



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

From The Augustana District



December 2015

## Christmas Greetings

Greetings as we celebrate the wonder of Christ's birth. We wish you and yours a joyous Christmas season! We are grateful to God for the blessings we continue to receive and we are grateful for your participation in the District's mission. Thank you for your contributions of time, talent and resources. The District anticipates continued interest and growth in the coming year as congregations and individuals join together to further the work of the Great Commission.

Gaylen Lerohl,  
Augustana District Council Chair



## Augustana District Annual Theological Conference

The Christian Life  
(As a matter of identity)

February 8-9 2016

Best Western Plus-Mall of America

Guest speakers: James Nestingen and Steven Paulson

Visit the Augustana District website for more information  
or to register by January 8 at <https://augustanadistrict.org/>



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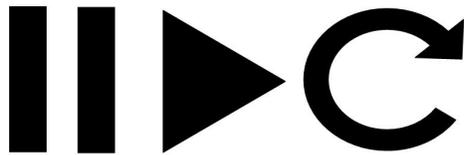
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The Augustana District Presents:  
**A Confirmation Retreat**

March 4-6, 2016  
Luther Crest Bible Camp  
Alexandria, Minnesota

Theme:  
“The Life of Faith”



**PAUSE**  
**PLAY**  
**REFRESH**

## Registration Fees:

\$90 Confirmation Student  
\$50 Adult

*Registrations are due February 15, 2016* paid in full. No refunds. Please make out checks to “Augustana District.”

### Registration

Visit our website to register and to pay via PayPal

[www.augustanadistrict.org](http://www.augustanadistrict.org)



The third annual Augustana District Confirmation Retreat will be Friday, March 4, until noon on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The retreat will be held at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN.

Meant to Augment confirmation instruction in our local churches, the retreat will also offer the opportunity for our youth to experience fellowship with youth from other churches. Open to any LCMC and NALC church, the retreat will focus on the Life of Faith, exploring what it means to be a Christian in the world.

There will, of course, also be plenty of opportunities for fun, recreation, worship, and fellowship to accompany the learning sessions.

The retreat is being planned by the district’s Board of Christian Education, and will be led by its members and affiliated pastors.



## **2016 Augustana District Convention**

April 23, 2016  
Living Word Lutheran Church  
Marshall, MN



Guest Speaker:  
Pastor Dawit Y Wario from Ethiopia  
More information will be posted on the website  
at <https://augustanadistrict.org/>  
as it becomes available.

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### **Blessings Bring Challenges in Outreach at Tabor**

In one day, 65 people came to Christ at the newly forming Outreach Center in Hawassa, Ethiopia (the home city of the Tabor congregation). Blessed with this harvest comes the challenge of providing a place to worship. This begins with purchasing property, which is so important but also very costly. The head of Tabor's Elders recently reported that the congregation will need

\$20,000 simply to obtain the land. In the coming year, the Tabor congregation knows it will be facing this problem repeatedly if it is going to keep up with the growth coming with their outreach witness throughout the country.

Your end-of-the-year gift will bring a word of encouragement to our partners at Tabor.

### **Evangelist Sponsors: New and Renewals Needed**

Our Tabor partners are supporting 50 evangelists that bear witness throughout the country of Ethiopia. This is a remarkable expression of following our Lord's Great Commission to be his witnesses beginning in Jerusalem and then going out to "Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Tabor

supports half of these evangelists' needs, and Augustana District supports the other half.

Our portion is \$600 for a year's sponsorship. An end of the year gift of \$300 will cover the first half of 2016. Your response now will be so very helpful.

Thank you to all congregations and individuals or families who are giving so generously to this partnership.

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