



## MNS WEEKLY e-NEWS

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THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

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### WORD FOR THE WEEK

**Jesus said, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47**

### NEWS

**Important Dates 2009 District Convention:** Transformed For His Mission - Romans 12:2. **Convention Documents** available on the MNS District website. **May 2, 2009 Floor Committee Meetings @ Buenger Education Center, Concordia University, St. Paul.**

**COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION - 44 Days**

**PETITION FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP IN ADVANCE OF THE CONVENTION:**

**For Sunday, May 3 – Easter 4:** Good Shepherd, we thank You for laying down Your life for our salvation and making us Your sheep. We pray that by the power of Your Spirit, You would embolden us as individuals, as congregations, as a District and as a Synod to reach out to those who are not yet part of Your flock. **Transform** our hearts, minds, and mouths to be used for Your **mission** for we know and believe that it is only through You that anyone can be eternally saved. Lord in Your mercy...

**An unofficial invitation has been distributed to individuals in The LCMS** to respond to the topics under consideration by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG) through an unofficial web survey. **This invitation encourages individuals to express their opinions on topics to those who have no relationship with the BRTFSSG or any responsibility concerning the work of the task force.** All members of the Synod are encouraged to respond directly to the task force after reviewing the current work of the task force as posted on the Synod's web site, **www.lcms.org**, and click on "**Walking Together.**" After accessing and reviewing the "**Current District Convention Report**" and other documents posted on this site, your comments can be sent directly to the task force at **LCMSFuture@lcms.org**. Your response is encouraged.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION PRE-OWNED BOOK FAIR** information & form

**The Opening Service of the Convention** will feature the **COINS FOR MISSIONS OFFERING** to support the **Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Congregation of Southern Minnesota.**

**Fan into Flame update as of Friday, April 24:**

LCMS National Campaign - \$ 46,403,631.00

Minnesota South District - \$1,904,929.00 (*toward the National Campaign*)

**THE POSSIBILITY OF A SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC** or even Pandemic could be on the horizon. LCMS World Relief and Human Care is offering a [brochure](#) and an **article (attached to this e-mail)** in an attempt to stem the tide of false information or even panic in our communities and churches. Please go to the official [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for the most updated and accurate information.

[Networking with Congregations \(as of 4/24\)](#) The purpose of these pages is to offer information regarding future events sponsored by District congregations. Visit it each week for the latest information on events sponsored by other entities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [District Calendar](#)

[Orphan Grain Train Fish \(Boil\) Feeds](#) is a way the Minnesota South Division of this Christian volunteer network raises funds to be able to share personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

### [Camp Omega Upcoming Events and Retreats:](#)

Annual Work Weekend - May 22-24, 2009

## MISSION NEWS

[LCMS World Mission National Work Outreach/Evangelism](#) has many resources for individual use as well as use in the Congregation, Circuit, and District. Consider making use of these resources and be **Transformed for His Mission - Romans 12:2**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Minneapolis Circuit**: Faith, Minneapolis; Holy Cross, Minneapolis; Mt. Zion, Minneapolis; St. James, Minneapolis; Trinity First, Minneapolis; and University Lutheran Chapel, Minneapolis.

Download [MNS Mission Prayers](#) for April.

## CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers \(as of 4/20\)](#)

[Ordained Ministers \(as of 4/24\) Graduate Assignments and Vicar Placements](#)

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