

Annual Report for the Year of 2013--- to 2014 of Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church /BELC Districts of Koppedu, ShriKalakhasti, Chittoor , Puttur, and Madanapalli of A.P State, S.India.

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Greetings in the Name of our Good Shepherd who loved us and gave Himself for us on the cross of Calvary.

We here with submitting the annual Report for the year of 2013—2014 of the BELC's Districts under A.P. State.

We give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of our BELC's cross bearing Ministry . We have no hesitation to say that the BELC's ministry , Sunday school , VBS has developed under the leadership of the districts Chairmans. It is also note worthy the tremendous fatherly contribution of the Church of Lutheran Confess/CLC and its pioneer Missionaries in the life of BELC.

We in the BELC have been called to live and serve in one of the most needy and vulnerable parts of the country. In the midst of much pain and suffering , God calls us to do His Church work .

Our BELC pastors conduct worship services and administers the sacraments , teaches the word , counseling the distressed, counsels the new married couples and erring , visits the sick, and comforts the dying and conduct cottage prayers each and every Friday evening .

Martin Luther's small catechism Instructions.

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Each and every pastors is regularly conducting services on week days on evening time , bible study especially Martin Luther's small catechism take place as part and parcel of Wednesday 's programmes All pastors and the all congregations have Martin Luther's small catechism . The catechism , the little bible should be learned by our BELC believers . Many children memorized and recitation of the main six Chief parts of the small catechism. Our pastors conducts the catechism instructions and confirmation classes.

In our confirmation classes through the instructions they would be confirmed in their faith and in their knowledge of trust of " God's "" word . word of God is being used in connection with this confirmation services and in the gospel " is the power of God to salvation for every one who believes "" Rom 1;;16

They are confirming that is , a knowledge and agreeing to the covenant made between them and God at their Baptism. Sacramental refers to anything by which or through which God's grace comes to us . The Baptism and Holy Communion are sacraments in connection with His word and through these services , God gives us the special blessings of the forgiveness of sins. We speak of our young people "being confirmed " in faith and in their knowledge of God's word through the instructions of Martin Luther's catechism , rite ----- of confirmation a person is confirming the covenant God made with him at his baptism . We continually run "catechism instructions classes each and every congregations of our BELC .

## Baptism Services;----

At world wide commission was given by our Lord Jesus Christ announced His programmes and a crisis hour was struck in the history of Christianity . The climax is found in His commission.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations , baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matt 28;19

On what mission were they sent ?

“ Make disciples of All nations “

From the mountain top of His ascension His disciples started forth on this mission., radiating from the center , and they have gone on until they have everywhere reached the rim of the world. Christianity is no national or racial religion . it knows no bounds of mountain or sea , but it envelope the Globe..

By 2013 –2014 there were 127 people were baptized under Koppedu district, 17 people were baptized under Puttur distict, 38 peoples were baptized under district, 27 people were baptized under ShriKalakhasti district and 15 souls were saved by the holy sacrament of baptism at Madanapalli.

We have administered the Holy Baptism water be applied in any way;- pouring, sprinkling, immersing or dipping. The water used in connection with God’s word . Matt 28;19—“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them.” Christ wants all people to be baptized

Before we baptized adults we instruct them Baptismal instructions God’s word. We baptize infants because Jesus wants us to do. They are also part of the all nations. We baptize infants because they too can believe : we baptize infants because their original sin should be washed and God offers forgiveness of sin in baptism.

## Communion service ;--

We have been conducted communion service for communicant members of our BELC. A special classes are held for instructions and review of doctrine. Our basis for so much of our communion practice is 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 10; and 11 . Here St. Paul offers a sound basis for orderly distribution , reception , and exclusion. The communicant members be taught before hand how to guard their souls by being able to examine themselves 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 11;28. before communion.

This means learning to recognize one’s own sin , to confess it, to take the absolution ; and to trust the Real Presence of Christ in the sacrament , in with under. It becomes a blessed habit.

We believe in the real presence , because Christ body is really present with the bread, and His blood is really present with the wine . our Savior gives spiritual blessings in the sacrament—that forgiveness of sins, spiritual life and eternal salvation.

District of Koppedu ;--49 pastors from koppedu district serving under 51 congregations and 23 preaching points. We have been conducting regular monthly pastoral meetings once in a month .

Instructions ;--  
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Acts, Martin Luther's Small catechism , parables of Jesus and its meaning , 14 leaf letters—Review, Life of Martin Luther, Church History, 3 creed , Sacrifices and Christology, Why we baptized children, ----- Papers taken by D.Paul.

District of ShriKalakhasti; - - 36 pastors from this district serving under 45 congregations and 28 preaching points and meets once in a month and studied the word of God.

Instructions;-- My church and others , Small catechism , What does the bible and Lutheran say about , 14 leaf letters Review church history – Papers taken by Pastor.B.Bhasker.

District of Chittoor ;-- 35 pastors from chittoor dist serving under 57 congregations and 38 preaching points.

We have been conducting regular monthly pastoral meeting once in a month . we have been conducting open air gospel meetings in the various parts of the madanapalli , puttur and koppedu districts each and every month and also present the Jesus film shows and used our film project. More than 500 peoples were participated and benefited by these gospel meetings and Jesus film shows and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Rom 10;17.

Disciples commissioned ;-- Matt 10;6 , Lord saying ,” Go into the way of Gentiles, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israle “

When the twelve are commissioned Lk9

He sent them preach , and that they departed.....preaching the gospel..... everywhere Lk 9; 2, 6.

Where ever this man , Christ Jesus , went , a whole multitude followed Him and sought to touch Him; for there went virtue out of Him, and healed them all Lk 6;19 , He gave of Himself. Our service must be of this kind.

We find Jesus power over disease and death Lk7;1—17,

We find Him sinners friend . He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. Lk 19; 10,

According to our Lord's commissioned we preach the gospel each and every cvornes of the villages through the gospel meetings .

Madanapalli district; -- 20 pastors and 6 visitors from Madanapalli the hill district serving under 43 congregations and 23 preaching points one in a month they have been assembled at our church building and search the word of God.

Instructions;-- Martin Luther's small catechism , 14 leaf letters – Papers taken by B.Bhasker.

Puttur district ;-- 30 pastors are serving under 37 congregations and 15 preaching points.

Instructions;-- Martin Luther's small catechism , 14 leaf letters—Papers taken by B.Bhasker .

Conclusion.;-- Lk 24; 47 . the gospel of Jesus Christ is not just one of religion of the world. It is the living truth of the God., adopted to all nations and to all classes. Rom 1;16,

As the son of man , Christ is looking at the needs of gentiles , as He is looking at needs of all men. Jesus wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

We should avoid false teachings. Matt 7;15, Rom 16;17,

Protect us from : good words and fair speeches (verse 18 ) that undermine confidence in the word and in the promise of salvation. Confessing JESUS CHRIST UNTO SALVATION AND STANDING FAST IN THE WORD OF TRUTH . salvation belongs to all who trust in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

We teach and preach the pure word of God with out any mix and false.

We in the Triune name of our God assure that we carry the programmes, works in the coming year that the Lord be glorified because of our cross bearing ministry .

We request you to pray for us and our church activities . may God blessing continue to be with all in this on going Journey of faith. Philip 1;;3—5

We are very thankful to our beloved missionaries who are edified us with the pure biblical and Apostolic teachings,.

We wish you all God's richest blessing.

Humbly submitted by :-

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