



Minnesota South delegates re-elect Seitz to sixth term

With 62 percent of the votes on the first ballot, Dr. Lane R. Seitz of Savage, Minn., was re-elected president of the LCMS Minnesota South District at its 74th convention June 8-10 on the campus of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn. Seitz, 59, is beginning his sixth three-year term as president.

Delegates re-elected four vice presidents, although not to the same vice presidencies they previously held. They are:

- Rev. Gerhard Bode, senior pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minn., first vice president;
- Dr. Larry Griffin, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Janesville, Minn., second vice president;
- Rev. Evan Schiller, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, Minn., third vice president; and
- Rev. Klemet Preus, Plymouth, Minn., pastor of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn., fourth vice president.

Seitz, the vice presidents, and others elected will be installed during an Aug. 27 service in Mankato, Minn.

Among adopted resolutions, the delegates voted to encourage all Minnesota South LCMS congregations to support the districtwide "It's Time to Fish" mission initiative campaign. The action acknowledges the continuing need for funds to enable outreach to the large numbers of people moving into the district from other states and countries.

Another adopted resolution supports the LCMS National Youth Gathering. The measure expresses appreciation to the LCMS Board for District and Congregational Services—Youth Ministry office for "its faithfulness in provid-

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Dr. Lane Seitz addresses convention delegates and guests.

It's Time to Fish: Catch, Equip, Release!

The Minnesota South District is beginning a new mission initiative campaign for the next triennium, called "It's Time to Fish: Catch, Equip, Release!" A resolution was passed during the district convention in June encouraging congregations and individuals to support this districtwide campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to reach those in Minnesota who are unchurched and who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, to encourage a

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Sewing with Love

"Sewing with Love," the quilters from St. John, Winsted, meet September through May, crafting usually 10 quilts a year. Creating each quilt uniquely, they also sew to welcome newly baptized members into the parish.

Members take on special roles within Sewing with Love. Doris Luedke purchases fabric and designs each quilt to be sewn. Each quilt is designed with three layers and a colorful top cover.

The finished quilts reach various destinations, all selected by the quilters. Among the organizations chosen to receive quilts are the Orphan Grain Train and St. John's annual Tea and Talent Chili Feed.

November deadline: Sept. 21

Send information two months in advance for the district portion of *The Lutheran Witness* to **Rev. David Anderson, Immanuel Lutheran, 1200 N. North Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031**; or e-mail to pastoranderson@yahoo.com.

DEADLINE is the third Monday of each month.

If you are submitting photos and wish to have the photos returned to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



Hemmed in by well-crafted quilts are St. John members Janice Brooks, Doris Luedke, Carol Ann Gutzman, and Sue Lehner. Not pictured are quilters Helen Yager and Marcella Gebhart. *(Photo by Linda Scherer)*

COMMENTS/FINANCES

Why, Lord, why?

When was the last time you were “shaken?” I’m not talking about the last time someone grabbed you on the shoulders and moved your body to and fro in a jerky movement. No, I’m talking about a time when you received some news or something happened to you that caused you to be disturbed or agitated, to waver, to question life, or to wonder where God is.

Many things can cause us to be “shaken.” For example:

- A pastor you love and respect announces that he is accepting a call to another congregation.
- Your unmarried daughter informs you that she is pregnant.
- You receive a telephone call that your father has died of a massive heart attack.
- Your doctor informs you that the test results from your annual physical show you have cancer.
- A note on your son’s bed informs you that he has run away from home.
- The hard drive on your computer crashes and you realize that you have lost all your files, including the major business presentation you are to make in 30 minutes.
- The telephone rings at 1 a.m. and the voice on the other end of the line informs you that your daughter has been in a car accident and is being rushed to the hospital.
- You get a letter in the mail informing you that you have not been accepted at the university you desperately wanted to attend.
- Your husband tells you he wants a divorce.
- Your employer tells you that the company is down-sizing and that your job will end on Friday.

All of us are likely be shaken at one time or another.



We learn in 2 Samuel 18:33 that even King David was “shaken” when he received news that his son, Absalom, had been killed. What’s important is our response when we receive news or encounter situations that “shake” us.

