

Administrators' Notebook

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The End Is In Sight!

This newsletter will most likely arrive by the end of May or the first week in June as you bring to a close the 2005-2006 school year. It has been a long and challenging school year in terms of snow, cold, personnel problems, reductions in staff, and the list goes on and on. The time after Easter until the closing of the school year is always one of those very stress-filled times for teachers and students. The end of the school year may be the last opportunity that you have to influence the lives of the students in your classroom. This may be the last opportunity you personally have to share the Gospel message with your students. I recently read a story about a young man who was experiencing nothing but sorrow and disappointment in his life because of his criminal activity. It was also discovered that this young man had attended a Lutheran school for a period of



one year. The young man was asked about his experience in a Lutheran school. The young man responded, **"It was the only happy year I experienced in my entire life."** He went on to say that it was the only time that he had been regarded by his teachers and classmates as a "worthwhile human being." In our Lutheran schools we have the opportunity to share with our students that they are all "worthwhile human beings" through the forgiveness, which is theirs through Jesus Christ. Enjoy a Spirit-filled end of the school year with your class, faculty, and staff! **"This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set a rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."** Genesis 9:12-13.

A Few Reminders for Your Teachers and You

- The District Office needs to be informed of any change in address, telephone number, and when there is a name change (female getting married).
- The District Office needs to be informed **prior** to an installation, so the proper form can be submitted to your pastor and then returned to our office for further processing.
- The District Office needs to be informed when a rostered worker accepts another position, either in this District or to another District.
- A graduate must be "called" into ministry, not contracted, in order to be included on the roster of Synod. A graduate can be "called" without tenure, subject to renewal. "Call" documents for a graduate are to be sent to the District Office (President Seitz must sign) and then forwarded to the respective college/university for processing.
- Please remit to the District Office a copy of the "call" document for any new rostered worker and a copy of the background check. My administrative assistant (Gae) will be contacting you if you don't provide copies of the above.

Lutheran School Teachers-From President Kieschnick

"Speaking of church-worker careers, I noted last month my intention to give brief but significant attention each month to one of the numerous categories included in the designation, 'Ministers of Religion-Commissioned.' I call your attention this month to Lutheran elementary and secondary teachers.



The calling of Lutheran teachers is a venerable one in our Synod. From the earliest days of our church body's history, Christian education has been considered of paramount importance. The Synod's first Constitution,

adopted in 1847, cites "the training of the children of the congregation in Christian schools" as a condition of Synod membership.

Still today, our teachers serve in Lutheran pre-schools, elementary schools, and high schools. Many of them also serve, for example, as organists, coaches, youth-group leaders, adult-education leaders, school principals and other administrative leaders. What a privilege it is to work with young people, helping to develop their potential and nurturing their faith in Jesus Christ."

Lutheran School Ministry News—LCMS



Portal Subscriptions Underway for 2006-2007 School Year

It is time to renew your annual subscription for the Lutheran School Portal. Renewal forms have been sent to all Lutheran schools. Follow the direction on the form. Renewals can also be completed on the Portal www.lportal.org.

Why Should My School Be On The Portal?

- Instant link to all LCMS Lutheran Schools
- Immediate District & National News
- The Portal is Role Specific (Administrator, Teacher, High School, Elementary, Preschool, etc.)
- Chat Rooms
- A wealth of resources at immediate access (you don't have to hunt for different web sites)
- The ability to get special rates on services (United Video Streaming, Management Services, etc.)
- The way to submit Annual NLSA Reports and the Annual School Statistic Report On-line
- School mailings are part of the subscription cost.
- E-mail
- Staff in-service

What is the Annual Cost for Elementary & High School?

0-99 students =	\$150
100-299 students =	\$250
300 + students =	\$350

+ See below subscription rate for free standing early childhood centers.

Early Childhood Mailing 2006-2007 – Subscribe Now!

Aware of the funding challenges that confront many early childhood programs, three options for purchasing the valuable resources are available. Choose from the following:

Traditional Paper Copies: Ten monthly packets for \$85.00.

