

Thomforde To Leave St. Olaf in 2006



The St. Olaf College Board of Regents has announced that the academic year of 2005–06 will be the last for President Christopher

Thomforde. He has served as president of St. Olaf College since January 2001.

“I am grateful for the opportunity the Board of Regents has given me,” Thomforde said. “The work and life of St. Olaf College extends beyond any one individual, including the president. I view myself as a servant of the church, having been a pastor and a missionary before coming to the college. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me next.”

Taking Care of Church Memories

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy water and sunshine, so it may seem strange to think of both as anything but pleasant. Unfortunately, excessive water and sunshine cause preservation problems for all types of church records from paper to photographs to audio-visual and electronic records.

Now is a great time to make sure that these types of records are stored

properly in cool, but not damp conditions. It is also important that photographs be scanned or photocopied and the copies displayed, with the originals put away in a cool, dark place. All important church records should be in secure storage areas in the church building with copies of critical records stored off-site.

For more detailed information on conserving a wide variety of church records, including microfilming and scanning options, please contact Paul Daniels, ELCA Region 3 Archives, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. He may be reached by phone at (651) 641-3205 and by e-mail at pdaniels@luthersem.edu.



Fall Bible Study Kick-Off Announced

The synod’s strategic plan focuses on Bible study in 2006. The kick-off event for this emphasis will be Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna. The event, including lunch, is free. Please mark this day on your calendar now. More details will appear in future issues of *River Crossings*.



National Youth Gathering Informational Meetings Announced

If you are new to going to the Gathering or have already been to Gatherings in the past, you are more than welcome to attend any of these meetings. There will be a presentation concerning the San Antonio Gathering, as well as a question and answer time. Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, Aug. 2 - 6:30 p.m. at Chatfield, Chatfield
- Thursday, Aug. 4 - 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Wells
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 - 6:30 p.m. at Trinity, Owatonna
- Tuesday, Aug. 11 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s, Northfield

For more information, please contact Kris Oppegard or Pastor Dean Smith at Trinity, Owatonna: (507) 451-4520.

Remember in Prayer

Health Concerns

- The Rev. Christine Finsand
- The Rev. Terje Hausken
- Jenelle Mandsager, wife of the Rev. Michael Mandsager
- Shannon Reuss, wife of the Rev. Peter Reuss
- The Rev. Don Roberts

Serving Overseas

- The Rev. Russell P. Graef, stationed in Bahrain with the U.S. Navy.