The book of Psalms provides us with just what we need so we can handle those situations of life that “shake” us. King David himself said, “I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken” (Ps. 16:8). Psalm 62:2 likewise states, “He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.” And Ps. 125:1 assures us, “Those who trust in

the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.”

The secret to being unshaken in life is to realize, first of all, as the psalmist states, that the Lord is “always before me”—that He is with me no matter what the situation. We’re reminded of that essential fact in one of the names given to the Christ Child at the time of His birth: “Immanuel,” which means “God with us” (Matt. 1:23). We also remember that with the Lord at our side, we can weather any storm that life throws at us, for the apostle Paul reminds us, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength” (Phil. 4:13).

And, finally, this vital promise comforts and strengthens us: “All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

Dr. Lane R. Seitz, District President

District congregation mission receipts for the period ending July 15, 2006

For the month ending July 15:

Anticipated amount (7.2% of budget*) \$211,700
Actual receipts \$174,301
Over (under) amount (\$37,399)

Year-to-date receipts:

Anticipated amount (44.6% of budget*) \$1,293,400
Actual receipts. \$1,236,003
Over (under) anticipated amount (\$57,397)

Use of mission receipts:

50% remitted to Synod (year-to-date/YTD) \$618,002
50% for district operations (YTD) \$618,001
Total receipts \$1,236,003

Mission receipts—compared with last year:

Mission receipts—YTD 2006 \$1,236,003
Mission receipts—YTD 2005 \$1,175,828
Over (under) last year \$60,175

Mission receipts—YTD 2006 \$1,236,003
Mission receipts—YTD 1996 (10 yrs. ago) \$1,413,420
Mission receipts—YTD 1986 (20 yrs. ago) \$1,429,609

** Based on average receipts for the past five years, 2006 congregational receipts budgeted at \$2.9 million.*

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Month of May 2006:

New investments \$973,652
Withdrawals \$875,123
Net increase (decrease) \$98,529

Year-to-date July 1, 2005-May 31, 2006:

New investments \$15,601,175
Withdrawals \$13,698,889
Net increase (decrease) \$1,902,286



Winners in the individual competition at the Minnesota State Bible Bowl were (from left), first place, Katie Jordahl, Trinity, Faribault; second place, Joel Kuehne, Trinity, Faribault; third place, Jon Kuehne, Trinity, Faribault; fourth place, Mark Rustad, Bethel, St. Paul; fifth place, Luke Rustad, Bethel, St. Paul; and sixth place: Danielle Jordahl, Trinity, Faribault.



First-place winners from Trinity, Faribault, are, from left, Katie Jordahl, Joel Kuehne, and Lisa Simonson, with Mentor Phil Simonson.

2006 Bible Bowl winners

The 2006 Minnesota State Bible Bowl was held this summer at Concordia University, St. Paul. In team competition, Team A from Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault, took first place (see lower photo at left).

Second place went to Team B from Trinity, Faribault: Danielle Jordahl, Jonathan Kuehne, Audrey Meyer, and Julie Simonson, with mentor Philip Simonson.

Team B from Bethel, St. Paul, took third place: Laura Zwilling, Emma Hayburst, Tilla Hansen, and Taylor Thies, with mentors Faye Hayburst and Lynne Rustad.

Fourth place was snagged by Team B, Immanuel, Fairmont: Kristen Anderson, Alexa Bartels, Alison Lemke, and Mandy Patrick, with mentor Pastor Wade Daul.

Fifth place went to Team A from Grace, Hibbing: Josh Swanson, Katrina Swalby, Emily Palmer, Whitney Happy, and alternate Shawn Malberg, with mentors Jeff Jensen and Rick Swanson.

Sixth place went to Team A from Immanuel, Fairmont: Sam Bartels, Jordan Larson, Kaitlin Tow, and Sam Tow, with mentor Pastor Wade Daul.

In addition to winners receiving trophies, participants and guests received cross pins to remind them of Jesus and to witness that we are His servants.

The 2007 Minnesota State Bible Bowl is scheduled for March 31 at Concordia University, St. Paul.

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ing the opportunity for our youth to participate and gather at [national gatherings] every three years since 1980." It also encourages congregations to support their members who plan to participate in the 2007 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Fla.

Minnesota South delegates addressed the selection of members to the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) by passing a resolution affirming the broad-based appointment process called for in Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.1.1. That resolution requests that the matter of the number of members on the CCM be referred to the LCMS Commission on Structure.

