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FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

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WORD FOR THE WEEK

Behold, your King is coming to you; Righteous and having salvation! Zech. 9:9

NEWS

Fan into Flame update as of Friday, November 28:

LCMS National Campaign - **\$38,426,905.00**
Minnesota South District - **\$1,541,623.00**

Each year, **Minnesota non-profit corporations (including churches) are required to renew their status with the Secretary of State.** 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, 2008.** Renewing online takes only a few minutes. To do so, go to 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. 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.

Beginning 1/1/09: **standard mileage rate** will be 55 cents/mile (3.5 cent decrease from the current rate of 58.5 cents); charitable standard rate remains unchanged at 14 cents per mile; medical and moving rate will be 24 cents/mile (3 cent decrease from the current rate of 27 cents). Mileage reimbursements in excess of these new standard rates are subject to payroll taxes!

REMINDER - Changes coming from Concordia Plans In less than one month a major change will occur with the 403b TSA plans. If you haven't yet—please take the appropriate steps now to be in compliance by Jan. 1, 2009.

Networking with Congregations 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Calendar

[Documents from the 2008 Theological Conference: Worship: Uniformity or Diversity](#) are now posted on the MNS District Website (*scroll to bottom of the page*).

MISSION NEWS

The **Mission Moments** newsletter from the [Center for US Missions](#) challenges us to consider our witness to people of Jewish background. Check out [To the Jew First](#) and examine how your congregation ministers to other cultures—particularly the Jews.

Mission Stories from our MNS Missionaries are available for reading and sharing in "[Mission News and Resources](#)," found on the MNS website.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Truman Circuit**: Trinity, Lewisville; Zion, Lewisville; Grace, Ormsby; Immanuel, Ormsby; St. John, St. James; Trinity, Trimont; St. Paul, Truman; and St. John, Vernon Center.

Rev. Rick Miller (Rose of Sharon, Cottage Grove) is scheduled to have back surgery **TODAY – Dec. 2**.

Timothy Rosenau, son of Rev. Mark and Sue Rosenau (Good Shepherd, Owatonna) has completed chemotherapy for Hodgkin's Lymphoma and tests indicate his cancer is in full remission. We praise God for His goodness and grace!

Download [MNS Mission Prayers](#) for November.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#)

[Ordained Ministers](#)

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Ruth Meyer, mother of Rev. Keith Meyer (St. John, Claremont) received her crown of life early Thursday morning Nov. 27. The victory celebration for Ruth was held on Monday, Dec. 1 in St. Louis. Keith's wife Trish is an Admin. Assistant in the MNS District Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike and Jennifer **Zimmer** (MNS District Staff) are new grandparents! Daughter, Amanda, and husband, Pete, had a baby girl, Nora Rose, born Dec. 1. Mother and daughter are doing well!

CELEBRATIONS

St. John Lutheran Church, Woodbury will celebrate 140 years *this coming Sun., Dec. 7, 2008* at both the 8 and 10:30 services. The Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus of Lutheran Hour Ministries will be the guest preacher.

Two unique volumes help commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's, Fairmont (Oct. 26, 2008). Mr. Mark Hanson, who spent his childhood years at St. Paul's, created two unique books titled, "Light of the St. Paul Lutherans" and "Sermons in Glass." Mark used his unique talent of photographing stain glass windows to create the volumes. They are truly one-of-a-kind! You may purchase a copy of the books by calling the Senior Pastor of the congregation, Rev. Anthony Bertram, or his secretary at St. Paul's (507-238-9491).

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