, compassionate apologetics, and cross-cultural evangelism” (*Synod Report 2017*, pages 116–17). 2018 marked the first year of the ELS Apologetics Institute. The 2018 synod convention resolved to establish an Apologetics committee and to hold Apologetic seminars on a yearly basis. In 2022, the synod formalized the Center for Apologetics and established committee as the Board for Apologetics which was to be established in 2023.

Dates: 2017–2023

Extent: 4 folders

Series Apologetics Seminar
Apologetics Newsletters (*Q & A Leading to Christ*)
Minutes (2017–2023)
Director’s Reports (compiled by R.MacPherson)

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***Q & A Leading to Christ* : S 2251**

Abstract: In 2021, the Home Outreach Newsletter was replaced superseded by *Q & A Leading to Christ* which was produced by the Apologetics Committee.

Dates: 2021–23

Extent: 1 folder

Container List: none

S889 Build on the Rock Committee

Abstract: A planning process for a vision statement was initiated by President Orvick during the final year of his presidency. A group of 21 clergy and 21 laymen met for a planning process for the synod in August 2001. Seven issues were identified and brought to the 2002 convention which instructed the synod president to appoint or engage a capable person, accountable to the Board of Trustees, to be in charge of guiding the synod's implementation of the Vision Statement. Since special funding was not available, the president appointed a subcommittee from the Board of Trustees to cull important aspects. The Planning and Coordinating Committee was then encouraged to “to focus more of its long-range, strategic planning according to the ‘Build on the Rock’ statement.”

Dates: 2001

Extent: 1 folder

Also see: S679.AAAA

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S2258 ELS Flavor Committee

Abstract: The ELS Flavor Committee was appointed by the synod’s president in 2021 to define the “flavor” of the ELS in the hope that “our role in American Lutheranism

as small and insignificant as the ELS may appear, even to ourselves at times, might become more noticeable and appreciated even beyond our circles.” The committee consisted of pastors who grew up in the ELS and attended Bethany Lutheran College. The collection consists of committee correspondence and draft documents.

Dates: 2021–22

Extent: 5 folders

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S2257 **Military Monument Committee**

Abstract: Following a resolution from the 2012 synod convention, the president appointed an ad hoc committee to determine the feasibility of maintaining a military monument on synod property and developing a military ministry. In 2015, upon the recommendation of the Board for Christian Service, the synod president appointed an ad hoc committee to pursue a feasibility study for commissioning the creation of a military monument. At the urging of the Board for Christian Service, an ad hoc fundraising committee was appointed by the synod president in 2018. Groundbreaking for the monument occurred in 2019.

Dates: 2019–

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: **Anniversaries & Offerings**

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod has observed numerous anniversaries of both the organization of the Norwegian Synod (1853) and the reorganization of the Norwegian Synod (1918). Anniversaries also have included synod-wide offerings.

Dates: 1942–2018

Extent: 6 boxes

Series: Den Norske Synodes Aarsmøde [1918 convention report in *Amerika*]: S.910

Anniversaries:

Twenty-fifth Anniversary (1943): S910

“Thy People Shall Be Willing”

Centennial of the Norwegian Synod (1953): S913

“Respecting the Ancient Landmarks”

Also see: BS.C.2.50 [M. H. Otto–Centennial Materials–1 folder].

Golden Anniversary (1968): S914

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary (1993): S918

“In Remembrance of His Mercy”: S918.D

“It’s Somewhere in the Third Article”: S918.E

“This Generation of Grace”: S918.E

Centennial (2018): S922

“Proclaim His Wonders”: S924 [also S846 (box 2)]

Offerings (also see *Proclaim His Wonders*, page 189):

Thy People Shall Be Willing (1942–43): S911

Receipts of the Jubilee Fund (1942–43): S1075.A.1-13

Centennial Campaign for Christ (1953): S913

Golden Anniversary—Golden Opportunity (1963–68): S915

Gratitude for Grace Anniversary Thankoffering (1978–80): S916

Partners in the Gospel (1986–89): S670

His Truth for Our Youth: (1992–94): S919

Messengers of Peace (1996–98): S920

also see: printout ledger, 1996–98 (in Treasurers’ files)

2000 Years of Grace (2000–02): S921

For You and Your Children (2006–08): S733 f.34 (1 folder)

Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done Thankoffering (2016–18): S924 (1 folder)

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Series: **Congregations**

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Series: **Constitution/Handbook/Guidelines**

S103

Abstract: The *Handbook of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod* contains the Constitution, Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation (Minnesota and Wisconsin) of the synod. It also includes the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of four other incorporations of the synod: Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation; Bethany Lutheran College, Inc.; Missions Advancement Project, Inc.; Lutheran Schools of America, Inc. In addition, it includes guidelines for each of the boards and committees of the synod as adopted at various synod conventions. The *Handbook* first was published in in loose-leaf form with annual loose-leaf emendations being provided. The *Handbook* was again published in the same form in 2002. In 2006, the *Handbook* was published with saddle-stitch binding. Since 2012, the *Handbook* has been published electronically.

Dates: 1919–2022

Extent: 1 box

Series: Series 1:

The collection consists of the Handbook and of the guidelines of the synod as issued on an annual basis as arranged by the secretary of the synod.

Constitution (Synodalforfatning, 1919)

Articles of Incorporation (1920, original)

1963 *Handbook*

1968 *Handbook*

1969 *Handbook*

1976 *Handbook*

Handbook updates: 1984

1983 *Handbook*

1990 *Handbook*

Handbook updates: 1998–2001

2002 *Handbook*

Handbook updates: 2003

Handbook updates: 2004

Handbook updates: 2005

2006 *Handbook*

2008 *Handbook*

Handbook updates: 2009

Handbook updates: 2010

Handbook updates: 2011

2012 *Handbook*

2018 *Handbook*

Series 2:

This series consists of various legal documents of Thoughts of Faith, Inc. including the Articles of Incorporation (1982) and Bylaws (2009) [also see S694, 695]

Container List: none

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Series: **Conferences/Seminars**

Dates: 1993–2016
 Extent: 3 folders
 Series: Emmaus Conference: S2254
 Strengthening Parish & Parsonage Seminar (Tom & Judy Kuster, 1993): S2252
 Worldview Conference (San Antonio, Texas, 2016): S2253

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Series: **Conventions**

S102 ***Convention Echo***

Abstract: The *Convention Echo* was first published by Thomas Kuster as a timely summary of the action at the recent synod convention. It was distributed to the congregations of the synod. It continued through 2003 when the summary was included in the Lutheran Sentinel. An additional one-time issue was printed in 2013.

Dates: 1973–2013
 Extent: 1 box
 Electronic

S101.A ***Convention Handbook / Book of Reports and Memorials***

Abstract: The *Handbook of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod* included pre-convention information for the pastors and delegates to the annual synod convention. After 1971, in addition to the *Handbook*, a *Book of Reports and Memorials* also was published. Beginning in 2003, there was no publication of a *Convention Handbook*.

Dates: 1945–2023
 Series: 1 box
 Box list: 1945–54, 1957–58, 1960–61, 1963, 1966–68, 1971–73, 1975–2018.
 Also see: Some Programs, Handbooks and Books of Reports and Memorials also may be found in the convention minutes for the corresponding year.

S102 ***Convention Sentinel***

Abstract: The *Convention Sentinel* was a daily summary of the highlights of the convention that began in 1939. It was distributed to the convention delegates. It was published by a committee appointed for the convention and continued through the 2001 convention; by that time it was published on sporadic days. This committee also was charged with “public press” which may have included a press release for delegates to release to their local newspaper.

Dates: 1939–2001
 Folder List: f.1. 1939 – 1955, 1957–58, 1960–62.
 f.2 1975–94, 1997–99, 2001.

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Series: **Convention Minutes**

Secretaries' Files: Evangelical Lutheran Synod

S100

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod has met in annual conventions since 1918. Secretaries have been: C.N. Peterson (1918–19), L.P. Jensen (1919–29), C.J. Quill (1929–34), G. Lillegard (1934–52), W. Gullixson (1952–72), A. Merseth (1972–96), C. Ferkenstad (1996–)

Dates: 1930–2017
 Extent: 12 boxes
 Series: This collection is arranged as received from the secretaries of the synod.
 Secretary's Minutes:

1930–53: S100A
 1954–63: S100B
 1964–70: S100C
 1971–79: S100D
 1972–83: S100G

1984–92: S100BB
 1993–2017: S100CC
 Secretary's notes
 1954–65: S100E
 W.Gullixson Files: S100AA
 "Choral Union"
 Choral Union programs are found within the secretary's minutes of the convention (the first concert program on file is dated 1920).

Note: Change of the name of the synod (1958): S100AA34KK24–25
 Petition (1993 convention): S100BB

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Series: Convention Recordings

S300
 Abstract: Audio records were made of the ELS convention on reel-to-reel, cassette, or CD.
 Dates: 1959–99
 Extent: 6 boxes
 Container List: file cabinet (partial)
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Series: Presidents' Files: Evangelical Lutheran Synod

S110–112
 Abstract: The president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod is elected by the annual conventions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Though not stated in the synod's constitution and bylaws, it became traditional that no pastor would serve more than two terms as synod president. During this time he also continued to serve a congregation. In 1985, after a generous contributor set up an endowment fund for the president's office, the constitution was amended to allow for a full-time presidency. The following have served as presidents of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod: B.Harstad (1917/18–22, G.Gullixson (1923–26), C.Anderson(1926–30), H.Tjernagel (1930–43), N.Madson (1934–35), C.Moldstad (1935–37), H.Ingebritson (1937–42), N.Madson (1942–46), A.Harstad (1946–50), C.M.Gullerud (1950–54), H.Otto (1954–57), M.Tweit (1957–62), T.Aaberg (1962–64), J.Petersen (1964–66), J.Madson (1966–70), G.Orvick (1970–76), W.Petersen (1976–80), G.Orvick (1980–2002), J.Moldstad (2002–).

Dates: 1926–
 Extent: 32 boxes
 Series: The collection consists of materials from the full-time presidents of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Also see the individual clergy files.
 Notes: Colloquy Committee: S110.D

Sub-Series: President John Moldstad

S112
 Dates: 1991–2019
 Extent: 7 boxes
 Notes: President's Newsletters: S112 (box 1)
 Container List: file cabinet (printed)
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Sub-Series: President George Orvick

S111
 Dates: 1993–2002
 Extent: 12 boxes

Container List: file cabinet (printed)
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 Newsletters 1982-2000; Synod Contact Man letters 1993: S111 SSSS
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Sub-Series: Presidents' Newsletters

S111.SSSS, S112 (box 1)

Abstract: The synod's president printed newsletters and letters to the clergy on a sporadic basis until 2000 when a newsletter began to be printed monthly. After 2002, the newsletter was printed on a monthly basis

Dates: 1982–2019

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: 1976–1977: S111.SSSS

1982–2000: S111.SSSS

2021–2023

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Series: Treasurers' Files: Evangelical Lutheran Synod

S120–S124

Abstract: The treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod was an elected position 1918–2001. It then became a position appointed by the ELS Board of Trustees. After 2001, the treasurer no longer served as an officer of the synod. Treasurer's have been: O.T. Lee (1917–18), A.Torgerson (1918–32), H.A. Preus (1932–33), P.Ylvisaker (1933–41), M.Galstad (1941–46), H.Olson (1946–49), S.Lee (1949–72), L.Meyer (1972–01), K.Wiederhoeft (2001–).

Dates: 1918–2014

Extent: 16 boxes,

Series: Cancelled Checks (retained for endorsement signatures): S120.B

Financial Reports & Auditors' Reports (1966–2014): S121

Ledgers: S123–S124

Print-Outs: S122

Treasurers' Files: S120–124

Note: Minnesota Certificate of Exempt Status letter S103 (box 2)

Container List: file cabinet (printed)

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Series: Vice-Presidents' Files: Evangelical Lutheran Synod

S110–112

Abstract: The vice-president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod is elected by the annual conventions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The following have served as vice-president's of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod: J.Moldstad (1917–21), C.Anderson (1921–25), H.Ingebritson (1925–26), H.Tjernagel (1925–30), O.Gullerud (1930–34), C.Moldstad (1934–35), H.Ingebritson (1935–37), C.Anderson (1937–44), A.Harstad (1944–46), C.Gullerud (1946–50), M.Tweit (1950–54), J.Anderson (1957–62), J.Petersen (1962–64), E.Unseth (1964–66), J.Petersen (1966–68), E.Unseth (1968–69), L.Vangen (1969–73), W.Petersen (1973–76), H.Handberg (1976–78), N.Madson (1978–86), J.Moldstad (1986–89), P.Petersen (1989–94), G.Obenberger (1994–98), J.Moldstad (1998–2002), G.Obenberger (2002–)

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD FOUNDATION

S290

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Board of Trustees established the ELS Foundation and the ELS Foundation Investment Committee in 1984 (*Synod Report* 1984, page 89 and *Synod Report*

1985, page 123). Articles of Incorporation were filed on September 18, 1984. The first meeting was held on November 19, 1984. The first officers were: President, Rev. George Orvick. Secretary, Rev. Alf Merseth; and treasurer, Mr. Leroy Meyer. This committee met annually in conjunction with the Board of Trustees meeting. Prior to 1984, the Board of Trustees appointed two of its members to serve as a Foundation Committee. Rev. Richard Lee Wiechmann served as secretary of this committee from 1994 to 2017.

Dates: 1994–2017
 Extent: 1 box
 Series: Folder 1: Minutes of the ELS Foundation, 1994-2017
 Folder 2: Richard Wiechman files (1994–2016)
 Box 2: Reports to the ELS Foundation, 2000-2006

Container List: file cabinet (partial)

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD LAYMEN'S ORGANIZATION

S984

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod Layman's Organization was organized on June 22, 1960 and continued until 1980.