A separate adopted resolution calls for the Synod in convention to overrule a CCM opinion pertaining to the Synod president's duty to "call up for review" the activities of officers, executives, and agencies of the Synod. The resolution quotes a Synod Bylaw specifying that the president shall "call up for review" within the administrative sphere of his powers and duties, not in the ecclesiastical sphere, any action which may be in

violation of the Constitution, Bylaws and resolutions of the Synod.

Delegates also approved memorializing the Synod convention to overrule CCM opinion 02-2296 and 02-2309. Those opinions have to do with actions taken by a member of the Synod based on the full knowledge and approval of the member's ecclesiastical supervisor.

Two adopted resolutions speak to worship in the Synod. One of those receives new worship material in the Synod's *Lutheran Service Book* "with thanksgiving" and calls for congregations to consider using the new resource and to participate in an introductory process that begins with workshops this fall.

The other resolution urges Minnesota South congregations to follow worship practices in line with the Synod's doctrine. It calls for the Synod president, Council of Presidents, colleges, universities, and the LCMS Commission on Worship to explore ways for those with diverse viewpoints about worship to hold

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DISTRICT NEWS



Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, proclaimed the Gospel upon the occasion of the ordination of Rance Settle into the holy ministry. Vice President Larry Griffin presided at the service July 9, in which Settle was also installed as associate pastor of Redeemer, Rochester. Settle will be in a team ministry with Senior Pastor James Heining, Director of Christian Education Michael Harvey, and Director of Parish Music April Beckman.



Rev. Daniel Ritter was installed June 11 as pastor of Mount Hope, Bloomington. Rev. Klemet Preus performed the rite of installation for Ritter. From left (back row) are Revs. Mark Shokey, Dennis Starr, Richard Miller, Martin Langemo, (front row) Phil Bickel, Preus, Ritter, Mark Moss, and Dennis Drews.

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renewed missionary spirit within our church body, to help congregations identify new mission initiatives, and to provide training to those who seek theological instruction and ordination.

All 244 churches and their members are encouraged to take part in this districtwide mission initiative. Involvement is encouraged by various ways: conduct a mission festival; share the campaign video and discussion at a Bible study; work with the district office staff to arrange missionary speakers; host a charitable giving seminar; and contribute financially to the campaign.

The purpose of getting involved with the mission campaign "It's Time to Fish: Catch, Equip, Release!" is to inform, educate, and inspire LCMS members to be

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Open letter from Dr. Lane Seitz

Editor's note: The following letter was e-mailed from the district office July 10.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On June 6, I informed you that St. John Lutheran Church, Claremont, Minn., was struck by lightning during a storm. Despite the valiant efforts of the members of two fire departments, the structure burned to the ground.

Since the time of the fire, a number of things have happened:

1) The firefighter who was injured in the fire when a wall fell on him has undergone five surgeries and is continuing to recuperate. For this we thank and praise God!

2) Our District Crisis Team, led by Michelle Ritchie and Rev. Marlin Harris, has been active, supporting, and assisting congregation members as they react to the loss of their treasured facility.

3) The members of Peace, Claremont, have offered the use of their facility to the members of St. John's while they plan for the future.

4) The congregation has decided to build a new church. A building committee has been formed and is aggressively tackling the project. Their hope is to be in their new facility by Christmas!

5) Pastor Keith Meyer and his wife, Trish, are doing well and are continuing to provide excellent pastoral care and leadership as the congregation plans for the future.

6) The congregation has been busy working with its insurance carrier to process its claim. It will take some time for that process to be completed.

The bottom line, though, is that the insurance coverage will not cover the congregation's total loss. Therefore, I would encourage you, if you have not already done so, to ask the members of your congregation to support this sister congregation in need.

If you would like to support St. John's rebuilding efforts, you may send a check to the district office made payable to the "Minnesota South District." In the memo line, please write the words, "St. John's, Claremont."

