



# MNS WEEKLY e-NEWS December 1, 2009



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## WORD FOR THE WEEK

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you; Righteous and having salvation. Zechariah 9:9*

## NEWS

**MINNESOTA NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS** (including churches) are required to renew their status with the Secretary of State **each year**. Failure to do so results in the administrative dissolution of the corporation. To retain good standing, your renewal must be filed (no fee required) **by December 31, 2009**. Renewing online takes only a few minutes. To do so, go to [online.sos.state.mn.us/abr](http://online.sos.state.mn.us/abr) and enter your file number and entity type. Steps to find your file number or entity type, if you don't know them, are located on this website. You may also file by mail. To do so, download a form from the Minnesota state website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us). Click on "Forms," then "Business and Non-Profit Forms," then your entity type. If you have questions, you may call the Secretary of State's Office at: 651-296-2803, or toll free at 1-877-551-6767.

**Biblical Stewardship Principles** and the resources that accompany them are recommended for use in guiding stewardship education and can be helpful tools as congregations review what it means to be a Christian steward.

**MNS District Map** power point slideshow of the four Regions in the MNS District and the Circuits included in each Region is now available for download (be patient when downloading).

**Networking Resources with Congregations** (as of 11/25) 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. ***New This Week:*** Vacancy Reports—LCMS Council of Presidents, Lutheran Counseling Center Readiness for Marriage Classes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **District Calendar**

**SAVE THE DATE** for the next MN Ablaze event, **April 10, 2010**. For more information, visit our website at [www.mnablaze.org](http://www.mnablaze.org).

Intended for all who serve as encouragers in faith development including church leaders, parents, grandparents and godparents, [\*\*BECOMING TRANSFORMED FOR HIS MISSION: Passing On Vibrant Faith—Romans 12:2\*\*](#) is being offered at eight (8) locations throughout The Minnesota South District in early 2010. [\*\*See Brochure\*\*](#)

### [\*\*Camp Omega Events and Retreats\*\*](#)

## **MISSION NEWS**

**Ministry Innovation Workshop** – Sat., Jan. 30, 2010, at Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina. Sponsored by MNS District, OHSCO, and LINC-TC - Ministry Innovations open opportunities for outreach and vibrant congregational life. Learn to think innovatively and creatively about new ministry opportunities for you and your members. Learn strategies for innovative and creative thinking that will lead to steps for ministry implementation, and practice the steps at this workshop. Watch for more details.

Announcing the newly redesigned [\*\*Lutheran Hour Ministries—International Ministries website\*\*](#). The new site is a portal to detailed ministry information and resources specific to each country in which LHM serves.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Download [\*\*MNS Mission Prayers for December\*\*](#). Also available on the District website are [\*\*The MNS Mission Prayers for December in booklet form\*\*](#).

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Waseca Circuit**: Bethlehem, Elysian; Immanuel, Janesville; Trinity, Janesville; St. John, Minnesota Lake; Bethlehem, Morristown; St. John, Morristown; Trinity, Morristown; First, Waldorf; St. Paul, Waseca; Trinity, Waseca; St. Peter, Waterville; and Trinity, Waterville. And for the **Congregations of the Faribault Circuit**: Peace, Claremont; St. John, Claremont; Grace, Dodge Center; Peace, Faribault; Trinity, Faribault; Trinity, Medford; Trinity, Northfield; Good Shepherd, Owatonna; Redeemer, Owatonna; and St. John, Webster.

## **CALL UPDATE INFORMATION**

[\*\*\*Commissioned Ministers \(as of 12/1\)\*\*\*](#)

[\*\*\*Ordained Ministers \(as of 11/25\)\*\*\*](#)

## **CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY**

We remember in our prayers the family of **Gertrude Postel**, mother of the Rev. William Postel (St. John, Arlington) who was called to her eternal home Wed., Nov. 25. Her funeral was yesterday, Nov. 30 at her home church, St. John's Lutheran in Monticello, IA.

We remember in our prayers the family of **Milo Colburn**, the brother-in-law of the Rev. Dr. Lane and Donna Seitz who was summoned home to heaven by his LORD this past week and whose memorial service will be Sat., Dec. 12, in Atlanta, GA.

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