Dates: 1959–63
 Extent: 2 folders
 Series: The collection consists of the constitution, correspondence, and miscellaneous items.
 Container List: none
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

S630

Abstract: The Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America was established in 1872 by six synods: Missouri, Norwegian, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio. The purpose of this non-organic church body was an external expression of the spiritual unity of the synods and an opportunity to work together in education, publication, and missions. The Norwegian Synod withdrew from the conference in 1883. This was not because of any disagreement with the doctrine or practice of the conference, but because the Synod wanted to discuss the doctrine of election entirely on a religious basis without any nationalistic influences. The Synod, however, continued to send delegates to Synodical Conference conventions and friendly relations were continued until 1912. The reorganized Norwegian Synod (ELS) again was received into Synodical Conference membership in 1920. The ELS suspended fellowship with the Missouri Synod in 1955 and, together with Wisconsin Synod, withdrew from the Synodical Conference in 1963. It was dissolved in 1967 when it no longer served any useful purpose.

Dates: 1950–66
Proceedings: 1872–1966

Extent: 4 boxes

Series: box 1: 1940s–1960s
 including 1876 constitution
 1924 constitution
 “Diamond Jubilee” (history of the Synodical Conference)
 box 2: Mission Board (1954–57, 1963), Minutes, etc. (1951–60)
 box 3: Mission Board (1950–60)
 box 4: Mission Board (1961–62)
 Walther League (1 folder)
 box 5 (C): Controversy (1940s–60s)

Note: Constitution (Synodical Conference): S1071 (CELC Guiding Principles)

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Critical Comments on the Proposed New Hymnal (Arthur Katt, n.y.): (N. A. Madson) CL.220.D

Series: **Synodical Conference Controversy**

S630.C

Abstract: In 1944, forty-four clergymen in the LCMS signed a statement that argued for wider fellowship among Lutherans. The singers were not disciplined. Elements within the Missouri Synod attempted to redress this issue. Rev. Arnold V. Kuster preserved letters and documents which reflect this effort.

Dates: 1946-1960s

Extent: 1 box

Series: A. Correspondence: 1946
B. Correspondence: 1947
B.2 Correspondence: 1950s
C. Correspondence: 1960s
D. Papers and Documents: 1940s
E. Papers and Documents: 1960s
F. Papers and Documents: 1960s
G. Publications (“Brief Statement,” “Our Relations with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,” “What Stands Between,” “Unity, Union, and Unionism,” “Suspension of Relations with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.”)

Also see: S630 (box 4)

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Series: **Madison Lutheran School**

AXC.58

Abstract: Synodical Conference Lutheran elementary education in Madison, Wisconsin dates to the year 1927. Two schools were formed that year—Eastside English and Holy Cross. In 1942 the classes of these two schools were combined and conducted in a building completed by Eastside English Lutheran Church in 1930. At this time, the Madison Lutheran School Corporation was formed by the members of Eastside English, Holy Cross, Immanuel, Monona, Mount Olive, Our Saviour’s, and St. Paul’s Lutheran churches. Three years later, the former Harvy School was purchased, renovated, and occupied. Immanuel Lutheran Church took over operation of the school in 1962.

Dates: 1942–62

Extent: 2 boxes

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FAITH MISSION SOCIETY

S685

Abstract: Faith Mission Society was officially organized in 1972 after being started in 1968 by members of Faith Lutheran Church in Hillman, Michigan who wished to promote ELS foreign mission work.

Series: Faith Mission Society: Constitution, Reports, Correspondence
Lutheran Children’s Fund
Lutherans In Foreign Evangelism (L.I.F.E.)

Dates:

Extent: 1 box

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JOHANNES BUGENHAGEN LITURGICAL INSTITUTE

S2259

Abstract: “The Johannes Bugenhagen Liturgical Institute is not a part of the structure of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, but it exists within the ELS as an organization that seeks to encourage excellence in worship by providing to the pastors and congregations of the synod theological, historical, and musical resources that promote the best elements of the orthodox heritage of liturgy and hymnody that has come down to us, through the Lutheran tradition in general and through the tradition of the old Norwegian Synod in particular.”

Dates: 2023

Extent: 1 file

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KASOTA VALLEY HOME

S890–893

Abstract: In 1944, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod began to study the establishment of an “Old People’s Home.” The committee made various attempts to open a home. In 1948, they engaged an architect to make preliminary sketches; however, in 1951 the Kasota Valley Home was purchased by the Old People’s Home Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. This home had been opened in February 1948 by Anne S. Wert. Due to reasons of health, she was forced to sell the home. The home operated under the guidance of several boards of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The home was discontinued in October 1973.

Old People’s Home Board

Board of Directors of the Old People’s Home: S893

Board of Directors of the Home of the Aged

Board of Charities and Support: Board for Christian Service

Dates: 1950–73

Extent: 3 boxes

Series: The collection consists of materials relating to the operation of the home by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and consists of correspondence, official documents, financial statements, residence files A copy of the dedication folder with a historical review is included along with a 1951 letter from C.J. Quill providing a physical description and a 1962 letter from W.J. Soule telling of the costs and accommodations at the home.

Also See: Board for Christian Service: S751

Board of Trustees: S220

Planning & Coordinating Committee: S903

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Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation

S281

Abstract: The Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation was established in 1992 to “hold and dispose of the trust estate for the benefit of” Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Bethany Lutheran College, International Lutheran Laymen’s League, and Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Kingdom Workers.

Dates: 1992–2020

Extent: 1 box

Container List: none

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MISSIONS

Abstract: Mission work in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod has been conducted under various boards and committees. In 1918, at the synod's first convention, a Missions Committee was formed. The following year, this was divided into a Home Mission Committee (Indremissionskomite) and a Foreign Mission Committee (Ydremissionskomite or Hedningemissionen).

Home Mission Committee (1919–54)
 Foreign Mission Committee (1919–49)
 Foreign and Colored Missions (1949–54)

Board of Missions (1954–75)
 Board for Missions (1975–84)

Board for Home Missions (1984–2009)
 Board for Foreign Missions (1984–2009)

Evangelism Committee (1976–85)
 Board for Evangelism (1986–2011) [became a part of the Board for Home Outreach]

Board for Home Outreach (2009–)
 Board for World Outreach (2009–)

Series: This collection is arranged in series:

Evangelism, Board for
 Home Missions
 World Missions
 Thoughts of Faith
 Women's Missionary Society

Note: General history of mission fields (incomplete list):

Anniversary Brochures (Chile & Peru): S687.I
 "Before Peru" (P. Anderson): S687.J
 Cristo Rey: S678.f.1
 Cornwall: S653
 "History of the ELS Foreign Missions" (unsigned, 1988): S679.HH.2
 "History of Missions in the ELS" [1918–57]: S670.HH.2, S1034 [Gen. Past. Conf., 1963]
 "History of 'ELS' Latin American Missions (N.Madson, 1977): S687.L
 Hong Kong: S682.A
 Latvia: S680.DD
 Peru: S687.I
 Thoughts of Faith: S695 (Board Minutes 1985-2009, Mission Transition Committee
 "Thirty-two days in Peru" (T.Kuster, 1970): S687.K
 Minutes)
 Ukrainian Lutheran Church (history): S680.CC (box 1)

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Series: Board for Evangelism

S876

Abstract: The 1976 Synod Convention established the board (*Synod Report* 1976, p. 112, 146). In 2011, the board was combined with the Board for Home Missions as the Board for Evangelism and Home Missions (*Synod Report* 2011, pp. 114, 117).

The board published *E.L.S. Evangelism Notes* beginning in the summer of 1989. This was published twice each year [Synod Report, 2002, page 128]. In 2004, the title was changed to Evangelism Resource.

By 2002, the board also had published eighteen tracts in the *We're Glad You Asked About* series.

Dates: 1987–2009

Extent: 1 box

Note: Minutes (1987–2002)

A Question to Consider

Evangelism Jewels (miscellaneous copies: 1987–88)

Evangelism Notes/Evangelism Resource (miscellaneous copies: 1989–2009)

Workshops: *Evangelism & You; God's Message—Our Mission; That Your Ways may be Known*
In the Dark About Jesus?

The Conversation of the Devil with the Dying Christian by C.U. Faye

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Series: **Home Missions**

Sub-series **Minutes**

1938: S652

1946–69: S653

1950s–1970s: S654

1918-1984: S654 (Box 2)

1968–72: S680.J

1985–90: S655.A.1

1991–96: S655.A.2 (missing 1996 minutes)

1997–1999: S655.A.3

2011–2018: S655.E

Also see: Missions Counselor (minutes, 1999–2002): S679 WWW, XXX, YYY)

Missions Counselor (minutes, 1997–07, 2000–02): S679E.1

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S650 **Congregations served**

Abstract: The materials relate to general mission work excepting the years when there was a separate board for foreign mission work (1919–49, 1984–ff). The materials are arranged as follows:

Dates: 1962–71

Extent: 2 boxes

Notes: “Foreign Missions” (2 folders)

“Hong Kong” (2 folders): S650B

Container List: file cabinet (printed)

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S651 **Correspondence**

Dates: 1923–29

Extent: 3 boxes

Series: The collection is arranged as the donor brought it to the archives. It consists of correspondence received or written by H.M. Tjernagel. All letters written to and received by a person are filed under the first letter of the person's last name.

Notes: Under subdivision B, there is significant correspondence concerning the Rev. Bjug Harstad's charges against the Rev. I. Blakkan. A copy of Blakkan's defense is included.

Under subdivision M and Y there is considerable correspondence concerning the Wisconsin Synod's Madison mission.

Under subdivision Y there are some humorous letters written by Erling Ylvisaker.

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S652 Congregations served & Minutes

Dates: 1926–57

Extent: 1 box

Notes: Minutes (1938)
Correspondence (1938–57)

Also see: Congregations Served (1926–57): S652

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S653 Congregations served & Minutes

Dates: 1953–84

Extent: 1 box

Notes: Minutes (1946–69)
Foreign mission material (1973–74)
The collection also contains a filmstrip, slides, and audio tapes of the South American and Central American missions.

Also see: Congregations Served (1962–71): S650

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S654 Congregations served & Minutes

Dates: 1950s–1970s

Extent: 2 boxes

Notes: tapes, filmstrips and slides (1974)
“Mission Friends Society”
“South and Central American Mission”

Container List: none

Series: Minutes & Correspondence (1918-1984) S654 (Box 2)

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S655–656 1985–2019

Dates: 1985–2019

Extent: 12 boxes

Series: Congregation’s served (by state): S655.C.1-S655.C.6
Correspondence (2000-2002): S655.A.3
Minutes & Correspondence (1985–90): S655.A.1
Minutes & Correspondence (1991–96): S655.A.2 (missing 1996 minutes)
Minutes & Correspondence (1997–1999): S655.A.3
Minutes (2013–18): S655.E
Miscellaneous: Asian Mission (1999-2000); correspondence, policy etc.: S655.B
Home Mission Handbook (1985): S655.A.1
Mission Handbook (1995): S655.A.2
Home Mission Handbook (1998): S655.A.3
Home Outreach Handbook (2019): S655.E (folder 4)

Also See: World Outreach—Mission Counselor (1997–07): Home Mission Board Minutes 1999–2002:
679 WWW, XXX, YYY

World Outreach—Mission Counselor (1997–07): Home Mission Board Minutes 2000–02:
679E.1

Note: Lawsuit (Peace; Lakeland, FL: 1998–04): S655.C.3

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S657 Mission sites considered

Dates: 1983–87

Extent: 1 box

Container List: none

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S659 Home Outreach NewsletterDates: 2001–21 [succeeded by *Q & A Leading to Christ*]

Extent: 1 box

Container List: none

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S659 Missionary to Missionary Newsletter

Dates: 2022–

Extent: 1 folder

Container List: none

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S670–671 Partners in the Gospel

Abstract: The “Partners in the Gospel” mission offering was conducted 1986–89 and established a home mission endowment fund.

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: Minutes and final reports of congregations (S670)

Filmstrip (S670)

Publicity and correspondence (S671)

Note: S672, S673, S674 can not be located

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Series: Helping Hands

S657.A

Abstract

Abstract: The “Helping Hands Program” was established by the Board for Foreign Missions in 1985 as a means whereby people can support ELS foreign mission work above and beyond the synod’s budget. It began with a generous gift by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Schwann. “Only the interest monies from this endowment may be used, and only as much of the interest monies as is matched by the gifts of other contributors in a given year.” (*Synod Report* 1986, page 67). A newsletter was mailed in conjunction with this program. Significant workers for this program were Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Soule and Mrs. Betty Carlson. In 2016, the newsletter was combined with *Mission News*.

Dates: 1997–2001

Extent: 2 folders

Series: Miscellaneous (1988–2002)

Helping Hands newsletter 1985–2004 (miscellaneous copies).

Also contains: Faith Mission Society Reports (1997–2004): S685

Faith Mission Society proposed constitution and bylaws: S685

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Series: Women’s Missionary Society

S675–S676

Abstract: The first rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society was held in 1972 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin. Eventually, regional rallies were conducted throughout the synod. In some areas, these are known as "Mission Rally."

