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NEWS

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT CONVENTION, June 14-16, 2012, Concordia University, St. Paul.

Feb. 1 - deadline for submitting the names of pastoral, lay, and alternate delegates.
Feb. 1 – Deadline for submitting nominations for President, Vice President and Board of Directors.
March 14 – Deadline for submitting overtures.
Approved 2012 MNS District Convention assessment: $250 per voting delegate; $125 per advisory delegate, plus housing and meals if needed.
Coins For Missions Offering will go to the new church start in Otsego, Samaritans Hill Lutheran Church, a joint effort of MNS & MNN Districts.

Your organization may qualify to file for the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit in 2012.

MN [un]Paved–Courage 2012, Jr/Sr. High event. Jan. 27-28, Mayer Lutheran High School. Register here, or contact Traci Kohls, 952-442-4165 x274. Fleece and scissors are needed.

Winter Daze (Jr. Hi.) at Camp Omega has been rescheduled for March 3, 2012.

Rural & Small Town Community Outreach Strategies Webinar, Feb. 4, 2012, 10-11 AM CDT. Speaker Dr. Lee Hagan.

***"The Art of Marriage"* Conference, Feb. 10-11, 2012, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Circle Pines**. Please contact Good Shepherd at 763-784-8417.

Mission U School of Witnessing, Feb. 11, 2012, Trinity Lutheran, Waconia.

Engaging Rural Communities Event, Feb. 25, 2012, St. John Lutheran, Waverly, IA. Cost $25. 1-888-463-5127, ruralmission@spife.org. Check out www.spife.org for ministry ideas.

Church Crisis Response Symposium, April 27, 2012, Concordia University, St. Paul. Crisis response experts will help you and your church prepare for the unexpected. For more info contact mailto:weinkauf@csp.edu

Did you know that Woodbury Lutheran provides a weekly community outreach meal at Trinity First Lutheran Church each Thursday? Learn more, get involved. Contact: Pastor John Schildwachter.

Networking Resources. (Refreshed 01-20-12) **Weekly Classifieds.** (Refreshed 01-20-12)
Would you like to get an item included? Contact the Minnesota South District.

District website **District Calendar** **Camp Omega Events**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- (CAN BE INCLUDED IN YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS)

The new year brings with it new resolve, but so often that resolve fades before the first week is ended. The apostle Paul advised the Corinthians, "*Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have*

the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means" (2 Corinthians 8:10, 11). By ourselves, we grow tired or get bored or just plain lazy. Let us ask the Lord to give us the desire to give generously, to serve joyfully, and to expend our time eagerly in response to what God has given to us and done for us.

"Love Makes Us Do It" -A stewardship newsletter article is available for you to use.

Resources

Lectionary Illustration: 4th Sunday After The Epiphany: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus has a message. Jesus is an individual not with just words to fill an hour but with a message that can make the difference between life and death, heaven and hell; a message that has the power to heal and make us whole. This is how Mark presents Jesus at the beginning of his ministry.

This election year, we have seen the launching of many political campaigns. Candidates select certain sites that symbolize the issues of the campaign. They will speak at colleges to articulate their position on education. They will speak at factories to talk about jobs and the economy. The point they are making is that they are embarking on an important campaign and where they chose to speak is nearly as important as what they have to say.

According to Mark, Jesus chose a special place from which to speak. Jesus went to the synagogue where the people of God came to hear God's word for their lives. There was a lot of talking in the synagogue, but when Jesus spoke something was different. The Bible says he spoke "as one having authority." He demonstrates authority over evil forces that can control and destroy lives.

MNS Lutheran Witness **The Lutheran Witness** **Frequently Asked Questions.**

Mission Prayer List Jan. 2012 **Mission Vision News Winter 2011-12** **LCMS Reporter**

Health & Ministerial Helps

Mayo Clinic 5 Steps To Controlling High Blood Pressure available for free. Order Now.

The Mayo Clinic Diet: A weight-loss program for life. **Stress Management**

Educators and Administrators Notebook

Re-licensure Committee, Feb. 04, 2012. Please have your Clock Hour form to your Regional representative. Contact the Minnesota South District for more info.

***"What's Cool In Our Schools",* Thursday, January 26th** at approx. 6:15am on KARE 11 will feature Lindsey Booth from St. Paul Lutheran School, Prior Lake.

Region 1 Teachers Conference, **Unanimous Supreme Court Ruling- Hosanna-Tabor**

In Our Prayers

-Please join us this week in praying for Circuit 5, NW Suburban, Rev. Roger Dramstad, circuit counselor. Please click here for maps of the District and all Circuits.
-Please pray for Pastor Armand Boehme, recovering from a broken kneecap.
-Rev. Del Wippich's funeral, Sat., Jan. 28, 11 AM, Messiah, Mounds View. Visitation: Fri. from 5-8 PM.

Call Update Information

Commissioned Ministers (as of 01-20-12) **Ordained Ministers** (as of 01-20-12)

Change of address, e-mail address, contact information? Contact the Minnesota South District
Do you have a brief story of a new ministry in your church? An event happening? We would love to hear about it. **Contact the MNS District.** Attach your story to your e-mail.