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NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Hope That Endures: Congregations respond to Mental Illness Workshop offered by Lutheran Counseling Center, Burnsville, on **Sat., Sept. 27, from 9a.m. - noon, at Woodbury Lutheran Church**. Registration is $10. For more information or to register, contact Lutheran Counseling Center, 952-894-4828, x102.

RECOVERING FROM GUSTAV Camp Biloxi and Camp Restore are both back up and running. Assessment has shown light damage to Grace – Houma, LA, and Prince of Peace – Pineville, LA; heavy flooding in the Alexandria area; and, Baton Rouge being the area with the most severe damage. 95% of the city lost power and many are still without power. In Baton Rouge 400 homes were destroyed and another 2000 severely damaged. Chain saw teams are the greatest need at this time. A work camp has been set up in Baton Rouge in cooperation with Trinity Lutheran. This congregation has already distributed three semi-truck loads of ice. Please call **888-248-2636** if you wish to volunteer and leave your contact information.

Many have also asked what is needed most. Here is the list (for now):

1. Prayers for safety, energy and God's guidance to share Christ's love with people.
2. Work gloves for chain saw teams and volunteers.
3. Energy bars for our volunteers.
4. 16 and 20 inch new chain saw chains. We use mostly Stihl and Husk Varna chain saws. We have 15 chain saws in use from our Camp Restore Baton Rouge base.
5. A free will offering or any donations would be most welcome to help us aid affected members, to help those in need in the community, to provide food/water/powerade and housing for volunteers, to pay for chain saw repairs, gas, oil, etc.

DONATIONS may be sent to: **Southern District LCMS Disaster Response**
68446 Tammany Trace Dr. Ste. 5
Mandeville LA 70471-7793

Connecting with Congregations The first of 10 events planned throughout the District this will be held next Wed., Sept. 17 @ Rochester Central Lutheran School, Rochester.

Fall Conference Stewardship Workshops **NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. The first 2 of the 8 events planned throughout the District in September and October will be held next: Mon., Sept 15—Capitol Conference at Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan, and next Tue., Sept.16—Minneapolis Conference at Mt. Hope, Bloomington.

Fan Into Flame update with dates suggested for Mission Festivals in September and October as well as appropriate prayers for the corporate worship service.

Campus Ministry Referral Form download the Campus Ministry form and send directly to the campus ministry where your students attend, or send to the MNS District Office.

Camp Omega's annual Cross-Country meet is Friday, October 3, 2008. Students of all abilities compete on various courses—information and registration flyers at link.

Pastors: Deadline for room reservations for the **MN South District** Fall Pastor's Conference at the Best Western in North Mankato is this Friday, September 12, 2008

2008 Minnesota NORTH District Pastoral Conference
Pastors from the Minnesota South District are invited to attend the 2008 Minnesota North District Pastoral Conference Sept 21-23 at Lutheran Island Camp.

District Calendar

Mission News

Register now for the **Urban Mission Planter Training**, Sept 26-27, at St. Matthew's, Columbia Heights. This second module is "Leadership and Mission Teams." You need not have attended Module One to attend this module. *(repeat)*

2008 Mission Summit, **"Worship and Missions"** is October 4, 2008, at Concordia University. Local worship teams and Rev. Michael Zehnder are featured. Early registration deadline is September 26.

A Taste of Ethnic Missions is October 25, 2008, at St. Michael's, Bloomington. Download sponsor information, poster, power point slide, and more.

Mission News & Resources, including ***Ablaze!*** information.

In Our Prayers

Download new **MNS Mission Prayers** for September.

September is Ramadan, the holy month of fasting in Islam. The 30 Days of Prayer movement calls on Christians to make a concerted, but respectful effort to learn about, pray for, and reach out to Muslim neighbors across the street and around the world. For an on-line prayer guide, go to **www.30daysprayer.com**

Call Update Information

Commissioned Ministers

Ordained Ministers

Ordinations, Installations, Anniversaries

The Rev. Michael Tindall was installed as Associate Pastor at Hosanna, Mankato, Sat., September 6. **Mr. Mach Kuel** will be licensed to serve as a Deacon for Work among Sudanese Immigrants at Mt. Olive, Anoka on September 21. He will be enrolling in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology program (EIIT) as soon as he completes his bachelor's degree. **Vicar Jeffrey Sage** will be ordained and installed at Our Savior, Brownsdale, on Sunday, September 21. **The Rev. Thomas Evans** will be installed as Pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church 2075 70th Street, East, Inver Grove Heights on Sunday, September 21, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m. RSVP to 651-457-3929 if planning to attend the catered dinner following.

Please assist us in keeping our information current.

Send e-mail address changes to the District Office.