



AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ROBERT C. OLIVER

May 2014

During the fall semester, 557 student recipients of Augustana's Endowed and Annual Scholarships wrote notes and letters of thanks to the donors of their awards. We are always inspired by the expressions of gratitude that are articulated by our students. We do our best to say "thanks for your support," yet it pales in comparison to the stories of thanksgiving our students share with generous alumni and friends who fund these scholarships.

A letter from Courtney Storm, class of 2015, addressed to Deb '77 and Lowell '80 Stortz, was included in our annual report and is just one example of the thankfulness of our students. As Augustana rounds out her 153rd year, she continues to fulfill her mission of providing students like Courtney, who come from small towns and big cities all over the globe, with an education of enduring worth.

For the fall semester, our campus was home to our largest-ever class of international students — 140 students from 44 countries. These international students joined our domestic students who hailed from 30 states across the U.S. In January, Interim-2014, 102 students traveled to 17 countries around the world from Turkey to India to China, Israel, France and others, studying everything from culture to religion to architecture.

Last summer, 70 students participated in scientific research projects on- and off-campus through the College's Undergraduate Summer Research Program.

And, despite a still challenged economy, 98 percent of our 2013 graduates reported accepting a job related to their major or chosen field of study.

Augustana's fiscal year closed on July 31, 2013, with promising advancements: Annual giving closed at \$9.65 million, the second highest on record, inclusive of gifts to the Endowment, scholarships, the Augustana Fund, Center for Western Studies, Library Associates, the Performing and Visual Arts, the Augustana Athletic Club, the Science Center Project and many other important College initiatives. As a result, the \$120 million Momentum Augustana Campaign, the largest fundraising effort in the history of the College, made significant strides and will exceed its goal at the close of the campaign on July 31, 2014.

Yet, it's important to note that none of these achievements would have been possible without the support of many who value the College's mission.

In our annual report, we celebrated the generosity of nearly 5,300 individuals and family units, made up of alumni, parents, friends and many current and former Augustana faculty and staff who have invested in the College through their charitable giving during this past fiscal year. Their expressions of "paying it forward" serve as an example for all of us and our current students, whom we hope will one day help make it possible for the next generation of Augustana students to explore and discover important ideas and concepts in order to create an even better world.

Thanks be to God!

Robert C. Oliver
President

ELCA annual report: The Good Samaritan Society

As the nation's largest not-for-profit provider of senior services and housing, The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society has always sought to create environments where people are loved, valued and at peace.

The Good Samaritan Society was founded in 1922 and opened its first care center in 1923 in Arthur, N.D. Today, the Good Samaritan Society operates in 24 states at more than 24 locations with its headquarters in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The organization continues to evolve to meet the needs and desires of residents, staff members and communities it serves and is dedicated to supporting well-being through innovative products and services for older adults and their families.

In South Dakota, Good Samaritan continues to provide services in 18 communities around the state. Good Samaritan also continues to expand its services to seniors, primarily in the Black Hills area and in Sioux Falls. These services seek to meet senior's needs while inviting them to use their talents to impact the community around them.

In 2013, the Good Samaritan Society:

- Developed a major initiative to encourage its 22,000 staff members to emulate Jesus in daily work and relationships. Called The Good Samaritan Society Way, the initiative focuses on eight traits: compassion, honesty, perseverance, joy, humility, acceptance, courage and love. It challenges staff members to weave these traits into their work and daily lives and discover new ways to live out the Society's mission of sharing God's love in word and deed.
- Hired its first chief medical officer, Dr. Victoria Walker. In her role, Dr. Walker will assist in the development of new models of care and services, be a liaison to the Society's medical directors nationwide and participate in the Society's strategic planning process.
- Completed the data collection phase of its LivingWell@Home research project. The Society was awarded a \$10 million grant in 2010 to study how sensors and other technology can help seniors remain longer in their homes. Data collected involved 1,600 people in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa communities where the Society has a presence.
- Launched a new program to improve communications between hospital discharge planners and Society admissions staff. The Care in Transition program is being implemented throughout the Society's 172 rehabilitation/skilled care centers. The goal is to make the transition from a hospital to a rehabilitation/skilled care center as smooth as possible for patients and residents.



Heartland Ephphatha Ministries

Heartland Ephphatha serves the Deaf and Hard of Hearing worshiping communities in South Dakota. We are based at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Our mission is to give our members a chance to worship in their first language, American Sign Language. We do that through weekly worship, fellowship, Bible studies, mission work, service projects and fund raising.

Over the last year we have done many exciting things. We have three members of our ministry on the national ELDA (Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association) board. We took a trip to the ELCA headquarters in Chicago. We were also able to send two deaf delegates to the Churchwide assembly in Pittsburgh. We continue to offer sign language classes to educate more people about deaf culture and to teach people American Sign Language.