E-mail Subscription: Monthly e-mails with all the publications attached to easily download print. \$50.00

Subscribe to the Lutheran School Portal: Receive the EC Mailing via the Portal *at no additional cost. If you subscribe to the School Portal there is no additional cost for the EC Mailing.*

Free Standing EC Centers Portal Rates -

0-50 children	\$60.00
51-100 children	\$100.00
101-200 children	\$140.00
201+ children	\$175.00

Chapel Talks for 2006-07 School Year

Orders are now being accepted
Call Lois Warnsholz, 1-800-248-1930, ext. 1294 to place your order.

LEA Convocation (2008) News



"We are now just two years away from the next national gathering of Lutheran educators in Minneapolis. Mark your calendar for April 24-26, 2008. The theme for the next LEA Convocation will be "Fountains of Faith and Knowledge." We are reminded in these words about God's precious life-giving gift of love through the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are called to "come to the unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God," (Eph. 4:13) because we are cleansed by the living water that Jesus gives. "The water that I shall give him will become in him a

fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14).

Are you ready to gather together in the baptismal waters with thousands of your colleagues in Christ? Are you prepared to be drenched in the cascade of fellowship, spiritual development, professional growth, and global insights that await you in Minneapolis? Watch for further information to be available in the coming months."

For information about special custom designed garments (LEA Store) for the LEA Convocation and a special Convocation Deposit Option that can help you with the cost of the Convocation, go to www.lea.org.

Nonpublic Fall Report Results

Please note the following data from Nonpublic Fall Report submitted by non-public schools in Minnesota for the 2005-2006 school year.

- In the 2005-2006 school year, 83,347 students were reported as enrolled in Minnesota's nonpublic schools, a decline of 3,427 from the previous year.
- 2005-2006 enrollment figures should be considered an "underreport," since 99 known nonpublic schools did not complete their Nonpublic Fall Report. According to the Compulsory Attendance Report, 84,246 students were reported to be enrolled in "traditional" nonpublic schools (this does not include home schools).
- In 2004-2005, there were 4,187 nonpublic school

graduates compared with 4,527 students graduating in 2003-2004.

- There were 4,032 students reported as eligible for the free meal program and 2,918 eligible for the reduced meal program in 2005-2006. For 2004-2005, there were 3,823 free meal eligible students and 2,839 reduced meal eligible students.
- 362 students were reported as Limited English Proficient and being served in nonpublic schools.
- The percent of nonpublic enrollment to total state enrollment was 10.87 percent. There were 17,414 students reported as attending home schools for the 2005-2006 school year, a slight increase over the 17,135 reported the prior school year.

Nonpublic Pupil Aids

Please note the Nonpublic Pupil Aid rates for the 2006-2007 school year.

Aid	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Textbooks, tests, and individualized materials	\$66.23	\$72.89
Pupil Health Services	\$41.69	\$51.73
Secondary Guidance and Counseling	\$177.59	\$179.68

**Check out the 2006-2007
Nonpublic Pupil Aids**

The rise in the rates is due to several factors, including state funding increases and nonpublic school student participation. In recent years, there has been a drop in nonpublic school student applications for the three Nonpublic Pupil Aids. In the 2004-2005 school year, only 90.6 percent of the total allocation was used. Lutheran schools are encouraged to have your parents participate in the above programs.

MNS District Compensation Guidelines

At the May 9 meeting of the MNS District Board of Directors a resolution was passed raising the base salary by 5% effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The new

base effective July 1 will be \$31,247. The Salary Compensation Guidelines are available for you to download at www.mns.lcms.org.

Save The Date!



Beginning the Dialog: Understanding the Myths and Realities of Mental Illness will take place on **Saturday, August 26th 8:30am-12 noon** at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Ave., St. Paul.

This forum is intended to equip family members, clergy and church staff, parish nurses and members of congregations as they seek to support individuals who have mental illnesses. Participants will learn to:

- Understand the symptoms of chronic mental illness.
- Identify community resources.

Identify ways the church can respond to mental illness.