Dates: 1956–2019

Extent: 3 boxes

Series: Wisconsin Chapter, 1973–2003 (1 box): S675.A
 Minnesota Chapter, 1984–2022 (1 box): S675.B
 Pacific-Northwest Chapter, 1979–2008 (1 folder): S675.C
 Circuit 10 Chapter, Arizona-California, 1983–2016 (4 folders): S675.D
 Michigan Chapter, 1986 (1 folder): S675.E
 Florida Chapter, 1987–91, 2003–05 (1 folder): S675.F

Series: Lutheran Women's Guild (Northern Minnesota (1956–2002): S676

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Series: **World Missions**

Abstract: See Missions

Also see: "History of the ELS Foreign Missions" (unsigned, 1988): S679.HH.2

Sub-series: **Minutes/Correspondence**

1946–48: S653
 1968–72: S680.J
 1984–99: S681.A (also see: 1996–2001: S679.D–G)
 2000–02: S681.B (also see: 2001–03: S679.V–W)
 2004–11: S112 (miscellaneous, J.Moldstad, box 5)
 2005–17: S680.II
 2010–14: S680.KK (also S680.B)
 2012–17: S680.II
 2019: S680.KK (file F)

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S679 **Missions Counselor**

Dates: 1997–07

Extent: 8 boxes

Series: The collection is arranged as received from the donor (S.P. Petersen)

Notes: "Four Corners Mission" (S679.H)
 "Built On the Rock" Committee" (2001) (S679.AAAA)
 Home Mission Board Minutes 1999–2002 (S679 WWW, XXX, YYY)
 Home Mission Board Minutes 2000–02 (S679E.1)

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S680 **World Missions**

Dates: 1984-2017

Extent: 27 Boxes

Series: The collection is arranged by country from the donors (Steve Petersen (World Outreach Administrator); George Orvick; John Moldstad, Jr.) including correspondence and minutes

Peru: S680 AA
 including Peru school visit (Silas & Mary Born, n.y.)

Czech Republic: S680 BB
 including Czech Republic (Silas & Mary Born, 2005): S680.BB

Ukraine: S680 CC – 2 boxes
 including "History of the ULC"
 including newsletters from John Vogt – St. Sophia Seminary
 including Thoughts of Faith sponsored VBS (2005-2013): S680.CC (box 2)
 including International Charitable Fund (2009-2017): S680.CC (box 2)

- including N. Laper Report on Grenada: S680.CC (box 2); 1 file
 also see: *Banner* [which began publication in 1998 as the English translation of the official publication of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC)]:1999–2002 (misc.): S687.E
 also see: Gift of Life: S694 (2 boxes)
- Latvia: S680 DD – 2 boxes
 including “A History of Thoughts of Faith’s Work in Latvia”
 including “Latvijas Lutheranis” [Latvian Lutheran] (1999–2002)
 Augsburg Institute – Riga
 correspondence to and from Erling Teigen; George Orvick
 also see: S680.EE (file Z): Information/History
- Thoughts of Faith: S 695 – Board Minutes (1985-2009) S680 EE – 3 boxes
 Container List: file cabinet (printed—box 2 only)
- Australia: S680.FF
- India: S680 GG – 2 boxes
 Note: LMSI history: S680 (boxes 1,5)
 India (Telagu) language books: S680.NN
 Also see Lutheran Mission of Salvation—India (LSMI): S112.box 5 (J.Moldstad)
- South Korea: S680 HH
 Korean language books: S680.OO
- General Material: S680 II
 Difficult Cases: S680 JJ
 Chile: S680 MM – 2 boxes
 2006-2017
- Notes: Foreign Mission Board Minutes (1968–72 , file J)
 Foreign Mission Board Minutes (1984–88)
 World Outreach Minutes (2013–14)
 Foreign Mission Policy Handbook (n.y.): S680KK
 Foreign Mission Policy Handbook (c. 1998): S680KK
 World Outreach Policy Handbook (n.y.): S680.KK
 Czech publications
- Also See: Helping Hands: S.687.A
 Latin American Missionary Conference (WELS, 1994): S682.A
 World Seminary Conference (WELS, 1999): S682.A
- Container List: file cabinet (partial)
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S681–682 **Foreign Mission Board**

- Series: The collection includes both correspondence and minutes.
 Dates: 1984–2002
 Extent: 3 boxes
 Series: ELS World Missionaries Conference (1995, 1998, 2001): S682.B
 Foreign Missionaries/Potential Fields: S.681.C
 Minutes/Correspondence (1984–99): S.681.A
 Minutes/Correspondence (2000–02): S.681.B
- Also see: Extension Seminary *Quarterly Bulletin* Number 1, 1973 [Peru]: S687.M
 Mission Calendar (1995, 1998, 2000–08, 2012, 2013): S687.C
 “Jungle Journey” (Terry Schultz): S687.H
 Anniversary brochures / General History (Chile & Peru): S687.I
- Container List: file cabinet (printed)
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S652–654 **ELS Foreign Missions**

- Dates: 1918–1949
 Extent: 4 boxes

Series: This collection consists of materials gathered apart from the Mission Coordinator, Field Secretary or World Outreach Administrator.

Notes: Cornwall Mission:
S653
S654 - Container List: file cabinet (printed)

Also See: Home Mission—Congregations Served (1962–71): S650
Home Mission—Congregations Served (1926–57): S652
“Foreign Missions” (2 folders)
“Hong Kong” (2 folders)

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Series: **Thoughts of Faith**

Abstract: Thoughts of Faith developed from a short-wave radio broadcast of the same name into eastern Europe which was started by John Shep (1947–2020) in 1979. In 1987, Thoughts of Faith Inc. received church-related status and while retaining its own Board of Directors and its own sources of funding, it was placed under the supervision of the Board for Foreign Missions. In 1994, three distinct divisions of Thoughts of Faith, Inc. were established: (1) Thoughts of Faith—Czech Republic, (2) Thoughts of Faith—Ukraine, and (3) Thoughts of Faith—Humanitarian [“Gift of Life”]. John Shep announced his resignation from Thoughts of Faith on 16 December 1993. In 1995, Saint Sophia Ukrainian Lutheran Theological Seminary was organized for the instruction of prospective pastors in the city of Ternopil, Ukraine. From 2005–11, Vacation Bible School was taught in Ukraine with assistance of many volunteers from the United States. In 2009 Thoughts of Faith, Inc. came under the direction and control of the ELS. In 2014 the Ukrainian Lutheran Church became a beneficiary of WELS foreign mission efforts.

Note: Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws: S103.

S699 **Eastern European Mission Books**
Dates: 1985–2001
Extent: 1 box
Series: The collection consists of books published with the assistance of Thoughts of Faith and also the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.
A. Czech Republic
B. Ukraine
Note: Also contains maps, travel brochures, etc.
Container List: none
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S694 **Gift of Life**
Abstract: In 1991, Thoughts of Faith developed a plan to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine and the following year a “Medical Clinic on Wheels” was airlifted from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The medical mission became known as “Gift of Life.” On January 1, 2005 the management changed from Christian Life Resources (WELS) to Thoughts of Faith (ELS). Administrators have been Jim and Janet Woods, Larry and Sue Dilgard, and Nicholas and Kerry Laper.
Dates: 1993–2017
Extent: 2 boxes
See also: International Charitable Fund: S680.CC (box 2)
Container List: none
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S695 **Thoughts of Faith**
Dates: 1985–2001

Extent: 14 boxes – shelved in overflow
 Series: Antioch Foundation (2008–11): S680.F–K
 Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws: S103
 Bethany Lutheran College (students from missions): S680.AA
 Czech Republic Mission History: S680.Y
 History (snapshot, 2003): S695 (box: 1995–2003)
 Kovaciny, R. (correspondence and audit): S680.DD
 Laper, Nick/Kerry: S680.GG
 Latvia Information/History: S680.DD Z
 Minutes (1985–2009)
 Mission Acquisition Committee: S680.P
 Mission Transition Committee (2006–2009)
 Rakos, Joel (correspondence): S680.JJ
 Revision of Thoughts of Faith (2013): S680.R
 Schroeder, Neal: S680.CC
 Shep, John: S680.KK
 ToF–ELS Exploratory Committee: S680.L
 Ukraine 5-year Planning: S680.T
 Ukraine Information/VBS: S680.S
 Ukrainian Lutheran Church (property): S680.U–V, HH
 UkrainianUkraininan Lutheran Church (history): S680.W
 Vacation Bible School (2089–11): S680.A–D
 Vogt, John: S680.EE
 Vogt/Bievens/etc.: S680.BB
 WELS: S680.E, X.

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S687 Thoughts of Faith Newsletter

Abstract The current *Thoughts of Faith* newsletter is a continuation of *Behind the Iron Curtain* which became *The Open Door* in 1991. Beginning in December 2005, the name *Thoughts of Faith* was used for the newsletter.

The collection also includes is *Czech Mates* [regarding the work in the Czech Republic along with correspondence from the missionaries (1999–2005); and the *Luther Letter*, the publication of the Martin Luther School in Plzen.

Dates: *Behind the Iron Curtain*: 1982–90 (miscellaneous): S687.B

The Open Door: 1991–96 (miscellaneous): S.687.B

Thoughts of Faith newsletter: 2006–20 (miscellaneous): S687.B

Czech Mates: 1999–2000 (miscellaneous): S687.C

Luther Letter: 1993–99: S687.D

Also see: *Banner*: 1999–2002 (miscellaneous): S687.E

Extent: 13 folders

Also see: *Latvijas Lutheranis* [Latvian Lutheran] (1999–2002): S680.DD

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S695 Thoughts of Faith Exploratory Committee

Dates: 2007–09

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: **Cross-stitch**

S687.G

Abstract: “Cross-stitch was organized in 1998 with the ‘goal’ of ‘stitching together’ a network that would: 1) Communicate ideas and information among mission societies and congregations,

2) Coordinate projects for the greatest impact, 3) Provide materials for year-round mission emphasis, 4) Provide resources for various mission meetings.

“The hope was that the members of our synod, whether they be members of Women’s Mission Rallies, Ladies’ Aides, youth groups, Sunday and Christian Day schools, congregations together or individual members could work together instead of on their own separate projects....” (*The Cross-stitch Corner*, Vol 2, No. 2 [14:2]).

Cross-stitch has operated under the supervision of both the Missions Counselor and the World Outreach Administrator. A newsletter has been issued since 2014.

Dates: 2014–22

Series: *Cross-stitch Corner* newsletter (March 1999, 2016–ff, missing, Vol 6:2): S687.G.1

Cross-stitch Programs (Synod Convention): S.687.G.2

Cross-stitch posters: S.687.G.3

Cross-stitch rally schedules (2010–15): S687.G.4

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: **World Mission Souvenirs**

Abstract: The Rev. Steve Petersen collected many souvenir during the twenty years of travel on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod as a missions counselor. His recorded notes and observations about some of these souvenirs were distributed electronically.

Dates: 2023–

Extent: 1 folder

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NOMINATIONS, COMMITTEE ON

S877

Abstract: The members attending the synod convention elect a Committee on Nominations to serve until the following year. This committee brings forward nominations to the following synod convention.

Extent: 1 folder

Series: 1978, 2017 letters seeking nominees.

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NORWEGIAN SYNOD

S1067–1069

Abstract: In 1853, “The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America” [den norsk-evangelisk-lutherske kirke i Amerika] was organized. When a new constitution was adopted in 1868, the name was changed to the “Synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America” [Synoden for den norsk- evangelisk-lutherske. Kirke i Amerika] (*Beretning*, 1868, page 53)]. It was popularly referred to as the “Norwegian Synod” [Norske Synoden] or simply the “Synod” [Synoden]. Synod presidents were: A.C. Preus (1853–62), H.A. Preus (1852–94†), U.V. Koren (1894–1910†), H.G. Stub (1910–17).

In 1876, the Synod was divided into three districts: (1) the Eastern [Østlige], or Wisconsin, District which consisted of congregations located east of the Mississippi River, (2) the Western [Vestlige], or Iowa, District which consisted of congregations located in the southern tier of counties in Minnesota and southward, and (3) the Northern [Nordlig], or Minnesota, District consisting of congregations west of the Mississippi and north of the Iowa District. In 1893, the

congregations on the Pacific coast were detached from the Iowa and Minnesota districts and organized into the Pacific District. In 1908, the Northwest [Nordvestlige] District was created consisting of the congregations in North Dakota. District presidents were:

Eastern District— J.B. Frich (1876–88), O. Juul (1888–93), H. Halversen (1893–03), A.K. Sagen (1903–06), J. Norby (1906–17).

Iowa District— U.V. Koren (1876–94), T.A. Torgerson (1894–06†), O.P. Vagsness (1906–16†), D.C. Jordahl (1916–17).

Minnesota District— B.J. Muus (1876–83), B. Harstad (1893–91), K.K. Bjørgo (1892–1917). Pacific District— B. Harstad (1892–1900), L.C. Foss (1900–1917).

Northwest District— P.A. Hendrickson (1908–1917).

“Every third year the Synod holds its meetings ... Between the synodical meetings the management is exercised by the church council, consisting of the four presiding officers, and of four lay members, elected by the three districts, and one member elected by the Synod at large” [O.N. Nelson, *History of the Scandinavians and Successful Scandinavians in the United States*, Minneapolis, Minn: O.N. Nelson & Company, 1901, page 188].

The Synod established Luther College (1861), Luther Seminary (1876), and Lutheran Normal School (1889). It also operated Lutheran Publishing House (1869). Synod congregations also operated numerous academies, four orphans’ homes, three old people’s homes, and two hospitals.

Periodicals published by the Norwegian Synod included: *Beretning* (1855–1916), *Kirkelig Maanedstidende* (1855–59), *Evangelisk-luthersk Kirketidende* (1859–1917), *Lutheran Watchman* (1866–68), *Opbyggelsesblad* (1877–1886), *Evangelisk-luthersk folke-kalendar* (1879–1917), *Lutheran Herald* (1906–17). [J. L. Neve, *History of the Lutheran church in America*, 1934, page 305]. Other publications include *Børneblad* (LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 1875–1916) and *Our Friend* (1899–1917). *Teologisk Tidsskrift* (1889–1907) was the official publication of Luther Seminary.

