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Flood Relief Special

NEWS

After assessment of flood damage throughout the Minnesota South District we are focusing flood recovery efforts on the little town of Hammond where we have a very small congregation. Due to the size of the town it is important that we "parse in" crews and assistance in coordination with the Case Manager, United Way of Olmsted County, and the village of Hammond. Case management, volunteer coordination may be changing this week. The Red Cross has presented their last meal in Hammond. Much work remains to be done throughout the community. Bottled water and wrapped snacks are needed.

“E-blast Flood Recovery updates” for volunteer work groups may be necessary as situations change this week. Watch your inbox.

Because of assistance we have been able to provide, our Church in Hammond has been able to set up rather quickly, and allow their church to be set up as the flood recovery center in Hammond, with washers, dryers, equipment/supply staging area, kitchen, gathering point and an overall comfort spot for people and work crews to gather. Additional needed equipment will be on the ground tomorrow. The churches of the Minnesota South District have responded and more crews are being cued and are ready to go. It's a great thing when a good plan comes together and the people of God shine!

Our churches in Hammond/Potsdam will be holding their Octoberfest Dinner October 24, at our Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview. Because they were able to get up and running and have been resourced through the generosity of the churches of the Minnesota South District, all of the profits from the Octoberfest Dinner will go to an account set up by the church for Hammond Community Flood Recovery efforts.

Interested in Volunteering for flood relief? Help is needed in Hammond, Millville, Zumbro Falls, Faribault. **Register on line.** This information may change quickly. Donations may be made to the Minnesota South District Flood Relief.

October is "Take A Lutheran To Lunch Month". Click for details. Stories of encounters are coming in. One pastor even suggests, "November should be "Take a Non-Lutheran To Lunch Month". If you have a brief faith-sharing story, please send it to information@mnsdistrict.org for possible inclusion in an upcoming story section of E-news.

Help others get e-News. Please send e-mail addresses to **information@mnsdistrict.org**

Lutheran Heritage scholarships, Concordia University, St. Paul, (CSP). **Nominations for CSP President** remain open through October 31, 2010

LCMS Vacancy Report. Calling congregations and vacancies.

Weekly Classifieds. Free stuff, sports equipment, band and choir music, employment, house for rent. Would you like to get an item included? Check it out.

Do you have a brief story of a new ministry in your church? An event happening? We would love to hear about it. **information@mnsdisrict.org**

Change of address? Change of e-mail address? New Staff member? Change of Contact information? Additional e-mail addresses? Contact the Minnesota South District

Resources

Learn about second career Pastoral Ministry and serving the Lord through career decisions. Free materials are available.

MISSION U School of Witnessing. It's flexible, on-going and personal. It might be right for your congregation.

Do you know someone who is struggling with cancer? Check out Lyle Kath's excellent devotional, Conquering Cancer Through Faith in Christ

Help LWML. Click here. Under "Who do you goodsearch for?" type in LWML. Each time you use the internet LWML will be credited a penny.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Networking with Congregations *(as of 10/08)* **Camp Omega Events** **District Calendar**

The MNS District President's Conference, **Thursday, October 21**, Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato. **Now is the time to register!** This conference is intended for all church workers (ordained, commissioned, support staff), and takes the place of the Fall Pastoral Conference and Educator's Conference this year.

"Kingdom Building 101" presented by The 72 Partners On The Road, Living Christ Lutheran, Chanhassen, MN, October 23, 2010 9:30 – 11:30 AM.

Nationally known author and **creation speaker Brian Young,** Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 7:00 PM, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Anoka.

St. Peter's Lutheran, Vernon Center, 100th anniversary celebration, Sunday, November 7, 2010. 10:30 AM worship, dinner to follow. Dinner RSVP's should submitted by calling 507-549-3166.

Crest Views Fall Open House & Craft Fair, Saturday, November 13th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 4444 Reservoir Blvd. NE, Columbia Heights. Call Diane, 763-782-1601 for more information.

MISSION NEWS

Meet missionaries from Minnesota South. Katie Lane – Peru; Ginger Taff-Lagergren – Uganda.

The **Mission Prayer List for October 2010** has been posted on the District website. Please click here to read and pray over the people and ministries listed.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of Circuit 13, Rochester, Rev. Matt Lehman, circuit counselor. Please click here for maps of the District and all Circuits.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

Commissioned Ministers *(as of 10/08)* ***Ordained Ministers*** *(as of 10/08)*

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