



DEVELOPING MISSIONAL LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

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**NEWS**

## ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CHURCH LEADERS

**Build A Military Friendly Faith Community, February 22, 2011, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**, Autumn Ridge Church, 3611 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN. Record numbers of Minnesota soldiers are now, or will be deployed to fulltime service. Learn to better care for military families, and gain important understanding about reintegration challenges. Register by calling 507-287-2200 on or before February 17, 2011. See full announcement on page 3 of this e-news.

Rev. Greg Seltz Named [New Lutheran Hour Speaker](#).

[2011 Minnesota South Theological Convocation](#), Sat., February 26, 2011, Hosanna, Mankato.

**HAMMOND, MINNESOTA FLOOD RECOVERY.** Crews are still needed throughout the winter. Thank you to all who have served. Further questions? Contact Vicki Strong, 651-730-5049, [strongv@woodburylutheran.org](mailto:strongv@woodburylutheran.org). Flood Relief donations may be sent to the Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Ave. So., Burnsville, MN 55306. Please mark your check "flood relief".

[Networking Resources](#). (Refreshed 01-28-11) **Events in and around the MNS District.** "Equipping To Share" workshops; Witnessing Workshop- focus Muslims; Creation Speaker Brian Young; Readiness For Marriage; 2011 MNS District Theological Convocation.

[January 2011 LCEF Update](#) – if you haven't started your own Family Emergency Steward Account yet, check into it for 2011

[Weekly Classifieds](#). (Refreshed 01-28-11) Jobs, travel, stuff. Would you like to get an item included?

[District website](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[Camp Omega Events](#)

Change of address? Change of e-mail address? A new staff member? Change of Contact information? Additional e-mail addresses? [Contact the Minnesota South District](#)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER- (CAN BE INCLUDED IN YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS)**

According to Genesis 1:26, God did not give us ownership of creation, but "to rule over" creation. God is the source of all things and has retained His ownership. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:7 that all things come from God. "What do you have that you did not receive?" With this knowledge and understanding, we would be correct to substitute the word "returning" for "giving" because, through our giving, we are simply returning to God what He has already given to us. When we consider how much to give (return) to our church and other Christian causes, we will then be asking ourselves, "How much of God's money am I going to keep?"

["HAVE A HEART"](#) -A stewardship newsletter article is available for your use on the MSN District website.

## Resources

Learn LCMS views on contemporary and doctrinal issues. Visit [FAQs](#).

[MNS Lutheran Witness](#)

[The Lutheran Witness](#) on-line.

**"Christianity And The Competition"**, a four hour teaching seminar divided into seven 25 minute segments, suitable for personal study, small groups, adult electives or Christian Education classes is available. Details may be found at [www.tobiascom.com](http://www.tobiascom.com).

**"Bearing Fruit For Jesus"** – a fresh new affordable stewardship Bible study is available. Check it out.

### Lectionary Illustration: Matthew 5:13-20

It was summer, and a young boy went with his parents touring around Europe. Part of their tour included visits to the great old cathedrals of the past. As he visited cathedral after cathedral, he was impressed by the massive stained glass portraits of the disciples and of other saints as he stood in the great empty church halls looking through the beautiful stained glass windows.

Upon returning home, he was asked by his Sunday School teacher about his summer travels and what he liked the most. He thought for a moment of those great churches and their grand windows and he said, "I loved the sense of awe and the hugeness of who God must be, and I loved the stained glass windows with their images of the saints."

"And what is a saint?" his teacher asked. His mind went back to those beautiful windows and he said, "A saint is a person the light shines through."

Perhaps that is a good definition of what a saint of God is supposed to be. We have no light of our own, but like the moon, we are to reflect the light of Jesus to a lost and dying world.

## Health

**This week's focus: Attitudes and Stress Management**

[Even Superheroes Have Limits](#)

[Stress Relief From Laughter? Yes. No joke!](#)

*"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."* Proverbs 17:22

**Think about it: It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.**

*"Pray, and let God worry"* Martin Luther

## MISSION NEWS

[Mission Prayer List for February 2011](#)

[Mission Vision News Winter 2010/2011](#)

**Do you have a brief story of a new ministry in your church? An event happening?** We would love to hear about it. [Contact the MNS District](#). Attach your story to your e-mail.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of Circuit 5, NW Suburban, Circuit Counselor: Rev. Roger Dramstad. [Please click here](#) for maps of the District and all Circuits.

Pastor Bob Gardner, (Trinity, Mountain Lake), whose mother, Eleanore Gardner of LaValle, Wisconsin passed away on January 14, 2011.

The family of Henry Wenzel (CLS, Saint Paul) who passed away of January 30, 2011

## CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 01-21-11)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 01-28-11)

Past Editions of the [MNS Weekly e-News](#) may be viewed on the District Web Site.

E-news submissions should be brief and sent to [debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org)



# Build a Military Friendly Faith Community

**February 22, 2011**

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Autumn Ridge Church**

3611 Salem Road Southwest  
Rochester, MN 55902

We encourage pastoral staff, spiritual leaders, youth staff and anybody involved in a faith community to attend this **FREE** workshop featuring keynote speaker:

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John J. Morris (MN National Guard)**

Additional Speakers • Resources to take home • Information booths

**Agenda**

8:30- Complimentary morning snack

9:00- Welcome

9:05- "A soldier's story: a first hand look at the challenges of deployment and reintegration" by SFC Haworth

9:15- "The Deployment Cycle and the ministry opportunities" by CH Morris

10:00- Break out sessions:

"How to start a military ministry in your church"

"Help and Benefits for military veterans"

"Ministry to Deploying family members"

"Ministry to returning veterans"

"Support for SE Minnesota Veterans and their families" American Red Cross & Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

12:00- Complimentary catered lunch



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For more information call SE Minnesota Red Cross: (507) 287-2200