The Synod passed out of existence in 1917 when it merged with the United Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church (Forenede Kirke) and Hauge’s Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod to form the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church (NELC).

Dates: 1868–1917

Extent: 5 boxes

Series: **Norwegian Synod** (S1067):

Series 1: Church of Norway

Includes: Almindelig norsk huus=kalender med primstav og merkedage, 1859.

Grundrids af den systematiske Theologi [Outline of Systematic Theology], Gisle Johnson, 1878, 1880.

Syv Foredrag over de kirkelige forholde blandt de Norske i Amerika [Seven Lectures on the ecclesiastical conditions among the Norwegians in America], H. A. Preus, 1896.

Almindelig norsk huus=kalender med primstav og merkedage, 1859.

Kirkelige Traktater II: Menighed og Embede [Church Tract 2: Church and Ministry], 1869.

Series 2: Norwegian Synod: History

Includes: Opfordring til et Jubeloffer forestaaende ved den norske Synodes forestaaende Jubelfest 1878 J. A. Ottesen

Comparison of Norwegian Synod Constitutions: 1853–1968.

Den Norske Synode, prepared for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915.

Den Norske Synode, Hilsen til Hundrearsfesten i Norge 1914.

Kort Uddrag af Den Norske Synodes Historie [Short Excerpt of the History of the Norwegian Synod], Jacob Aal Ottesen, prepared for the World’s Columbian Exposition [Chicago], 1893.

- Fire Hundred Aars Reformationsfest [Four Hundredth Year Anniversary, 1517–1917], Luther Memorial Fund.
 “Out of Her Past,” Adolph Harstad
 Centennial Serivces (1983–1953) (NELCA).
- Series 3: Norwegian Synod: Individuals
 Includes: Dietrichson, Preus, Koren, Ottesen, Larsen, Muus, Johnsen, Torgerson, Schmidt
- Series 4: Norwegian Synod: Organization
 Includes: Synodalhaandbog [Synodical Handbook], 1901.
- Series 5: Norwegian Synod: Institutions
 Includes: Lutheran Normal School
 Luther Academy (Albert Lea, Minn.), 1913
 Also see: Luther College: S1070, CD289
 Luther Seminary: S1069, CD289
 Academies: CD289 (Ferkenstad)
- Series 6: Norwegian Synod: Liturgics/Hymnody
 Includes: “Denmark and Norway Church-Ritual, 1685 (photocopy)
- Series 7: Norwegian Synod: Missions
 Includes: A Brief History of Missions, J. A. Ottesen and wife, 1895.
 First Missionary in China (Oline Hermansen) [also see CL121]
 Utah
 Alaska
- Series 8: Norwegian Synod: Doctrine
 Includes: U. V. Koren writings:
 The Inspiration of the Holy Scripture, 1908.
 What the Norwegian Synod Has Wanted and Still Wants, 1890.
 Can and Should a Christian Be Certain of His Salvation, 1881.
 Why is it not an ecclesiastical agreement between Norwegian Lutherans in America, n.y.
 Norwegian Synod Tracts:
 Tract 1: Om Barnedaaben [About Infant Baptism], 1897.
 Tract 2: Om Absolutionen [About Absolution], 1896
 Tract 3: Om Absolutionen [About Absolution], 1874.
 Tract 4: Om Retsærdiggjørelsen (About Justification), 1878.
 Tract 6: Methodismen (About Methodism), 1878.
 Tract 7: Hvad er en lutheraner? [What is a Lutheran?], 1903.
 Tract 8: Om splittelse i kirken [About Schism in the Church], 1878.
 Tract 9: Beder Du? [Do You Pray?], 1878.
 Tract 10: Den Lutherske Kirkes Historie [The Lutheran Church’s History], 1878.
 Tract 11: Om Den kristelige Kirketugt [About Church Discipline], 1879.
 Tract 15: Pilatus og Petrus eller den falske og den sande Bod [Pilate and Peter or the false and true Penance], 1880.
 Odd-Fellow-Ordenens: Maal og Principer (J. B. Frich, 1880)
- Series 9: Norwegian Synod: Slavery Controversy
- Series 10: Norwegian Synod: Election Controversy
 f.1 Norwegian Synod
 f.2 An Accounting [En redegjørelse]
 f.3 Asperheim / Schmidt
 f.4 Free Conferences
- Series 11: Norwegian Synod: Union Movement
 Includes: What stands in the way of church unity working among us? H. G. Stub, 1911.
 “Cause of the Union Movement,” H. G. Stub
 “The Union Movement and F. A. Schmidt,” E. Jensen, 1901.
 Zion Lutheran Church (Christian Anderson), 1917.
 “Salmer for Gudstjenesterne” [Hymns for God’s Service], Foreningsmødt [Union Meeting], 1917.
 “Reformation Festival,” Union Convention, 10 June 1917.
- Series 12 (S1068): Torald N. Teigen Collection
- Series 13 (S1069): Norwegian Synod: Credentials for the Synod Meeting (1916)

Also see: Norwegian Synod Publication Committee (1869–79): S840

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Series: **Luther Seminary**

S1069

Abstract: Luther Seminary was established to educate pastors in the Norwegian Synod. It was known as Norwegian Lutheran Seminary while it was located in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1888, the seminary was relocated to Minneapolis, Minnesota and thereafter known as Luther Seminary. Buildings were constructed in Robbinsdale, Minnesota in 1888. After this building was destroyed by fire, the seminary was relocated to Hamline, Minnesota where a building was constructed in 1899. Following the Merger of 1917, this institution was merged with United Lutheran Seminary. The new seminary used the campus of the United Lutheran Seminary and the name of Luther Seminary.

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: The collection consists of
1936 anniversary service
Catalogs (1918, 1921, 1926)
Class notes (Martin Teigen)
Reformation Sermon (Prof. E. Hove, 1914)

Box 2:

Commentary on Paul's Epistle to the Romans (Joh. Ylvisaker, trans. G.Lillegard, 1954)
Commentary on Paul's First Epistle to Timothy (Joh. Ylvisaker, trans. G.Lillegard, 1954)
Eksegese over Brevet til Galaterne (Joh. Ylvisaker, 1905) [also shelved at: Y-77]
Hermeneutics (W. M. H. Petersen, reprinted from class notes of J. U. Xavier, 1899)

Also see:

Barnedaaben (W. M. H. Petersen): Books Q-80
Christian Doctrine (E. Hove): Books Y-78
Hermeneutics (W. M. H. Petersen): Books Y-79
Homeetik (Prof Brandt, 1914): Books L-24.
Synopse efter forelæsningerne over de fire evangelier (Joh. Ylvisaker, 3 vol): Book Y-76
Teologisk Tidsskrift (1899–1902)

Also see: George Lillegard collection (seminary notes, 1919–12): BS-C.1

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Series: **Luther College**

S1070

Abstract: The Norwegian Synod established Luther College in 1861. The following year, the college was located in Decorah, Iowa. The Rev. Laur. Larsen served as the first president (1861–1902) and was succeeded by the Rev. C.K. Preus (1902–21). The site for the college was selected by the Rev. U.V. Koren. Until 1917, most of the pastors of the Norwegian Synod attended Luther College.

Dates: 1996–2018

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: The collection consists of
College Chips
Luther College history, 1890 by J. T. Ylvisaker
“Luther College Semi-Centennial” history book (1861–1911) English
Concert Band and Chorus tour program, 1906
Commencement Exercises, 1911
Luther College Museum brochure, 1923
“A Birthday Salute to Luther College” (1861–1941)
Luther Normal School (Sioux Falls), Catalog 1902–03
Norwegian Synod Choral Union music (booklets, 1903, 1906, 1915)

Bethany Lutheran College A Cappella Choir program (undated, Fremder)

Also contains: "Norgesfærden: Luther College Concert Band" (1914)

Also See:

Centennial of the Arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in America (5 July 1925): S840

Pacific Lutheran University ("Educating for Service," 1890–1990): CD220

Fire Hundred Aars Reformationsfest (1517–1917): S840

Norske Synode "Hilsen Hundredaarsfesten I Norge, 1914": S840

Oline Hermanson Netland (missionary): CL124

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PASTORS' CONFERENCES

Series: **B.I.B.E.L.**

S2250

Abstract: In 2017, B.I.B.E.L. (Bethany Institute for Biblical and Ecclesiastical Languages) was started by Pastors Tom Rank, Steve Sparely, and Joseph Abrahamson. The purpose is to promote language studies as they relate to the Bible among the clergy of the ELS. The first three meetings were held after the synod convention of the ELS.

Dates: 2017–22

Extent: 1 folder

Series: The collection consists of handouts of presentations, a 2018 annual, and notes taken by Rev. T.Gullixson.

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Series: **General Pastoral Conference (ELS)**

S1034

Abstract: The pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod continued to met in both local and a general conference since the reorganization of the synod.

Dates: 1927–2021

Extent: 5 boxes

Series: The collection consists of minutes, essays, and materials presented to the ELS General Pastoral Conference.

Also See: S895 (Circuit Pastoral Conference)

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Series: **Pastoral Conferences (Circuit)**

S895

Abstract: The pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod continued to met in both local (circuit) and a general conference since the reorganization of the synod.

Dates: 1924–2023

Extent: 6 boxes

Series: The collection consists of circuit materials (minutes, essays, etc.) presented at the circuit pastoral conferences. It also includes some winkel materials in the same file. The collection is arranged first by circuits (the names and numbers of which have changed over the years) and then with in the circuit by chronological order.

	895 A	895 B	895 C	895 D	895 E	895 F	895 G	895 H	895 J	895 K	895 L	895 M
1953-1955			Chicago-Madison District				Iowa District		Northwest District			
1956-1958			Chicago-Madison District				Iowa-Southern Minnesota District		Northwest District			
1959-1978	Atlantic Circuit No. 6 (FL, GA, MA, NY)		Lake Michigan Circuit No. 5 (IL, MI, WI)				Southern Circuit No. 4 (IA, S-MN)	Northern Circuit No. 1 (N-MN, ND)	Central Circuit No. 2 (S-MN)	Southwestern Circuit No. 3 (CO, W-MN, NE, SD, TX)		Pacific Circuit No. 7 (CA, OR, WA)
1979-1980	Circuit 1 (FL, GA, MA, NY)		Circuit 2 (MI, IL)		Circuit 3 (WI)		Circuit 4 (IA, S-MN, MO)	Circuit 6 (N-MN, ND)	Circuit 5 (S-MN)	Circuit 7 (CO, W-MN, NE, SD, TX)		Circuit 8 (AZ, CA, OR, WA)
1981-1987	Circuit 1 (FL, GA)	Circuit 2 (MA, NY)	Circuit 3 (IL, MI)		Circuit 4 (WI)		Circuit 5 (IA, S-MN, MO)	Circuit 7 (N-MN)	Circuit 6 (S-MN)	Circuit 8 (CO, W-MN, SD, TX)	Circuit 9 (AZ, CA)	Circuit 10 (OR, WA)
1988-2001	Circuit 1 (FL, GA)	Circuit 2 (MA)	Circuit 3 (IN, MI, OH)		Circuit 4 (IL, S-WI)	Circuit 5 (N-WI)	Circuit 6 (IA, S-MN)	Circuit 7 (N-MN)	Circuit 8 (S-MN)	Circuit 9 (MO, TX, CO)	Circuit 10 (AZ, CA)	Circuit 11 (OR, WA)
2002-	Circuit 1 (FL)	Circuit 2 (MA)	Circuit 3 (MI, OH, PA)	Circuit 4 (IL, IN)	Circuit 5 (S WI)	Circuit 6 (N-WI)	Circuit 7 (IA, S-MN)	Circuit 8 (N-MN)	Circuit 9 (S-MN)	Circuit 10 (MO, TX)	Circuit 11 (AZ, CA, UT)	Circuit 12 (OR, WA)
			Great Lakes Conference 895 N (1991)				Great Plains Conference 895 P (2016)				West Coast Conference 895 R (2017)	

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Box 1:

- A: Florida (Circuit 1, winkel notes and papers, 1990–2013)
- B: Massachusetts (Circuit 2, overviews, miscellaneous 1991–2013)
- C: Chicago-Madison District (1933–58)
- C: Lake Michigan Conference (Circuit 5, 1959–69)

Box 2:

- C: Lake Michigan Conference (Circuit 5→2→3, 1970–90)
- C: Michigan Winkel (Circuit 3, 2014)

Box 3:

- D: Indiana (Circuit 4, 2018, 1 paper)
- E: Madison Area winkel (Circuit 3→4→5, 1975–2012)
- F: Northern Wisconsin winkels (Circuit 5→6, no material)
- G: Iowa-Southern Minnesota (Iowa District→Circuit 4→5→6→7, conferences and winkels, 1946–2015)
- H: Northern Minnesota winkel (Circuit 1→6→7→8, notes and papers, 1956–2013)

Box 4:

- J: Minnesota (Northwest→Circuit 2→5→6→8→9, conferences and winkel minutes, 1947–2015)
- K: Minnesota→Southwestern (Circuit 3→7→8, winkel minutes, 1959–1987)
- L: Arizona-California (Circuit 9→10→11, conference papers and winkel minutes, 1988–2000)
- M: Oregon-Washington (Circuit 11→12, conference papers and winkel minutes, 1989–2011)

Box 5:

- N: Great Lakes Conference (1991–2022)
- P: Great Plains Conference (2016–2023)
- R: West Coast Conference (2017–2023)
- W. Miscellaneous essays (no date or author)

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PLANNING & COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Abstract: The coordination of the work of the various boards of the synod has been conducted under numerous boards and committees:

The Planning Board was elected in 1949 “to time to examine its work with a view toward improvement in cooperation between the various branches of the work, toward greater efficiency, and toward better methods of operation.” (*Synod Report* 1950, page 44).