As we look to the future of our ministry we would like to reach more deaf people through mission work. We have two mission trips planned in the next two years. One trip to Jamaica to visit the Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf and one trip to Haiti to visit a deaf girl in Jamel. We are very excited about the direction of our ministry and we couldn't do it without the support and donations of the ELCA and its member churches and women's groups. Thank you to all who have prayed for us and supported us throughout the years. Please contact Jason Andera 605-310-9647 jason.andra@gmail.com to set up a temple talk or for more information on our ministry.

God's Peace,

Jason and Sarah Andera

Lutheran Planned Giving in South Dakota

Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (LPG of SD) was formed in May of 2003 with the following mission:

We will help people of God make lifetime financial gifts to the South Dakota ministries who are members of Lutheran Planned giving and create a rising tide of financial support for all ELCA ministries.

Lutheran Planned Giving partner ministries are:

Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD	Bethel Lutheran Home, Madison
Bethesda Home of Aberden, SD	ELCA Foundation, Chicago IL
Good Samaritan Society, Sioux Falls, SD	Heartland Ephphatha, Sioux Falls, SD
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN	Lutheran Campus Ministry
Lutheran Social Services of SD	Lutherans Outdoors in SD
Prison Congregations of America	St. Dysmas, Sioux Falls, SD
South Dakota Synod, Sioux Falls, SD	

Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota is available to assist congregations in establishing and growing mission endowment funds with an emphasis on supporting and enhancing all the ministries of the church both locally and worldwide through bequests and other planned gifts. They can provide educational information to congregations, and their members through seminars on the importance of wills, estate and charitable gift planning.

Kurt Osborne and Jim Schade are available to your congregation as a gift in itself with free no-obligation information seminars regarding the gift planning strategies. Congregation members will be able to come and hear information, ask questions, and set up personal one-on-one visits with LPG staff concerning the stewardship of their assets. At those visits members will discuss their intent, the options and the most helpful strategies regarding gift planning. We also are able to offer suggestions for other advisors to contact in order to bring additional expertise to best accomplish those wishes.

Materials are available free of charge to congregations to personalize and use for establishing and promoting their endowment funds and planned giving programs. These materials are also available to be downloaded from the LPG web site, www.lpgsd.org which allows them to be personalized for your congregation. You can contact Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota:

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Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota Touching People's Lives Nearly 50,000 Times

Grounded in Faith & Moving Forward

Grounded by faith, LSS invoked focus groups to discuss the potential impacts of changing the name of Lutheran Social Services. There was a strong sentiment that the word "Lutheran" should not be lost or diminished. It was nearly unanimous that the acronym LSS is used to refer to Lutheran Social Services more than first realized, and a strong reaction that the letters should not be changed. The Board of Directors reached a decision to retain the legal name as Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota. The Board also concluded that it was important to modernize the LSS logo.

Moving forward in design, the LSS emblem (many refer to it as the dove) in the traditional colors was embedded within the LSS letters of the logo to introduce the new branding. This will be a gradual change as we continue to be good stewards of the financial and human resources entrusted to us.

CFR: New Name, Expanded Financial Services

LSS Consumer Credit Counseling Service recently updated its name to Center for Financial Resources. "LSS has been expanding its financial services to include more than credit counseling," says Sheri Ekdorn, CFR director. "As we broadened the depth and breadth of our financial counseling and education programs, services and expertise, we felt the name should reflect all the valuable services we provide." CFR remains the local, trusted non-profit agency to assist, educate and guide consumers as they achieve their money management goals, including getting finances on track, improving money management skills, and sorting out unique financial priorities. CFR has the tools and expertise to help.

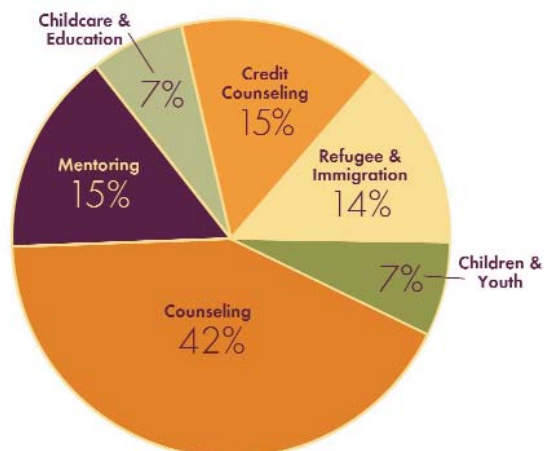
CFR has offices strategically located in South Dakota, offering extended day and evening hours for counseling in-person, online or by phone. To be connected with the closest office, contact LSS Center for Financial Resources, 888-258-2227, or go online to www.LssSD.org.

