



Arizona-California DISTRICT

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

June 5, 2016

Brothers in Christ-

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

Greetings from the Arizona-California District! We cherish the bond of faith that unites us together in Christ, along with our partnership in the Gospel. It is our prayer that the Lord edify each and every one of you through worship and study at your upcoming conventions.

The Arizona-California District is planning to meet June 13-15, 2016 at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, AZ. The theme of our convention is *One In Christ*. Pastor James Hein will deliver the keynote address, *Ministering to Millennials*.

May the Lord bless your time together, your decisions, and your service. And may we all glorify God in our district and local ministries for the good of His kingdom!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Steven P. Gabb, secretary
On behalf of the AZ-CA District

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Dakota-Montana District

June 6, 2016

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As the Apostle Paul greeted the saints in Philippi, so the congregations and called workers of the Dakota-Montana District greet you: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel."* (Philippians 1:3-5) God's richest blessings as you meet in convention.

The Dakota-Montana District will convene June 14-16 on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, South Dakota. The theme of our 48th Biennial convention is "Our Lutheran Heritage." In addition to the great blessings of worship and growth in God's Word, we look forward to a keynote presentation from Prof. Daniel Deutschlander titled "The Uniqueness of Luther and the Lutheran Reformation."

Thank you for your greetings extended to our District as we meet in convention and your prayers on our behalf.

We pray that the Word will strengthen you as you meet in convention. May God bless your study of His Word. May God also bless your convention sessions so that we may continue to bring glory to God forever in the best way possible and that the work of the Church in this world might be further blessed.

In service to Christ our Savior,

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May 31, 2016

Dear brothers in Christ,

The Michigan District of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod sends fraternal greetings to you as we meet together in our District conventions this summer. It is our prayer that the oneness we share in Christ may be strengthened as we gather to study God's Word and conduct the business of our Lord's Kingdom.

The 115th Michigan District convention will be held on June 6, 7 and 8, 2016 at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw. The theme of our convention this year is **“Ecclesia Semper Reformanda--The Church is always being reformed”**. Pastor Jon Hein of the WELS CCC will present an essay based on this theme, reminding us that the all-surpassing power of the Gospel continues to move God's people forward as the Church carries out the work of the Lord.

The pastors, teachers, staff ministers, vicars and lay delegates of the Michigan District pray that the gospel message of the grace and peace of our risen Lord and Savior will be with you and with all the conventions of our dear synod, so that we may continue to be ***One in Christ***, moving forward in the ministry our Savior has so graciously placed into our hands.

In his service with you,

Pastor James P. Seelow

James P. Seelow, Secretary
Michigan District, WELS

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NORTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

*of the Wisconsin Evangelical
Lutheran Synod*



30 May 2016

TO: The Assembled Districts of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Dear Brothers in Our Triune God,

Your fellow brothers of the North Atlantic District extend to you their greetings as you meet in convention during the month of June. It is our prayer that you will be refreshed in Word and Sacrament as you meet together to carry out the work of Christ's Kingdom.

The 17th Biennial Convention of the North Atlantic District will be held, God-willing, on 7-8 June 2016 at Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church in Chesapeake, VA. The theme of our convention is **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**. Professor Joel Otto (WLS) will present his paper entitled: ***Living a Dual Citizenship: Luther's Principles, Lutheran Lessons, and American Applications of the Two Kingdoms Doctrine***. It is our prayer that this timely topic will serve called workers and lay leaders well as we consider the increasing church and state challenges that face Christians and the church today and learn from the faithful confessors of the faith who have gone before us.

We thank you for your greetings extended to our District as we meet in convention and your prayers on our behalf.

Although our conventions may be far apart, may our gracious Lord enable us as Districts of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to continue to walk together confident that *God's Word is our great heritage* and will be for generations to come.

Yours in our Triune God,

Rev. Jeremiah J. Gumm

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June 5, 2016

Dear brothers,

We are grateful for the joy of calling you fellow members of the body of Christ and thank God for the encouragement of having coworkers in the Gospel! The blessing and peace of Christ be with and in you! The Holy Spirit fit you for service and do beautiful things with your labors in your district conventions!

We really appreciate the greetings you've sent and prayers you've offered for us.

Our district will meet this coming week to be informed and carry out the purposes of the District, to do the work of the Church in our part of the world and by grace, be bonded together in Christ. Our convention convenes June 6-8 for its 50th biennial convention at Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School in Waco, Nebraska, under the theme: *Here I Stand*. Professor Wade Johnston (Wisconsin Lutheran College) will present a paper titled: *Lutheranism's First Identity Crisis: The Struggle to Preserve Luther's Uncompromising Gospel and Lessons for Today*.

In Christ,

Tyler Peil, on behalf of your brothers in the Nebraska District



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June 1, 2016

Dear brothers in Christ,

Greetings to all of you from the Pacific Northwest District of the WELS. We pray that God will bless all of you as you meet in your district conventions. May the Lord strengthen your faith, the bond that connects us all in Christ, through your study of the Word. May the Lord's name be praised through all that you say and do, as you carry out his work with his wisdom and through his providence.

The 50th Biennial PNW District Convention will be held on June 14-15 at Evergreen Lutheran High School in Tacoma, Washington. Our Convention Theme is: "One In Christ Who Pours Out His Spirit On Us." For our refreshment in the Word of God, MLC Professor Tom Nass will present to us a study on the book of Joel. He intends to share four life-changing messages from God in the book of Joel, messages that are practical for all of us as New Testament Christians.

Thank you for your greetings extended to our District as we meet in convention and your prayers on our behalf.

May Jesus our Savior be with you, guide you in all your decisions, and bless the work he has given you to do. May he use all the ministries of our districts for his glory to spread the saving faith until the great day arrives when we will see him face-to-face.

Working with you, for Jesus,

Pastor Jeremy Schulz

Acting Secretary of the Pacific Northwest District of WELS

† *Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington* †



June 1, 2016

Dear brothers in Christ in WELS,

Please accept the greetings of your brothers in the Western Wisconsin District. God's blessings to your District as carry out his work under his guidance and care.

The Western Wisconsin District is meeting at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI on June 6-7, 2016. We are in the third year of our 4 year series, "On the Road to the Reformation." Our focus this year is "Sola Scriptura." Prof. James Korthals (WLS) will present the essay, "*The Smalcald Articles – Luther's Last Will and Testament.*" We will also take time in our circuit discussions to study "*Sola Scriptura.*"

After 22 years, Pres. Prah! has determined to not present himself for re-election as District President. We are thankful for his many dedicated years of service to his Savior through his service to our District!

May the Lord of the Church guide and keep all of you as you travel, meet, elect and study. May all we do in our Districts this year build God's Church and, above all, give him the glory!

God's grace be with you all,

Rev. Galen J. Riediger
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