In 1953–54, an ad hoc Committee on Reorganization met and reported to the 1954 convention (*Synod Report* 1954, pages 49–52). This resulted in the organization of the Committee of Committees which continued until 1962 (*Synod Report* 1962, page 90).

In 1961, the synod's president was instructed to appoint an ad hoc committee to study the synod's work as "it is questionable whether our present system of boards and committees is operating as efficiently as it might (*Synod Report* 1961, pages 95–96). This Committee on Synodical Reorganization recommend the amalgamation of several boards and committees along with revised duties (*Synod Report* 1962, pages 77–85).

During the following years, a Self Study Committee was appointed by the synod's president and this committee continued to report annually.

In 1982, a Long-range Planning Committee, which was established the previous year (*Synod Report* 1981, page 181), recommended the Planning and Coordinating Committee which was formed in 1981 (*Synod Report* 1982, page 135).

The Planning and Coordinating Committee proposes and annual synodical budget and coordinated work among the board of the synod.

Dates: 1951–2014

Extent: 4 Boxes

Series: Planning Board, 1950–51 (1 folder): S888
 Committee on Reorganization, 1954 (1 folder): S888
 Committee of Committees, 1954–62 (3 folders): S877
 Planning & Coordinating Committee, 1981–2007: S500
 Planning & Coordinating Committee, 2008–: S887

Also see: Planning Board (1949–50): BS-C (2).52 [M. H. Otto files]

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Container List: Planning & Coordinating Committee: file cabinet (printed through 2002)

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PUBLICATIONS, BOARD FOR

S800–S848

Abstract: Already in 1918 the Evangelical Lutheran Synod organized a publication board (called in Norwegian, "Forlagskomite"). This board has been in continued existence since that time. The board has supervised any major publications of the synod in addition to its duties in supervising the publication of official publications of tracts, etc. There was a similar committee in the old Norwegian Synod. That committee also supervised the operation of Lutheran Publishing House in Decorah, Iowa. (Minutes of this board for several years are included in this collection).

The 2011 Synod Convention eliminated the Board for Publications, placing synod communication under the direct responsibility of the office of the synod president and creating a Committee for Communication (*Synod Report* 2011, pp. 113, 117).

Dates: 1869–79, 1918–2002

Extent: 13 boxes

Minutes: 1931–41, 1955–74: S800.A
 1975–79: S801.A
 1980–91: S802.B-F
 1992-99: S801.E-U
 2000–02: 811.F

Publications: See Appendix D

Also contains: Elementary Lutheran School (1965–70): S801.A
 Faith of Our Fathers (manuscript): S801.B
Lutheran Sentinel index (1973–89): S801.B
Lutheran Sentinel Newsletter (1977): S800.B

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RADIO INVESTIVATION COMMITTEE

S_____

Abstract: A Radio Investigation Committee was formed in 1977 as a result of a Memorial to the convention (*Synod Report* 1977, pages 81–82). The final report was made to the 1979 convention (*Synod Report* 1979, page 94) stating that “the committee concludes that establishing a Christian radio station at Bethany Lutheran College is not feasible at this time.”

Dates: 1979

Extent: 1 folder (alternate report)

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STEWARDSHIP, BOARD FOR

S850

Abstract: The synod maintained a Finance Committee/Board until 1954 when the Committee of Committees was established. In 1969 Synod Convention established The Board for Stewardship. During the interim, the Board of Trustees served as a stewardship committee (*Synod Report* 1969, p. 102-103). The 2011 Synod Convention eliminated the Board for Stewardship, transferring the duties of that board to the Giving Counselor (*Synod Report* 2011, p. 114, 117)

Dates: 1976–2001

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: minutes 1966–91
booklets 1981–94

Also contains: Finance Committee minutes (1936–38)

Also see: Finance Board (1947–54): BS-C (2).49 [M. H. Otto–Synod Finance Board–3 folders]

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SYNOD REVIEW COMMITTEE

S878

Abstract: The Synod Review Committee was established in 1985 replacing an Ad Hoc Self Study Committee which was authorized by the 1967 convention. The committee was presidentially appointed until 1996 when it began to be elected at the synod convention. The committee reviews the synod’s constitution and guidelines to determine that they are consistent with the law, with internal provisions, and with existing practice. In 2001, the name was changed to Synod Review Committee.

Dates: 1977–2019

Extent: 4 boxes

Note: contains minutes and correspondence 1993–2021

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TRUSTEES, BOARD OF

S200–280

Abstract: The Board of Trustees is elected by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The board is responsible for “the general management and control of all secular business and temporal affairs” of the synod. As such it serves as the custodian of the synod’s properties, synod fund, church extension fund and loan fund. The board calls the Giving Counselor, appoints the synod’s treasurer, and hires the synod’s business administrator. The board appoints the members of the Missions Advancement Project (M.A.P.), ELS Foundation Investment Committee, Archives and History Committee, and Compensation Committee. It also appoints trustees as members of the Regents-Trustees subcommittee, Board for Home Outreach-Trustees subcommittee, and Board for World Outreach-subcommittee.

Dates: 1933–2015

Extent: 18 boxes

Series: This collection consists of the various areas of work of the Board of Trustees. The minutes of the board are filed as submitted by the secretaries

Bethany Lutheran College Bonds (1936): S251

Congregations (loans, etc): S225

Home Missions-Trustees Subcommittee (1987–92): S267

Kasota Valley Home: S220, also see S890

Minutes and Correspondence: S200—7 boxes

Mission Congregations (Ad Hoc Committee for procedures for financing, 1989): S280

Property: S200.A, S230, S240

Regents-Trustees Building Committee (1992-2001): S266

Regents-Trustees Subcommittee (1973-97): S256, S266

Wills & Gifts: S200.A, S250, S253

Series: Archives & History

S265

Dates: 1941–2022

Extent: 2 boxes

1972

includes: Minutes (1983–2008, 2012–2020)

Ottesen Museum (2002–06)

Ottesen Museum (Jubilee Project, 1941–43): S265.B

Synod Space Committee (12/09/1995)

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Series: Church Extension Committee

1925–51: S230

1930–70: S231

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Series: Commission on Congregations at Critical Mass (CCCM)

S2259

Abstract: In response to the trend of declining membership within the ELS, the Board of Trustees asked the synod president to convene a Commission on Congregations at Critical Mass to study the matter. The report was presented to the 2023 ELS convention.

Dates: 2023

Extent: 1 folders

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Series: Missions Advancement Project, Inc. (M.A.P.)

S280

Abstract: The Missions Advancement Project, Inc., is an entity created by the Board of Trustees on April 1, 1999 with the purpose of receiving financial support for the synod and the organizations and entities that promote the core charitable, educational, and religious objectives of the synod. The Board of Directors is appointed by the ELS Board of Trustees.

Dates: 1999–2021

Extent: 3 folders

Includes: Articles of Incorporation (9-21-2010): S280, S103
Bylaws

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Also see: Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary properties: S270.A.1-66
Home missions
Regents-Trustees Subcommittee: S266 (also see S420 S430))

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WORSHIP, COMMITTEE ON

S540

Abstract: The committee was established by the Pastoral Conference (1954 *Synod Report*, p. 13; cf. p. 68, Resolution II). Through 1961, this committee was known as the Committee on Liturgy and Agenda. It was then the Hymnology and Liturgics Committee before becoming the Committee on Worship. For one year, in 1961, there was a Hymnbook Committee consisting of Rev. G. Guldberg, Rev. H. Handberg, Prof. I.C. Johnson, Rev. W.C. Gullixson.

Extent: 4 boxes

Series: Box A: W.C. Gullixson files (1960–91)
including (file L):
“Hymnal Supplement
“Handbook of Ministerial Acts”

Box B: E.Teigen files

Including: Baptism rites

Box C: D.Marzolf files (history book including photographs)
2017 *ELH* proof copy

Box D: *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*
Copyright/Permissions (1996)
“Word and Sacrament” (Vol. 1, Number 1, June 1983)
Minutes (2015–22)

Preferred hymns: *Lutheran Hymnary*, 1913 (Chr. Anderson, N.Madson, B.W.Teigen)

Also see: “Critical Comments on the Proposed New Hymnal” (TLH): CD220
The Lutheran Hymnal (signed by committee): CD220.D

Note: Includes posters from BLC choir and Fremder: S540, box C.

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YOUTH WORK

S700–732

Abstract: Already in 1919 the Evangelical Lutheran Synod formed a board that was concerned with youth. This was the “Higher Education Committee.” In time both the scope and the name of the

board was changed as various boards came into existence. Throughout the history of the synod, youth work has encompassed the following boards:

Committee for Congregation Schools (Skolekomite for Menighedsskoler)
Higher Education Committee (1919–28) (Skolekomite for høiere skoler)

Board of Student Support (1942–43)
Student Aid Fund (1943–44)

Christian Day School Committee (1933–61)
Board of Christian Elementary Education (1961–72)
Board of Christian Secondary Education (1969–72)

Young People’s Work Committee (1949–55)
Youth Board (1956–72)

In 1972, the Boards of Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Youth were combined into the Board for Education and Youth.

Board for Education and Youth (1972–2006)

In 2006, the Board for Education and Youth was divided into two boards: the Board for Parish Education and Youth and the Board for Lutheran Schools of America.

Board for Parish Education and Youth (2006–12)
Board for Youth Outreach (2012–)

Board for the Lutheran Schools of America (2006–15)
Board for Education (2015–18)
Board for Lutheran Schools (2018–)

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Series: **Minutes**

1951–62: S700.f.d
1960–72: S730.f.27
1963–65: S700.f.e
1962–67: S700.f.a
1971–78: S700.f.b
1973–2002: S700.v1–25
2006-2012 (Board for Parish Education and Youth): S700.v.26
2006–12 (Lutheran Schools of America): S733.f.6–11
2012–22 (Board for Youth Outreach): S700.27
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Series: **Christian Day Schools**

S730
Dates: 1943–95
Extent: 1 box
Folder List:
f.1 Christian Day Schools (1937–43)
f.2 “Christian Day School Bulletin” articles (1956–57)
f.3 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (assignments, 1956–57)
f.4 Christian Day School mailing lists
f.5–8 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (1947–58)
f.9 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (minutes)
f.13 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (assignments, 1959–58)

- f.14 Christian Day School Board (correspondence, 1963–64)
- f.15 Christian Day School bills
- f.16 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (aids)
- f.17–19 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (articles)
- f.20 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (ideas, 1958)
- f.21 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (copies, 1957)
- f.22 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (copies, 1957)
- f.23 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (copies, 1957)
- f.24 “Christian Day School Bulletin” (copies, 1958)
- f.25 “Lutheran Educator” (1979–99)
- f.26 Teachers’ Directories
“Jubilee Souvenir” booklet (1928) [also S801.F, S840]
ELS Teachers (1988)
- f.27 Christian Day School Board/ Board of Christian Elementary Education (minutes 1960–72)
- f.28 Christian Education Sunday (1972)
- f.29 Handbook for Lutheran Schools (1995)
- f.30 “History of Christian Day Schools” (Orvick, 1990)
- f.31 “An Annotated Bibliography of Essays Presented at the Annual Conventions...” (1987)
- f.32 “The Christian Answer” (vol. I.1–III.2)
- f.33 Pacific-Northwest Lutheran Teachers’ Conference (1982–83)
- f.34 Teachers’ Directories

Also see: “Elementary Lutheran School” (1965–70): S 801.A

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Series: Youth Board / Board for Education and Youth / Youth Outreach

S700

Dates: 1927–2002

Extent: 2 boxes

Folder List:

- f.a Minutes (1962–67)
- f.b Minutes (1971–78)
- f.c Correspondence (1969–71)
- f.d–e Minutes (1951–65)
- f.f Correspondence (1951–65)
- f.g. Miscellaneous (1969–79)
- f.h Discipleship Seminar (1975–76)
- f.i Elementary Education (1970–72)
- f.j Guidelines for a rally (1974–77)
- f.k High School subsidy forms; visitation guidelines
- f.l “Project ‘74”
- f.m Youth Discipleship Seminary (1973)
- f.n L.I.F.E. Seminary (1978–79)
- f.o M. Butterfield correspondence
- f.p. Youth Volunteer Movements (1974–78)
- f.q Youth Discipleship Seminar III (1975)
- f.r Slides
- f.s Miscellaneous (1959–67)
- f.w Youth meeting formats
- f.z Commission of Family Life
- v.1 Minutes (1983)
- v.2 Minutes (1982)
- v.3 Minutes (1981)
- v.4 Minutes (1981)
- v.5 Minutes (1980)
- v.6 Minutes (1979)
- v.7 Minutes (1978)

- v.8 Minutes (1977)
- v.9 Minutes (1974)
- v.10 Minutes (1975)
- v.11 Teacher Certification Handbook
- v.13 Minutes (previous to 1973)
- v.14 Minutes (1973)
- v.15 Correspondence (1967–72)
- v.16 Minutes (1984)
- v.17 Minutes (1985)
- v.19 Minutes (1987–88)
- v.20 Minutes (1989–90)
- v.21 Minutes (1991)
- v.22 Minutes (1992)
- v.23 Minutes (1993)
- v.24 Minutes (1994–2002)
- v.25 Minutes (1982–2006)
- v.26 Minutes (Parish Education, 2006–12)
- v.27 Minutes (Youth Outreach, 2012–23)
- v.28 Youth Bible Studies (1998)
- v.29 Lutheran Homeschool Association (2022 Spring Symposium)