Center for New Americans: New Name, New Location, New Start for Many People

LSS Refugee & Immigration Services recently became the Center for New Americans. "We are excited about the change," says LSS President Betty Oldenkamp, "because referring to our clients as new Americans reinforces their new status and the new start they will have here, rather than referring to the trauma of their past experiences. It is a name that reflects where people are now and their future—not where they have been." The new name debuted at a new program location at 114 S. Main Ave., Suite 100 in Sioux Falls. "We hope that it conveys a sense of warmth and welcome to the newest members of our community," says Oldenkamp. This facility will accommodate much-needed space for English language classrooms.

LSS also is pleased to announce that they have been approved by the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Community Appeals Committee for a capital campaign to be conducted in the spring of 2016. The campaign will be to build a new Center for Community Services which would include LSS's Counseling Services, Center for Financial Resources, Center for New Americans, Adoption Services and administrative offices. LSS leadership has had preliminary and positive discussions about potential locations.

How Your Gift Serves



Luther Seminary's 2013-14 academic year report to the
South Dakota Synod

Continuing our commitment to educate future leaders for the church

God has continued to bless Luther Seminary in its mission to educate leaders for Christian communities. All of us—faculty, staff, students and boards—remain committed to our mission. After navigating some difficult issues, we're now working together to live into our future.

This commitment anchors us as we celebrate exciting milestones and look forward to upcoming opportunities:

- In addition to our 700 students across all degree programs, Luther Seminary is also committed to educating leaders through our lifelong learning programs, which increased by more than 15 percent, to 4,300 participants. For the sake of leadership needs in the church, as well as the health of the seminary, we need to encourage more men and women to join us.
- Luther Seminary is building a new curriculum, allowing us to prepare leaders to meet a wide variety of changing needs in the church and world. This new curriculum will be introduced at Luther Seminary in the fall of 2014.
- By the time you read this, we may have named our new president. As I write this, our search is progressing well and we have a number of promising candidates. When that person hopefully arrives around July 1, the Luther Seminary community will be ready to join their new leader in living out our marvelous mission.

This is a great time to be a part of Luther Seminary. We have stellar faculty, strong students, a highly respected internship program and innovative ideas that are equipping students to share the love of God in compelling ways in our increasingly complex world.

As always, we remain grateful for your support, encouragement and continued commitment to our mission. Please continue that support by praying for us, sharing our story, supporting us financially and sending new students our way.

In hope,
Rick Foss, Interim President

Luther Seminary educates leaders for Christian communities called and sent by the Holy Spirit to witness to salvation through Jesus Christ and to serve in God's world.

In your synod...

Financial Support

Synodical and churchwide support accounted for 7 percent of Luther Seminary's 2012-13 budget.

During the 2012-13 fiscal year, the South Dakota Synod provided direct financial support of \$69,529.

Students

Thank you for sending and supporting the education of Luther Seminary students.

- There are 21 students from your synod enrolled at Luther Seminary.
- There is one intern serving in your synod.

Seminary Finances

- Of Luther's operating income, 42 percent comes from private gifts and grants.
- Of Luther's operating expenses, 56 percent goes toward student instruction and institutional support.

Board of Directors

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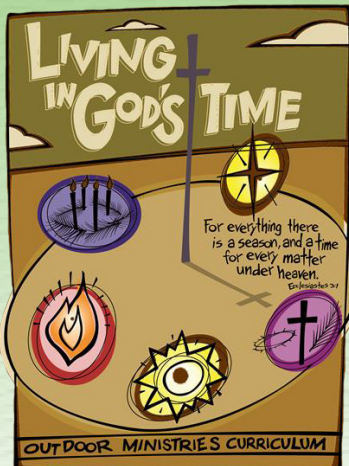
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FAITH FORMATION FOR TODAY'S GENERATION

Dear Friends in Christ,



The 1968 "Articles of Incorporation" state that the purpose of the ministry of Lutherans Outdoors in SD is to provide opportunities for the congregations of the SD (Synod) to corporately promote, operate, and develop programs for outdoor ministry. This was based on a belief that church and camp go together. Today more than ever in partnership with you, our owner congregations, I believe that your LOSD camps can be a driving agent to:

- greatly impact the faith formation of a generation
- support stronger churches
- generate more dynamic leaders and pastors
- connect faith and society in everyday life in SD

Together we are reaching more and more people with the love of Christ. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