One in four families includes a person who suffers from a mental illness at some point in life. ***One in ten children*** has a mental illness. ***Church families are no different.***

Beginning the Dialog is a grassroots effort which includes members of Minnesota South District congregations, Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services, the Lutheran Counseling Center, in consultation with National Alliance on Mental Illness-Minnesota. Registration information has been mailed to your congregation. For additional information call 651-603-6279, or email at jdicke@blhs.org

Administrators' Retreat

The annual MNS District Administrators' Retreat for school administrators will be held on August 1-3 at the Schwan Retreat & Conference Center in Trego, Wisconsin. The theme is "Equipped for Leadership" and will focus on: "Equipped to Plan," "Equipping School Boards," "Equipping Your Teachers," and "Equipped Spiritually." A special mailing will be mailed to all administrators (early

childhood, elementary, high school) with detailed registration information. You can also find the registration information on our website www.mns.lcms.org in News/Events. Administrators from the North Wisconsin District and Minnesota North District will also participate. **Please note that the deadline date for registration is July 14, 2006.**

Hearts For Jesus Project 2006-2007

Russian Bibles for Children, a project of Samuel's Gift and endorsed by Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake, Minnesota has been designated as the 2006-2007 Hearts For Jesus Project of the MNS District. The purpose of **Russian Bibles for Children** is to get native language Bibles into the hands of children in Uzbekistan who would otherwise not receive one. The Bibles will be

purchased by local field workers and distributed directly to the children living with families or in orphanages. Watch for a special mailing in June with details for your active participation. Please make sure that you return the Order Form page several months before you plan to use the materials. This will assure you of having the material and resources on time.

Trinity Lone Oak Nominated for Blue Ribbon School Award

The Council of American Private Education (CAPE) has notified Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School in Eagan that they are one of only 50 schools to be nominated for the United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools award. TLO was nominated because the

school's achievement test scores were among the top 10% in the nation. Secretary of Education Spellings will announce the official award winners in September. Congratulations to Mr. Sean Martens, principal, the faculty and students at TLO for their achievement and success.

TO: All Lutheran School Administrators
FROM: David M. Roth
Assistant to the President
RE: Teachers Not Returning for the following school year

Please Note The Following

*When a teacher decides not to teach for the next school year, it is very important that the District Office be informed. If the teacher is rostered, we need to contact the teacher to determine which category the rostered teacher falls under. A rostered teacher (Synodically certified) may only be one of four categories. They are: **Active** (serving a congregation), **Candidate** (eligible for a call, but not serving a congregation), **Non-Candidate** (not eligible for a call) and **Emeritus** (retired). If a teacher has resigned his/her teaching position and is not returning, please complete this form and return to:*

*Minnesota South District
14301 Grand Ave. South
Burnsville, MN 55306*

or Email: gae.ash@mnsdistrict.org

Call me at (952) 223-2152 or Gae, at (952) 223-2156 with questions. Thank you!!

Name of Teacher: _____

Home Address of Teacher:

Home Phone # of Teacher: (____) _____

Last Date Employed: _____

School Name/Location:

Reason for Leaving: _____

Lutheran Educators Call Update - as of May 26, 2006

Accepted	From	To
Charles Lieder	Red Wing, MN	St. James Lutheran School, Northrop Principal
Chris Jung	Mayer, MN	Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer Teacher (Spanish)
Kevin Wilaby	Brighton, CO	Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer Principal
Kristen Wille (Contract)	Fairmont, MN	St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fairmont Teacher (Kdg.)
Jeremy Winter	Lester Prairie, MN	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, CO DCE
Johnny Goetz	Rochester, MN	Redeemer Lutheran School, Stuart FL Principal
John Werner	Ft. Worth, TX	Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, Richfield Teacher (Gr. 6/Band)
Lori Schroeder	Waconia, MN	Trinity Lutheran School, Waconia Teacher (Gr. 5)
Janalee Meier (Graduate)	Concordia, Seward, NE	Trinity Lutheran School, Waconia Teacher (Gr. 2)
Dan Sievert	Lakefield, MN	Trinity Lutheran High School, Seymour, IN Principal
Audrey Duensing- Werner	Bloomington, MN	Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS DCE
Meredith Peters (Graduate)	Concordia, Seward, NE	Cannon Valley LHS, Morristown Teacher
Pending	From	To
Martin McGoey (Graduate)	Concordia, Seward	Trinity Lutheran High School, St. Francis Teacher
Janice Schrader	Richfield, MN	Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, Richfield Teacher (Gr. 4)
Jeffrey Burkee	Good Thunder, MN	Trinity Lutheran School, Reese, MI Principal

