



DEVELOPING MISSIONAL LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

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NEWS

Please read a Letter from the Atlantic District- LCMS President regarding the death of Osama Bin Laden at the end of this e-News.

Rev. Dr. Robert Holst Retirement Service, Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 7:30 PM, Gangelhoff Center, CSP. To read the CSP magazine honoring President Holst, [please click here](#).

Dave Roth Retirement Recognition. The Minnesota South District and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edina, will recognize the retirement of Dave Roth in a worship service on May 22nd at 9:30 AM. A reception will follow. If you would like to send your personal greetings to be included in a book, please send to: Minnesota South District-LCMS, **Attn: Gae Ash**, 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306. Deadline May 4, 2011.

[Southern Tornadoes Update. Help is needed, funds are requested, miraculous stories are shared.](#) Donations to Lutheran Church Charities, 333 W. Lake St., Addison, IL 60601.

[LYF Day at Valleyfair, June 27, 2011.](#)

[DCE Conference- Ministry Safety & The Social Network.](#) June 2, 2011, Cross View Lutheran, Edina.

[Pre-retirement Workshop, September 9 & 10.](#)

[Networking Resources.](#) (Refreshed 05-06-11) Events in and around the MNS District. Trinity First Spring Musical, Vine And Branches Conference; Continuing Education Workshop: Formative Preaching; VA Clergy Outreach Event; Money Savvy Women; Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival, more...

[Weekly Classifieds.](#) (Refreshed 05-06-11) Chaplaincy opportunity, Mission opportunity. Would you like to get an item included? Debra.Connolly@mnsdistrict.org

[District website](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[Camp Omega Events](#)

HAMMOND, MINNESOTA FLOOD RECOVERY. Crews are being lined up and are working. Further questions? Contact Vicki Strong, 651-730-5049.

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.

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

Because God calls us to be stewards and equips us through the Holy Spirit, we can fulfill our responsibilities as stewards. Christian stewardship is the expression of the faith which God gives us. As we grow in faith and our relationship with Jesus, we will commit more of our time, talents, and treasures to His service. Through God's grace, we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all things so that we can become more fruitful stewards. As stewards or caretakers of God's blessings, we are responsible

and accountable for all that God entrusts to us. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we can become trustworthy stewards.

["God's Draft Choices"](#) -A stewardship newsletter article is available for your use on the MNS District website.

Resources

Lectionary Illustration: Fourth Sunday of Easter: John 10:1-10

The story is told of a priest from New York City who went to Ireland to visit his relatives. While he was staying at his cousin's farm, they decided to have some fun with him. After doing some chores in the fields, they told him to come in for dinner just as soon as he was through rounding up the sheep into the pen. After nearly an hour of chasing after sheep, trying to push, poke, prod, and even pull them with no success, he gave up and asked his cousins to help. They sent out their five-year-old daughter, who simply called out to the sheep, and within minutes they had all followed her through the gate into the pen. Few clergy are as fortunate as he was to see the Gospel story of the shepherd come to life.

"..and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... He goes on ahead of them, and His sheep follow him because they know His voice." John 10:3-4

[A new resource for nursing home, Hospice and homebound from Lutherans For Life.](#) > [Resources](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions.](#) Learn LCMS views on contemporary and doctrinal issues.

[MNS Lutheran Witness](#)

[The Lutheran Witness](#) on-line

[Feb./March 2011 LCEF Update](#)

Health

[Golf injuries: Why It Pays To Play It Safe.](#)

[Insect bites and stings: First aid](#)

[Allergies](#)

Infertility and Pregnancy Loss Support Group, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington. 952-230-2019, info@door2hope.org.

Educators and Administrators Notebook

[Project School Zone.](#) Effective marketing for Lutheran Schools.

[Financial Development Primer For Lutheran Schools.](#)

REMINDER!! The District office needs to be informed when a rostered worker or contracted worker will not be returning for the next school year. Use the [Teacher Not Returning Form](#)

MISSION NEWS

[Mission Prayer List for May 2011](#)

[Mission Vision News Spring 2011](#)

IN OUR PRAYERS

-Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of Circuit 19, Arlington, Circuit Counselor: Rev. Wayne Bernau. [Please click here](#) for maps of the District and all Circuits.

-Please pray for Rev. John Fuchs, (Potsdam/Hammond) recovering from hip surgery.

-Please pray for Karen Fiege (Rev. Scott, Lake City, Goodhue), who will be undergoing surgery.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

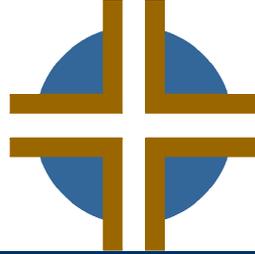
[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 05-06-11)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 05-06-11)

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E-news/networking submissions should be brief and sent to debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org

Atlantic District - LCMS



Dearly beloved, sisters and brothers in Christ in the Atlantic District,

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

We have learned through the night of May 1 and 2, 2011 of the death and burial at sea of Osama Bin Laden, who was primarily responsible for the acts of terror and violence on September 11, 2001. At such a time for all of us in New York, our thoughts immediately return to that day and its results in our lives, neighborhoods and in our spiritual journey with Jesus.

We are told to pray at all times for the will of God to be accomplished. The will of God is that "all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." That this did not transpire for Osama Bin Laden seems obvious. Those of us who work in Muslim outreach know how difficult it is to bring God's mercy in Christ to law-based religious systems. Yet the death of Bin Laden should awaken in all of us a desire to share the Good News of eternal destiny with God through grace with everyone, and I pray earnestly for that result among all who read this letter.

Our hearts in New York immediately open to the families of the victims of the attack on the Twin Towers, from firefighters to police to workers in the buildings. As we know, for well more than a thousand of those families, no remains of their loved ones have ever been found. "Closure" becomes then an almost insurmountable process. The "closure" brought by the death of a terrorist leader, Osama Bin Laden, is always tempered by the finality of the loss of those who were loved and died the death of innocents. So I would call upon you to pray in these days especially for the families of the victims of the September 11 attacks, for peace and the assurance of God's love.

For those of us who live and work in the Metropolitan New York area, there is also a sense of foreboding even in Bin Laden's death, as consideration of retributive acts focuses as it always does on OUR city as the target. Any jubilation at the achievement of some level of human justice after ten years is replaced for us immediately by anxiety at what the future might bring. As in those days ten years ago, we can expect higher security levels especially as we approach that decadal anniversary in just a few months. So we pray for those affected by anxieties and concerns, for the peace that passes all understanding. We pray for wisdom, discernment and strength of purpose for our president, our governor, our mayor, our soldiers and those involved in law enforcement.

Make this a day of prayer for you and your families. Be blessed by the always-accompanying presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, in whose wounds we are healed, and in whose Life we have life eternal.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Dr. David H. Benke, President/Bishop
Atlantic District, LCMS