Summer 2014 Theme

Rev. Layne Nelson - Executive Director

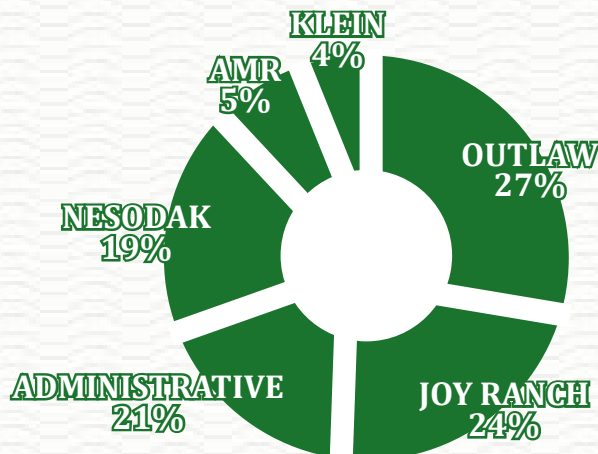
New! CAMP ALBUM with sheet music - designed to be used both at camp and in congregations.

In 2013 LO served 15,909 people, 12,130 at retreats and 2590 at summer camp and 1189 at day camp.

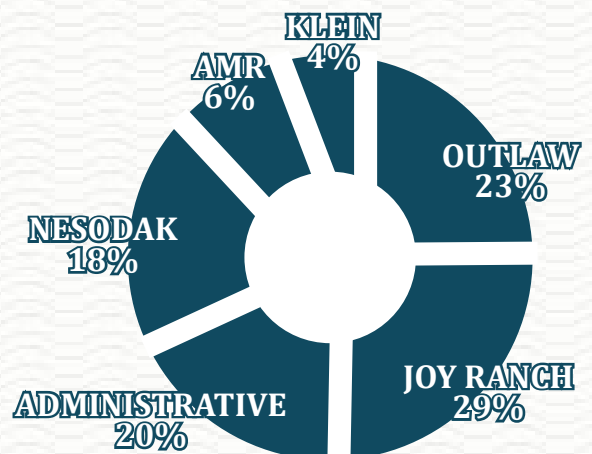
2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

A full financial report from the auditor, Thurman, Comes & Foley, is available in the Lutherans Outdoors in SD Inc. administrative office. Please call 605-274-5326

REVENUE - \$2,228,374



EXPENSES - \$2,435,335



*As of print date numbers are unaudited. Does not include depreciation (\$609,373), in-kind Gifts (\$55,063), capital campaign income and expense. As of January 31, 2013 the balance in the Lutheans Outdoors endowment is \$798,425.45.

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ONLINE CONNECTIONS...

-  "Like" Lutherans Outdoors
Outlaw Ranch (New!)
NeSoDak (New!)
Klein Ranch
Joy Ranch on Facebook
-  Join our email list.
-  Follow @LOCamps & @JoyRanchSD on twitter
-  New! Follow LutheransOutdoors &



SPECIAL EVENTS



JOY RANCH
(605) 886-4622
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LO Quilt Auction
Sunday, August 24
Auction begins at 1pm
Quilt Viewing
begins August 21st



Community Worship
Sunday, July 6
All are welcome to join in worship
with the Custer Community at
Outlaw Ranch.

OUTLAW RANCH
(605) 673-4040
outlaw@losd.org



NESODAK
(605) 947-4440
nesodak@losd.org

Sunday Worship
June 1 - August 17, 11am
Worship at NeSoDak throughout
the summer.



LOSD Board Meeting
July 18-19
The quarterly Board meeting will be
held at Klein Ranch this summer.

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St. Dysmas
Annual Report
SD Synod Assembly
June 13-14, 2014

Who, or what, is St. Dysmas?

- St. Dysmas is the name history has given to the penitent thief who asked Jesus to remember him when he came into his kingdom and whom Jesus promised would be with him in paradise.
- St. Dysmas is the 200+ men of the SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield who gather weekly to worship and learn about God's promises for them.

Why support St. Dysmas?

- Because Christ commands it. In Matthew's gospel Jesus promises to meet us in the face of the poor, the hungry and those in prison. We meet God in our neighbor.

How does it help?

- It provides hope and support to those with little of either. Many, if not most, of the men do not receive mail or visitors. Ninety five percent of those in prison will be released someday. A solid faith sustains them in the challenges and obstacles they will encounter.

What difference does my gift make?

- It makes the difference between our being there or ceasing to exist. One third of our support comes from congregations, and two thirds comes from individuals. The support we receive from the ELCA, the SD Synod and Prison Congregations of America is not financial.

What more can I do?

- Come and visit! The key to our ministries success is the outside visitors who join us for worship on Thursday evenings. Many, if not most, of the men do not receive mail or visitors. Seeing a friendly face, an unfamiliar person who is not paid to talk to them, is life giving and sustaining. You may think this sounds like hyperbole but the hospitality, appreciation and warmth you will find will quickly change your mind.