Pending	From	To
Jack Pallas	Chaska, MN	St. John Lutheran School, Wheaton, IL Principal
Karl Schmidt	Bloomington, MN	Northwest Lutheran School Assoc., Milwaukee, WI Principal
Karl Schmidt	Bloomington, MN	Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Elgin, IL Principal
Aaron Wachholz	Orangevale, CA	Central Lutheran School, St. Paul Teacher (Gr.7)
Michael Weider	St. Peter's, MO	Hope Lutheran High School, Winona Principal
Tim Bierbaum	Norwood Young America, MN	Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer Assistant Principal
David Lane	Cologne, MN	Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer Director of Spiritual Life
Thomas Korcok (Rev.)	Pembroke, Ontario, Canada	Trinity Lutheran High School, St. Francis Headmaster/Associate Pastor
Jeffrey Burkee	Good Thunder, MN	Emmaus Lutheran School, Denver, CO Principal
Jonathan Leonard	Portland, OR	Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield Principal/Teacher
Declined	From	To
Eric Brofford	St. Louis, MO	Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, Richfield Principal
Jeremy Geidel	Seward, NE	Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer Assistant Principal
Johnny Goetz	Rochester, MN	Hope Lutheran High School, Rochester Principal
Natalie Marose	Bloomington, MN	Central Lutheran School, St. Paul Teacher (Kdg.)
Johnny Goetz	Rochester, MN	Immanuel Lutheran School, Columbus, NE Principal

Calling Congregations	For
Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Francis	Administrator for LHS
Concordia Academy, Roseville	Chief Administrative Officer
Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins	DCE
St. John Lutheran School, Wykoff	Teacher (K-2)
Hope Lutheran High School, Winona	Principal
Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, Richfield	Principal, Teacher (Gr. 4)
Central Lutheran School, St. Paul	Teacher (Kdg., Gr. 7)
Zion Lutheran Church, Albert Lea	DCE
East St. Paul Lutheran School, St. Paul	Teacher (Gr. 7/8)
Messiah Lutheran Church, Lakeville	DCE
Concordia/Immanuel Lutheran School, Red Wing	Principal/Teacher, Teacher (Kdg.)
Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield	Principal/Teacher, Teacher (Gr.1,2)
St. Peter's Lutheran School, Edina	Teacher (Kdg.)
Redeemer Lutheran School, Wayzata	Teacher (Kdg.)
Golden Valley Lutheran Church, GV	DCE
Our Savior Lutheran School, Excelsior	Teacher (Gr. 4)
St. Mark Lutheran School, New Germany	Principal/Teacher
Sioux Valley Lutheran Secondary School, Lakefield	Principal
Trinity Lutheran School, Hudson, WI	Principal

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The mission of the Schools/Commissioned Ministers of the Minnesota South District is to encourage, support, and promote the ministry of Lutheran schools/congregations and to nurture and equip those who carry out that professional educational ministry, so that Christ is proclaimed and the body of Christ may be built up.

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Important Dates and Events

June 3	District Accreditation Commission District Office, 9:00 am	Sept. 21	Region 2 Principals, NYA, Noon
June 8-10	MNS District Convention, CSP	Sept. 28	High School Administrators, Cannon Valley Lutheran High School, 9:30AM
July 10-11	Pre-Retirement Retreat for Commissioned Ministers, Buffalo	Oct. 19-20	MNS District Education Conference, Mankato
Aug. 1-3	Administrators' Retreat, Trego, WI	April 27, 2007	President's Conference, Mankato
Sept. 11	Region 3 Principals, RCLS, 1:30PM		
Sept. 14	Region 1 Principals, CSP, Noon		
Sept. 19	Region 4 Principals, Sioux Valley Lutheran High School, 12::30PM		

*Watch for the 2006
Administrators' Retreat
Information...coming
soon to a mailbox near
YOU!*