Also includes: Christian Day School Committee/ Board of Christian Elementary Education (minutes, 1927–65)

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Series: Youth Board / Board for Education and Youth / Youth Outreach

S732

Dates: 1959–1996

Extent: 2 boxes

Folder List:

- f.1 Parish Education
- f.2 “Christian Elementary Education Bulletin”
- f.3 Publications
- f.4 Private Devotions & Family Devotions
- f.5 Evaluation the Sunday School (1981)
- f.a School mailings
- f.b–d School materials (1990s)
- f.e School conventions
- f.f Catechism Devotions (1995)
- f.g Board for Education and Youth (surveys)
- f.h Board for Education and Youth (reviews)
- f.i Advent/Lent Devotions
- f.j Institute Materials
- f.k Commission on Family Life (1994–95)
- f.l Subcommittee (“Planning Document,” 1996)
- f.m Budget (1982–2001)
- f.n Copyright information
- f.o WELS newsletter
- f.p Audio-Visuals
- f.q Materials 1994-1996
- f.r “Serving Our Lutheran Youth”
- f.S Parish Education Items produced 1987-1996
- f.s BEY Newsletter 1994-1996
- f.s “Law/Gospel Statements” for Sunday School lessons (Krueger)
- f.t Board for Christian Secondary Education (1959–73)
- f.u “Cling to the Cross”
- f.u.2 “Cling to the Cross II”
- f.v “Growing in His Mercy” (1993)

- f.w “A Child’s History of the ELS” (1993)
- f.x “Feeding the Flock” (1990)
- f.y “Resource Handbook for Parish Education” (1982)
- f.z Youth Bible Studies
- f.aa “Living as God’s Children” (Vacation Bible School, 1983)
- f.bb “I Believe ...” (Vacation Bible School, 1984)
- f.cc VBS materials review (1991)
- f.dd “Cross Words: Galatians, Ephesians” “Romans” (Karl Heck)
- f.ee “I Pray the Catechism”
- f.ff “Teens can be Christians too” (1989)
- f.gg Sunday School Institute (Minnesota, 1966–76)
- f.hh Supplemental subjects for the Catechism Class

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Series: **Sunday School Ad-Hoc Committee**

S732ii

Abstract: Following the 2021 convention, the synod president appointed an ad hoc committee with the goal of identifying the reasons for declining Sunday School enrollment and seeking solutions or alternatives. The committee’s report was made to the 2023 ELS convention.

Dates: 2023

Extent: 1 folder

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Series: **Lutheran Schools of America / Board for Education / Board for Lutheran Schools**

S733

Abstract: In response to a 2003 convention memorial, the synod resolved to “declare the elementary school education of its children to be its second highest operational priority, after the preaching of salvation” and the synod’s president appointed an ad-hoc committee which began the Lutheran School Initiative (LSI). In 2006, the Board for the Lutheran Schools of America became a standing board of the synod until 2015 when the synod established the Board for Education. In 2018, the name of this board was changed to Board for Lutheran Schools.

Sub-Series: **Lutheran Schools of America**

S733

Dates: 2002–2014

Extent: 2 boxes

Folder List:

- f.1 Articles of Incorporation, E.I.N.
- f.2–4 Lutheran School Initiative (LSI), Minutes/Correspondence, 2002-05
- f.5 Business Plan, 2005
- f.6–11 Minutes/Correspondence, 2006–12
- f.12 Board Photo
- f.13 Bible Study
- f.14–27 Congregation profiles
- f.28 LSA Prospective Schools
- f.29 Thrivent
- f.20 Feasibility Study – 2007
- f.31 “LSA Advocate”
- f.32 Member Survey - 2010
- f.22 Brochures
- f.34 “For You and Your Children” Offering
- f.35 Education Essays
- f.36 Early Childhood Curriculum Workshop - 2006
- f.37 “Prekindergarten Guide” - 2006
- f.38 Mentors/Principals Meeting, 2007

- f.39 Classical Curriculum Workshop, 2008
- f.40 Classical Lutheran Education Conference – 2008
- f.41 “Lutheran Curriculum Classical Guide” - 2009
- f.42 ELS National Teachers Conference - 2014

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Sub-Series: **Board for Education/Board for Lutheran Schools**

S733

Dates: 2018–2023

Extent: 1 folder

Folder List:

- f. 43 Minutes (2018–2023)

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Series: **Lutheran Youth Association**

S721

Abstract: The Lutheran Youth Association is an organization that exists within the Evangelical Lutheran Synod under the guidance of the Board for Youth Outreach. The organization meets in synod-wide conventions which had begun on a regular basis by 1951, and also at one time in circuit rallies. Four years later, the name of the organization was changed to Lutheran Youth Association (LYA). Local groups were to use the name Lutheran Youth Society (L.Y.S.).

Beginning on April 1, 1954 a quarterly newsletter was published which became known as the “L.Y.A. Quarterly.” The Lutheran Youth Association has also undertaken numerous projects on both the local and synod-wide levels. For example, the Northern-Iowa, Southern-Minnesota Circuit of the L.Y.A. placed a memorial plaque at the Lime Creek Lutheran Church in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. In the early 1970s, the L.Y.A. supported youth workers for the ELS Central American mission field.

Dates: 1951–78

Extent: 1 box

Folder List:

- f.1 Presidents’ correspondence (1951–54)
- f.2 Presidents’ correspondence (1954–57)
- f.3 Presidents’ correspondence (1957–70)
- Presidents’ correspondence (1977-1978)
- f.4 Presidents’ correspondence (undated)
- f.5 Notes from societies
- f.6 L.Y.A. Questioner (1954)
- f.7 Treasurer (1952–55)
- f.8 Treasurer (1956–70)
- f.9 Treasurer (bank statements)

Note: The collection also contains the “Book of Proceedings” of the Choral Union of the Albert Lea Circuit (1922–41).

Note: Return address stamp

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Series: **Lutheran Youth Association Conventions**

S720

Abstract: The first synod-wide YPA convention was held at Norseland Lutheran Church, near St. Peter, Minnesota on July 21–22, 1951. There were eighty young people in attendance. Regular LYA conventions were held each year through 1970. Since 1983, conventions have been conducted annually.

Dates: 1936–23

Extent: 2 boxes

Series: Box 1: LYA conventions

- f.1 Constitution

f.2–f.16 Convention materials (1938, 1951–2012)

f.17 Southern MN/Northern IA Young People's conventions 1936-1959

Box 2: "L.Y.A. Quarterly"

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Series: Youth Camps

S722

Abstract: As instructed in 1949, the Young Peoples' Work Committee had established a summer youth camp which first met in July 1952 at Lake Shetek State Park, near Tracy, Minnesota. The camp was under the direction of John A. Moldstad.

Two years later, the congregations in the Eau Claire, Wisconsin area conducted a youth camp near Drummond, Wisconsin under the direction of Raymond Branstad. This camp was named Indianhead Lutheran Camp.

Soon thereafter four camps were operated by various circuits at: Lake Shetek Camp (Tracy, Minnesota), Indianhead Lutheran Camp (Drummond, Wisconsin), Clear Lake Camp (Clear Lake, Iowa), Island Lake Camp (Lengby, Minnesota).

This arrangement continued for a number of years. In 1960 the synod assumed the operation of Camp Indianhead which was then meeting at Squaw Point near Hillman, Minnesota. Four years later, the synod arranged for an additional camp near Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

This camp originally was known as Camp Indianhead South.

Youth camp associations also came into existence at Twin Lake, Michigan (Lor-Ray Camp Association), the Puget Sound area of Washington (Camp 4-Star Association of Churches), and Port Orchard, Washington (Camp Olympic Lutherhaven).

In 2018, youth campers were welcomed at: Camp Indianhead (Henning, Minnesota), Camp Indianhead (Waupaca, Wisconsin), Camp Lor-Ray (Twin Lake, Michigan), Camp 4-Star (Olympia, Washington), Camp Olympic Lutherhaven (Washington), City Camp; Orlando, Florida.

Dates: 1952–2015)

Extent: 2 boxes

Sub-Series: Camp 4-Star (n.y): S722 f.9

Camp Indianhead (Minnesota): Tom Tom (1958–60, 1979): S722 f.2–4

Camp Indianhead (Minnesota): (2010, 2012): S722 f.10

Camp Indianhead (Wisconsin) (1969): S722 f.8

Clear Lake Camp (1958–59): S722 f.7

Camp Luther Hymnbook(1964): S722.f.12

Camp Lor-Ray (1967–2013: S722 (box 2) [printed index]

Lake Shetek Camp (1952–54): S722 f.6

Lutheran Island Camp (1959, 1955): S722 f.5

Also: "The Value of our Synod's Camping Program" (1964): S722 f.1

Youth Camps ("A Table in the Wilderness"): S722 f.11

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Series: Developments of the Youth Programs of the Lutheran Churches in America

S722.5

Abstract: Doctrinal Theses (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri) by Clarence Peters (1951)

Extent: 1 file

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APPENDICES:

APPENDIX A:

PASTORS AND INDIVIDUALS

C-D:

Files are maintained relating to all clergy who have had membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The extent of the files consist of items which have been submitted to the archives. Items sought for the clergy include:

- Ordination bulletin & photos
- Installation bulletins & photos
- Copies of Vitas
- Ordination photos
- Newspaper clippings from ministry
- Photo of wife and family
- Sermons from special occasions
- Letters relating to ELS activities and people

C-L:

Files also are maintained on significant individuals within the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The extent of the files consist of items which have been submitted to the archives:

Sub Series: **Professional Questionnaire (Clergy)**

S980

Abstract: In the 1950s a biographical questionnaire was given to ELS clergy and Bethany Lutheran College professors.

Dates: 1950s

Extent: 2 folders

Series: The collection consists of the questionnaires.

Also See: Clergy photographs from the 1998 Pictorial Directory: S804

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Sub Series: **Clergy Directories:**

After 100 Years (1953): S801.E

The 1976 Convention ... Pastors and Professors (1976): S846 (box 3) f.1

ELS Directory of Pastors and Congregations [including original photographs] (1998): S804, S846 (box 3) f.9

This Generation of Grace (1993): S846 (box 3) f.3, S918.E

Picture Directory of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (2017): S846 (box 3) f.10

Sub Series: **Teacher Directories:**

“Jubilee Souvenir” booklet (1928): S730.f26 [S801.F, S840]

ELS Teachers (1988): S730.f26]

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APPENDIX B:

CONGREGATIONS

Files are maintained on all congregations which have had membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The extent of the files consist of items which have been submitted to the archives. Items sought include:

- Dedication bulletins & photos
- Church Anniversaries—
bulletins, photos & sermons
- Anniversary history books
- Special events—
bulletins, photos & sermons
- Church directories
- Newspaper articles
- Book of Sacred Acts [closed congregations]

Sub Series: **Book of Sacred Acts**

Abstract: Books of Sacred Acts (Ministerial Acts) consist of official records of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, and Burial. The series is intended to consist primarily of congregations which are no longer in existence or duplicate records of functioning congregations.

Congregations: Delhi (Delhi, Minnesota: 1896–78): AXC 72
 First Shell Rock (Northwood, Iowa: 1966–2014): AXC 91, AXC 93
 Good Shepherd (Blythe, California: 1982–86): AXC 20
 Grace (Newton, Iowa: 1939–2005): AXC 83
 Grace (Weston, OH: 1956–2021): ASX 66
 Immanuel (Riceville, Iowa: 1967–2014): AXC 93
 Jerico (New Hampton, Iowa: 1868–1977 microfiche copy): AXC 81
 Lake Mills, (Lake Mills, Iowa: 1907–2014): AXC 94
 Lime Creek (Lake Mills, Iowa: 1907–2013): AXC 93
 London (Northwood, Iowa: 1890–1916): AXC 92
 Messiah (Minot, North Dakota (1973–82): AXC 81
 Newport (Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin: 1853–1989, photocopy): AXC 83
 Norseland (St. Peter, Minnesota, microfilm copy: 1858–1959): AXC 73
 Our Savior's (Lyle, Minnesota: 1890–1917): AXC 92
 Our Saviour (Madison, Wisconsin: 1888–1913): AXC 54
 Oslo (Volga, South Dakota: 1871–83): AXC 65
 Saude (Lawler, Iowa: 1857–1977 microfiche copy): AXC 81
 Scandinavian (Big Rapids, Michigan: 1884–1932): AXC 72
 Somber (Northwood, Iowa: 1918–2012): AXC 91, AXC 93
 St. Andrew's (Colorado, Springs: 1976–87): AXC 81
 St. Luke's (Chicago, Illinois: 1914–46): AXC 81
 St. Mark's (Chicago, Illinois: 1901–46): AXC 8
 St. Paul (Escondido, California: 1970–2020): ASC 92
 St. Paul's (Portage, Wisconsin: 1865–1989, photocopy): AXC 83
 Trinity (Sebastian, Florida: 1983–2013): AXC 82

Sub Series: **Architects Drawings / Blueprints**

Congregations:
 Abiding Word (Bowling Green, Ohio): AXC 1

Christ the Cornerstone (Scottsdale, Arizona): AXC 1
Faith (San Antonio, Texas): AXC 1
Family of God (Fort Mohave, Arizona): AXC 1
Grace (Portage, Indiana): AXC 1
Indian Landing (Rochester, New York): AXC 1
Lakewood (Lakewood, Washington): AXC 1
Our Savior (Lakeland, Florida): AXC 1
Peace (Lakeland, Florida): AXC 1
Redeemer (Scottsdale, Arizona): AXC 1
Resurrection (Winter Haven, Florida): AXC 1
Trinity (Sebastian, Florida): AXC 1
Organizations: Evangelical Lutheran Synod (4 Browns Court, Mankato, Minnesota): AXC 1
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (6 Browns Court, Mankato, Minnesota): AXC 1
Martin Luther School (Plzen, Czech Republic): AXC 1

Sub Series: **Directories**

After 100 Years (1953): S801.E
ELS Directory of Pastors and Congregations [including original photographs] (1998): S804,
S846 (box 3) f.9
This Generation of Grace (1993): S846 (box 3) f.3, S918.E
Picture Directory of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (2017): S846 (box 3) f.10

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APPENDIX C:

PERIODICALS

Altes und Neues: theologisches Zeitblatt vom Standpunkte des evang.-lutherischen Bekenntnisses.

Altes und Neues [Old and New] was published in the German language in Madison, Wisconsin by F.A. Schmidt from 1 January 1880–November 1885.

Set 1: 1880–85 (June) | missing: 1885:Jan, Feb, Mar, April)

Set 2: 1880–84 (August) | missing 1881:3,14; 1882:1,2,9,12; 1884:1, 3,14,15)

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran College: 1881

Luther College – 1882–1885

St. Olaf College – 1880–1885

Luther Seminary – 1880–85

Concordia Seminary (Fort Wayne, Indiana) – 1880–85

Wisconsin Historical Society– 1880–85

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Beretning (Norwegian Synod)

The *Beretning* [Report] was the report of the conventions of the Norwegian Synod. For the Norwegian Synod's first convention, 1853, there was no printed report. The second meeting, 1855, was recorded in *Forhandlinger* (Proceedings). Reports for the conventions of 1857, 1859, 1861, and 1862 were printed in *Kirkelig Maanedstidende* and often are cited as page references in the latter. The year 1863 marked the publication of *Beretning om det sjette ordentlig synodemøde for den norsk-evangelisk-lutherske kirke in Amerika afholdt i Rock River kirke fra 10de til 17de juni, 1863*. From 1863 to 1917, such a *Beretning* (Report), popularly known as *Synodalberetning* (Synodical Report), for each convention was issued variously from Madison, LaCrosse, and Decorah.** The Synod met annually through 1876 when a new constitution went into effect and the Wisconsin or Østlige (Eastern), Iowa or Vestlige (Western), and Minnesota or Tredje (Third) districts were formed. The *Beretning* includes reports for the district conventions, held in those years when a national convention was not held. The Pacific District was formed in 1893 and the Nordvestlige (Northwest) District was formed in 1908 [officers are listed in *Festskrift* on page 432]. The 1917 report is found on pages 116–275 within the 1917 *Beretning* for Den Norsk Lutherske Kirke i Amerika.

Note: the 1855 report is in set 2 bound with *Kirkelig Maanedstidende*.

set 1 1862-1917

set 2 1861-1917

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1863–73

Luther College – 1855-1916 (Physical Description: 22 volumes)

Luther Seminary – 1855-1916 [“Synod Reports,” 1918-25]

Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) – 1893, 1896, 1899, 1902, 1903, 1905

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Beretning (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

The Norwegian Lutheran Church of American, after its establishment in 1917, published *Beretning* [Report] in the Norwegian language from Minneapolis, 1917-23. After 1924 reported were issued in English.

set 1 1918-26, 1928

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

Bud og Hilsen

Bud Og Hilsen Til Veiledning Og Opmuntring For Medvandrere was a Danish Lutheran congregational periodical published in Decorah, Iowa by M. Fr. Wiese, 1890—94.
1890–91

ALSO HELD BY:

Luther College – closed stacks (1890–94)

Clergy Bulletin

See *Lutheran Synod Quarterly*

Evangelisk-Luthersk Folke-Kalender

H.A. Preus published a *Kristelig Kalender* [Christian Calendar] for the year 1868. This annual publication was not continued until B.J. Muus published *Evangelisk Luthersk Folkekalender* for 1879. From then on this calendar appeared every year through 1917. [*Grace for Grace*, p. 87].

An *Evangelisk-Luthersk Folke-Kalender* (*Evangelisk-Luthersk Folkekalender*) also was published by the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELS), 1919–1948. Besides the information given in connection with the calendar for the coming year it provides information for the church year and furnishes instructive reading for Christian people.

set 1 1919–48 (missing 1943).

set 2 1919–48 (missing 1920, 1943).

electronic scan: 1919–42, 1944–48.

Also held is the *Evangelisk Luthersk Folkekalender* published by the Norwegian Synod: 1897, 1910, 1912, 1915, 1917.

In addition there are issues from the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1919, 1922, 1923, 1929.

Evangelisk Luthersk Kirketidende

Evangelisk Luthersk Kirketidende [Evangelical Lutheran Church Journal] was the official publication of the Norwegian Synod which continued until 1917 when it merged with *Lutheraneren* (Minneapolis), and *Budbæreren* (Red Wing). It is often cited as *Kirketidende*.*

Preceded by *Kirkelig Maanedstidend*

Set 1 1874-1915

Set 2 1874-1917

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1874-17

Luther College – closed stacks (1874-16), ejournal (1874-17)

St. Olaf College – 1874–1917

Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) – 1874-1917

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – 1895–1917 (miscellaneous copies)

Minnesota Historical Society Library – 1874-1917 (physical details: 44 v.)

NOTE:

All volumes are available electronically at <https://babel.hathitrust.org> [HathiTrust Digital Library]

Volumes 1-23 have been republished and are available for purchase at:

<https://www.bookdepository.com/publishers/Nabu-Press>

Volume 33 (part 2 is available at <https://books.google.com>)

Index (*Register til Kirkelig maanedstidende, mars 1855-december 1873 og Evang. Luth. kirketidende januar 1874-december 1902*)

set 1

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

Luther College, closed stacks.

Luther Seminary
Minnesota Historical Society Library

Evangelisch-Lutherisches Schulblatt

The *Evang.-Luth. Schulblatt eine Monatsschrift zur Förderung biblischer Pädagogik; Organ des Deutschen Evang.-Luth. Schulvereins* [Evangelical Lutheran School Journal] was edited by J. C. W. Lindeman (Johann Christoph Wilhelm) and published by Concordia Publishing House St. Louis, Mo.. 1865–1920. It was succeeded by the Lutheran School Journal. The collection also includes and index for volumes 1–38.

Set 1 1865–84.

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1865–1920

Luther College – 1865–1920

Luther Seminary –1865–1920

St. Olaf College – 1865-1920

NOTE:

Available electronically at <https://babel.hathitrust.org> [HathiTrust Digital Library]

Kirkelig Maanedstidende

Kirkelig Maanedstidende [Monthly Church Times] was the official publication of the Norwegian Synod and often is cited as *Maanedstidende*.* It was published in Inmansville (Rock County, Wisconsin), Madison, Wisconsin, and Decorah, Iowa from 1855-74 when it became *Evangelisk Luthersk Kirketidende*. The archives also possessions one incomplete newsprint version (March 1855–October 1857 / missing Vol. 2, No. 6—June 1857).

Preceded by *Maanedstidende*

Succeeded by: *Evangelisk Luthersk Kirketidende*

Set 1 1855–73

Set 2 1855–73

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1855–73

Luther College – Journal (1855–73 | 18 volumes), closed stacks (1855–73), ejournal (1855–59)

Luther Seminary – 1855–73

St. Olaf College – 1855–64, 1866–73

Minnesota Historical Society Library – 1855–73 (physical details: 18 v.)

NOTE:

All volumes have been republished and are available for purchase at:

<https://www.bookdepository.com/publishers/Nabu-Press>

Volumes 6-8, 17-18 are available at <https://books.google.com>.

Lehre und Wehre

Lehre und Wehre [Doctrine and Defense] was published by the Missouri Synod 1855–1929. It was united with *Theological Monthly* 1921–) and *Magazin für evangelisch-lutherische Homiletik* to form *Concordia Theological Monthly*. For additional information see: *Concordia Theological Monthly* Volume: 26 Number: 12 in 1955, p. 885-892.

set 1 1897–1907

Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology

Logia is a quarterly publication by “The Lutheran Academy” containing “articles on exegetical, historical, systematic, and liturgical theology that promote the orthodox theology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.” It is the successor of three small newsletters *Logia* (published by Joel Brondos), *Lutheran Confessional Review* (published by Robert Preus), and *Confessional Lutheran Research Society* (published by Erling Teigen).

The first volume was published in October 1992. A number of ELS clergymen have prepared articles for publication.

set 1 1992–2008 (miscellaneous issues: 2009–2018)

HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary: 1992–ff

Lutheran Sentinel / Tidende

The *Lutheran Sentinel* is the official publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It was published in 1917 as ***Luthersk Tidende*** [Lutheran Journal]. The following year, it was published as ***Evangelisk Luthersk Tidende***. From 1919–29, it alternated between two titles: ***Evangelisk luthersk tidende*** (published in the Norwegian language) and ***Lutheran Sentinel*** (published in English) having consecutive issue numbers. Beginning in 1924, (with v. 12, no. 14) they split into two distinct publications, each with its own numbering scheme: ***Evangelisk Luthersk Tidende*** and ***Lutheran Sentinel***. The “Tidende” was discontinued in 1953.

set 1 1917–2022

set 2 1917–2022

working file 1982–present (missing Jan–Aug ’89)

ALSO SEE: *Lutheran Sentinel Newsletter* (1977): S800.B

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1917 – to date

Bethany Lutheran College – 1917 – to date (some issues may be missing)

Luther College – 1919–52, 1958

Concordia Seminary (St. Louis): Library retains current and previous year only.

electronic files: _____

NOTE:

Bethany Lutheran College: microfilm copy (in college vault), 1917–1988.

Lutheran Synod Quarterly

The *Lutheran Synod Quarterly* began in 1941 with the title *Clergy Bulletin* as a publication by the pastors’ conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. In 1961 the name was changed to the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly* and it became an organ of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod with the editorship placed under the seminary; at that time, the series numbering began anew. In 2011 the financial responsibility for the *Lutheran Synod Quarterly* was transferred to the seminary and in 2012 it became the “official journal of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary.”

set 1 1961–2019 [note: Vol X, No. 3 (1970) was not published]

note: 1961–65: S.998

set 2 Work room: 1961–2019 [missing: Vol 47:2&3 (2007)]

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1941–60, 1961–current

Bethany Lutheran College – 1941–60, 1961–current

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – 1966–67, 1970–73, 1980–2001

Lutheran Watchman

The *Lutheran Watchman* was an English publication of the Norwegian Synod which was edited by F.A. Schmidt in Decorah, Iowa, 1866–67.

Set 1: 1866–67.

HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1866–67

NOTE:

Available electronically at <https://babel.hathitrust.org> [HathiTrust Digital Library] and [googlebooks.com](https://books.google.com)

Luthersk Skoleblad: maanedsskrift for kristelig opdragelse og undervisning

Luthersk Skoleblad [Lutheran School Booklet: Monthly Journal for Christian Education and Teaching] was published 1880–81 by the Norwegian Synod in Decorah, Iowa.

Set 1 1880–81

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary: 1880

Luther College: 1889

St. Olaf College: 1880–81

Luthersk Ugeskrift

Luthersk Ugeskrift [Lutheran Weekly] was a weekly periodical issued in Norway from 1877–1893. The editors were Wilhelm Bugge (professor of New Testament exegesis at the Royal Frederick University at Kristiania—today, University of Oslo—1870-94) and J. C. Heuch (chairman of practical theology at the Royal Frederick University at Kristiania—today, University of Oslo—from 1875–1880). From 1875–77, they were co-editors of *Luthersk Kirketidende* (Norway) but were regarded as being too high church [høykirkelige] and had to resign their positions. They then issued *Luthersk Ugeskrift*. Bugge continued as editor until 1881 and Heuch until 1889.

Set 1 1882

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary: 1877–93

Luther College

Universitats & Stadbibliothek (Köln, Germany)

Die Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (Leipzig, Germany)

Lutherske Vidnesbyrd: gamle og nye

Lutherske Vidnesbyrd [Lutheran Testimony: old and new] was published in the Norwegian language in Northfield, Minnesota 1882–1890 when it was merged with *Lutheraneren* and *Luthersk kirketidende*, to form: *Lutherisk kirkeblad*.

Set 1 1882–1890

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary: 1882–90

Luther College: 1882–90

Luther Seminary: 1882–90

St. Olaf College: 1882–1890

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Maanedstidende

Maanedstidende [Monthly Journal] was the publication of the emerging Norwegian Synod. It was a monthly paper published 1851-53 in Racine and Inmansville, Wisconsin (Inmansville was a little north of the “Luther Valley” church served by C.L. Clausen).*

Set 1 1851–52

Set 2 --

Succeeded by: *Kirkelig Maanedstidende*.

Note: There was no publication from 1854–1855

ALSO HELD BY:

Luther College – 1–2 (1851–1853)

Luther Seminary – 1–2 (1851-53, microfilm)

Magazin fur Ev.-Luth. Homiletik

The *Magazin fur Ev.-Luth. Homiletik* was established in St. Louis by the Missouri Synod in 1878 (synodical report, 1878, page 58) and the following year the faculty of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis was appointed as editors. Publication continued until 1929 when it united with *Lehre und Wehre* and *Theological Monthly* to form *Concordia Theological Monthly*. The collection includes an index for volumes 1–38.

Set 1 1877–1910

Mission News

Mission News was published by Faith Mission Society (started in 1968 by members of Faith Lutheran Church—Hillman, Michigan; and formally organized in 1972) to promote ELS mission work. The newsletter was published intermittently at Hillman, Michigan until 2016. Since March 2016, it has been published by the ELS Board for World Outreach in conjunction with the “Helping Hands Newsletter.”

set 1 1972–2022

set 2 1972–2022 (some issues missing)

electronic: 2016–current (ELS web-site)

also see: Faith Mission Society Reports (1997–2004): S685

Faith Mission Society proposed constitution and bylaws: S685

Norsk Missionstidende

Norsk Missionstidende was published in Stavanger, Norway by “Det Norske Missionssekabs” [The Norwegian Mission Society] which was organized in 1841.

set 1 1893–95 (miscellaneous copies)

Nødtvungent Forsvar

Nødtvungent Forsvar [(Necessitated Defense)] was special monthly publication (March 1882–March 1883) by the leaders of the Norwegian Synod in answer to *Lutherske Vidnesbyrd: gamle og nye* (Lutheran Testimonies: old and new) (1882–1890) which was published by F.A. Schmidt who also privately published *Altes und Neues: theologisches Zeitblatt vom Standpunkte des evang.-lutherischen Bekenntnisses* (March 1880–November 1885).

Set 1 1882–83

Set 2 1882

HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1882–83

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary (some issues missing)

Luther College,

Luther Seminary

St. Olaf College

Available ELECTRONICALLY at <https://babel.hathitrust.org> [HathiTrust Digital Library]

Oak Leaves

Oak Leaves is the publication of the ELS Historical Society. It is published on a quarterly basis.

Set 1 1997–2023

Set 2 1997–2023

Opbyggelsesblad for Luthersk Kristne

Opbyggelsesblad for Luthersk Kristne [Devotional Journal for Lutheran Christians] was published by P.A. Rasmussen as a monthly periodical from 1877–86. It was continued for a few years as a semi-monthly paper and published in Chicago. [description: *Grace for Grace*, p. 86].

1877–82

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1877–86

Proceedings

Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).

set 1 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017.

Retledning og Forsvar

[*Til*] *Retledning of Forsvar* [Guidance and Defense] was a private publication, 1915–17 edited by M. Fr. Wiese from Deerfield, Wisconsin (Western Koshkonong).

set 1 1915-17

ALSO HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1916–17

Luther College – 1916–17

St. Olaf College – 1916–17

Minnesota Historical Society Library – 1916-17

Symra

Symra was an annual which had ten issues, 1905–14. It was edited and published in Decorah, Iowa by Johannes B. Wist and Kristian Prestegard. The volumes contain more than 200 articles, poems, and sketches by pioneer Norwegian-American clergymen, professors, authors, poets, and lecturers. The *Symra* Literary Society, limited to 25 members was organized in 1907 to assist the publishes. The magazine ceased with the 1914 volume, but the society continued.

HELD BY:

Luther College: 1905-10 (10 volumes)

Luther Seminary

All volumes available electronically at <https://babel.hathitrust.org> [HathiTrust Digital Library]

Synod Report

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Set 1 1918–2021

Set 2 1917–2021

Working Set 1918–2021

Teologisk Tidsskrift

Teologisk Tidsskrift was published in Decorah, Iowa [1899-1907]. Among the editors was H. G. Stub. 1918–1902

HELD BY:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1899

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary – 1899–1907

Young Branches

Young Branches was published by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod Board for Education and Youth since 1986. It was included in the *Lutheran Sentinel* beginning in 2016. The issues is found in “Board for Youth Outreach” collection: S702.

***Zeitschrift für die gesammte lutherische Theologie und Kirche* [Journal for Lutheran Theology and Church (ZLThK)]**

Zeitschrift für die gesammte lutherische Theologie und Kirche was published 1840–78 in Leipzig, Germany. Editors were Andreas Gottlob Rudelbach (1792-1862), Heinrich Ernst Ferdinand Guericke (1803-1878), Franz Julius Delitzsch (1813-1890). After Guericke's death, the magazine could no longer be continued.

1857–60

* Adapted from *Luther College 1861-1961* by David T. Nelson (page 373 note c)

** Adapted from *Luther College 1861-1961* by David T. Nelson (page 373 note d)

+ Adapted from *Luther College 1861-1961* by David T. Nelson (page 374 note h)

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Note:

Periodicals published by the Norwegian Synod included:

Beretning (1855–1916)

Kirkelig Maanedstidende (1855–59)

Evangelisk-luthersk Kirketidende (1859–1917)

Lutheran Herald (1906–17) which was the official English periodical of the Norwegian Synod.

Lutheran Watchman (1866–68)

Opbyggelsesblad (1877–1886)

Evangelisk-luthersk folke-kalendar (1879–1917)

see: J. L. Neve, *History of the Lutheran church in America*, 1934, page 305.



Other Norwegian Synod publications:

Børneblad [Children's Paper] was published in LaCrosse, Wisconsin (1875–1916)

Available at:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary: 1906

Our Friend (O.K. Ramberg and Laur. Larsen, editors) (1899–1917) – one issue: S1067 (series 5)

Our Friend was an evangelical Lutheran publication for children. It was a weekly publication of the Norwegian Synod. Its purpose was stated: "The main object of this little paper is to be a messenger of Christ, telling of his love and friendliness."--Volume 1, number 1, page 4 (Sunday, January 1, 1899).

Editors were O.K. Ramberg (1899–1908?) and Laur. Larsen (1908?–17). It ceased publication in 1917.

Available at:

Luther College: 1899-1908, 1910-1912, 1915-1917)

St. Olaf College: 1899–1917

Teologisk Tidsskrift (January 1889–October 1907) was the publication of Luther Seminary

Available at:

Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary:

Luther College: 1889–1907

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APPENDIX D:

PUBLICATIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

In 1920, the synod established The Lutheran Synod Book Company. Printing was first done in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1933, it was relocated to Mankato and placed under the management of the Bethany Lutheran College Bookstore and the two operated concurrently until 1947 when they were combined. In 2012 the assets of the Lutheran Synod Book Company were turned over to the Bethany Lutheran College Bookstore.

This collections consists of printed materials bearing publisher's information of the Lutheran Synod Book Company, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethany Lutheran Seminary or a board or committee of the synod.

- 100 Questions and Answers for Lutherans of the Synodical Conference (1954): S801.F
 After 100 Years (I. Johnson, 1953): S801.F
 Are We So Different? The ELS & the ELCA (n.y.): S846 (box 3) f.2
 Behold a Greater than Solomon (A. Wagner, 1989): S846 (box 2)
 Behold He Prayeth (S. C. Ylvisaker, n.y.): S800.B
 Bethany Lutheran College Alumni Directory (College,1993): 8422
 Bethany Lutheran College Alumni Directory (College, 1998): 8424
 Bethany Lutheran College Alumni Directory (College, 2010): 8525
 Bethany Lutheran College Alumni Directory (College, 1998): 8426
 Bible Study on Mission Work (n.y.): S801.D
 Blessed Are Ye (S. C. Ylvisaker, n.y.): S801.A
 Blessing in the Midst of the Land, A (P. Ylvisaker, 1953): S801.B
 Book of Family Prayer (Laache, M. DeGarmeaux, 2000): S846 (box 1)
 Bread of Life From Heaven: The Theology of the Means of Grace, the Public Ministry, and Church Fellowship (Seminary, G. R. Schmeling, 2009): 8501
 Breezes from Alaska (H. H. Tjernagel, n.y.): S801.B
 Brochures: see synod brochures (below)
 Built On A Rock: A course in Christian Doctrine (D. Sabrowsky, 1993): S801.K
 Built on The Rock (H. Larson, J. Madson, 1992): S846 (box 2)
 Camp Hymnbook, The (1969): S801.A
 Catechism on Church Law, A (1965): S801.A
 Catechism Workbook (1977): S811.E
 Catechism Workbook (J. Anderson, 1986): S801.D, S811.E
 Catechism Workbook (A. Ring, 2003): S811.E
 Child's History of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, A (S. Schmidt and D. Willitz, 1990): S732.f.w
 Choral Union music (1952–54): S801.B
 Christ the Cornerstone: The Life of Christ (W. Kessel, 1984) [also see S.S801.BB]: S801.C
 Christ the Cornerstone: The Living Church (W. Kessel, 1985) [also see S.S801.BB]: S801.C
 Christian Burial (J. Petersen, 1971): S801.C
 Christmas Story, The: In Questions and Answers (n.y.): S800.A
 Christmas Programs: see special collection
 City Set on a Hill, A (T. Aaberg, 1968): S846 (box 2)
 Cling to the Cross (M. Bartels, ed, n.y.): S732.f.u
 Cling to the Cross II (M. Bartels, ed., 2002): S732.f.u.2
 Closer Look, A (J. A. O. Preus, n.y.): S800.B
 Cómo y Por Qué Murió Jesus (R. Moldstad, n.y.): S840
 Complete Text Bible Study of The Epistle to the Galatians (Jackson/Gernander, 1980):
 Constitution and Bylaws for Churches (Old and New Forms) (n.y.): S801.A
 Conversations with Adréas (Robert Moldstad (Project Cristo Rey, 1983): S840
 Conversation with the Dying Christian, The (C. U. Faye, 1951): S801.B

Cost of Confessing Christ, The (/Board for Publications/Eugene Dexter, n.y.): S801.D
 Doctrinal Position of the Norwegian Synod, The (Chr. Anderson, 1927): S840
 Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism (1966): S801.A
 Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism (1984): S801.C
 Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism (2001): S801.C
 ELS Directory of Pastors and Congregations [including original photographs] (1998): S804
 Elementary Lutheran School (1965–70): S801.A
 ELS Directory of Pastors and Congregations (1998): S846 (box 3) f. 9
 End: A Study of the Last Days, The (A. Ring, 1999): S846 (box 3) f.13
 Essentials of Christianity (College, D .Moldstad): 8411
 Evangelical Lutheran Synod: see synod brochures (below)
 Evening Bells at Bethany (N. Madson, 1949): S846 (box 1)
 Evening Bells at Bethany II (N. Madson, 1952): S846 (box 1)
 Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, An (1966): S801.D
 Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, An (1981): S846 (box 6)
 Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, An (2001): S846 (box 6)
 Explanation of the Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, An (EHV, 2018): S846 (box 3)
 Faith Active in Love: Galatians 5:6 (N. Tjernagel, 1973): S840
 Faith of Our Fathers (manuscript):S801.B
 Faith of Our Fathers (1953): S846 (box 2)
 Feeding the Flock (C. Ferkenstad, 1990): S732.f.x
 For the Love of Christ Constraineth Us (Board of Trustees & Board of Finances, n.y.): S800.D
 Forget Not All His Benefits (G. Orvick, 2007): S846 (box 5)
 From Wilderness to Promised Land: A Series of Sermons on the Exodus Theme (Seminary, G. R. Schmeling, 2009): 8503
 Good News for You (Peace Devotions, 2017): S846 (box 3) f.12
 Grace for Grace (1943): S846 (box 2)
 Great David's Greater Son: A Series of Sermons on David and the Psalms (Seminary G. R. Schmeling. 2018): 8502
 Grace for Grace (n.y. [2010 reprint]) : S846 (box 2)
 Growing in His Mercy (C. Ferkenstad, reprint 2015): S846 (box 2)
 Grammatical Study of Romans 16,17, A (1963 reprint): S801.A
 Guds Ords Kraft (Chr. Anderson, 1924): S840
 Handbook of Ministerial Acts (1971): S540 (box A), S801.A, S801.F
 Handbook of Ministerial Acts (1999): S811.G
 How Would God Have Us Approach the Subject of Homosexuality (D. Moldstad, n.y.): 8410 and S846 (box 3) f. 14
 Hvad Gjælder det? What does it matter? An account of the minority position in the merger (1919): S846 (box 4) f. 6
 Hvad Var Den Gamle Norske Synodens Stilling i Lære og Praxis? (1927): S840
 Hvorfor Den norske Synode ikke kan være med paa Forening med "Opgjør" som basis (J. Thoen, n.y.): S801.F
 I Am the Resurrection and the Life: A Collection of Funeral Sermons (G. Reichwald, 1977): S846 (box 5)
 I Believe: A Study of the Augsburg Confession and the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (B. W. Teigen, 1980): S801.C
 I Believe: A Study of the Three Ecumenical Creeds (B. W. Teigen, 1976): S801.C
 I Believe: A Study of the Formula of Concord (B. W. Teigen, 1977): S801.C
 I Believe: A Study of the Smalcald Articles (B. W. Teigen, 1978): S801.C
 I Believe: A Study of Luther's Small and Large Catechisms (B. W. Teigen, 1979): S801.C [also see: SS801.R–S]
 I Pray the Catechism (Board for Education and Youth): S732.ee
 In Remembrance of His Mercy (W. Bukowski, 1993): S846 (box 2)
 In the Interest of Truth (S.C. Ylvisaker, 1943): S840
 Is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Truly Lutheran? (D. J. Webber, 1988): S840, S802.C
 Jubilee Souvenir (1928): S801.F, S840

Let's Look at Our Synod (J. Anderson, 1967): S801.B
 Letter to the Pastors and Professors of the Missouri Synod, A (1939): S800.A
 Luther and the Catechism: A Reformation Service (n.y.): S801.D
 Lutheran Confessions: A Harmony and Resource Book, The (N. Tjernagel, 1979) [also see S801.T]: S801.D
 Lutheran Sentinel (special edition, Norwegian Synod 150th anniversary, 2003): S846 (box 3) f.4
 Lutheran Sentinel (special edition, Lutheran Reformation, 500th anniversary, June 2017): S846 (box 3) f.6
 Lutheran Sentinel (special edition, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, 100th anniversary, June 2018): S846 (box 3) f.7
 Many Convincing Proofs (A. Quist, 2008): S846 (box 5)
 Model Constitution and Bylaws for Newly Formed Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (1997): S801.O
 Modernism (G. O. Lillegard, 1931): S840
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