We will collect the funds and deliver them to the members of St. John's. Please join me in praying during the coming weeks for the members of St. John's as they reminisce, plan, and work to carry on their Gospel ministry in the Claremont area.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Lane Seitz



LWML elects and selects

Five-hundred-forty women attended the 21st biennial convention of the Minnesota South District LWML June 15-17 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

The convention opened with a celebration communion service Thursday evening, June 15. Rev. Dan Heuer was the proclaimer. A choir of LWML women; a Sudanese choir from Christ Lutheran Church, Eagan; a Hmong choir from Grace, Brooklyn Park; a handbell choir from Messiah, Mounds View; and Joyful Noise Brass presented special music.

Good Shepherd, Marshall, was the host congregation.

Opening ceremonies on Friday morning began with a procession including the processional cross, the LWML banner, zone banners carried by zone LWML presidents accompanied by Young Women Representatives (YWR), former Minnesota South District LWML presidents, special guests, and the district Board of Directors.

The Color Guard Presentation was made by First Lieutenant (Chaplain) Scott Gustafson and Private Josh Machacek. After pledging allegiance to both the U.S. and Christian flags, singing "God Bless America," and lighting the convention candle, the convention was called to order.

Rev. Tom Braun of Christ Victorious, Victoria, led three Bible studies on the convention theme of "Seek Our Savior, Share Our Savior, Serve Our Savior."

A \$230,000 goal was set for district, national, and international mission work during the next two years. National LWML representative Bev England shared information and enthusiasm as she spoke to the women and participated in activities throughout the convention.

Jan Struck, humorist, Christian motivational speaker, and graduate of Valparaiso University, was the keynote speaker and also entertained everyone at the Friday evening banquet. Receptions were sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and by Concordia University, St. Paul.

Elected were the following: Nancy Kohrs, president; Peggy Uecker, recording secretary; and Barb Fellersen, financial secretary. Conference vice presidents elected were Beth Schuster, Capitol Conference; Eunice Bremer, Crow River Conference; Pat Johnson, Minneapolis Conference; and Ruth Bury, Minnetonka Conference.

Pastoral counselors elected were Pastor Vincent Bain of Winona and Pastor Jeffery Lee of Pipestone.

Members of the Nominating Committee are RoxAnn Lauer, Gloria Pitschka, Sherri Droll, Lydia Volz, and Lois Gahler.

Convention offerings taken will be applied to the

2006-08 mite goal; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lake Worth, Fla.; Concordia Theological Seminary Food Cooperative, Fort Wayne; and Partners in Mission, Phillips Neighborhood, Minneapolis. Donations were also made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Claremont, which was recently destroyed by fire.

The 19 YWRs attending were introduced and led morning devotions on Saturday.

Recipients of past mission grants made presentations. Dr. Lane Seitz, Minnesota South District president, spoke words of encouragement and appreciation. Chuck Groth brought greetings from the LLL. Kalia Lo and Mani Herr spoke on behalf of the "Heart to Heart Sisters."

Women were encouraged to attend the national LWML convention in Sioux Falls in 2007.

The Owatonna Conference invited everyone to the 22nd biennial convention of the Minnesota South District LWML in Rochester in 2008.

The women came to seek, to share, and to serve their Savior, and left for home energized and enthused to continue that path. To God be the glory!

Joyshops

Remember the Joyshops scheduled for this month. The theme is "Christian Hot Topics: Living Our Faith in Today's Society." The three locations are Grace, Dodge Center, Sept. 16; St. Paul, Fulda, Sept. 22; and Our Savior, Excelsior, Sept. 23.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., with opening devotions at 9 a.m. The event will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Send your choice of location with the \$10 fee to Irene Mensing, 41000 50th St., Blue Earth, MN 56013. Contact Irene for more information: imensing@bevcomm.net or (507) 526-3430 (evenings).

Mission grants 2006-08

- LWML financial aid for full-time professional church worker students\$40,000
- Orphan Grain Train\$5,000
- Tuition for Indonesia Lutheran School Elementary Students\$8,000
- The Dwelling Place\$10,000
- LWML scholarships for students at the seven Minnesota South District Lutheran high schools ...\$35,000
- Lutheran Special Education Ministries\$10,000
- Lutheran Blind Mission\$5,000
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan, Africa\$10,000
- Global Health Ministries\$16,161
- Bible Faith Lutheran Church, India\$12,000
- Scholarship support for students in EIIT and DELTO\$20,000
- Medical Instruments for Yunnan Province in Southwestern China\$1,339

DISTRICT SONSHINE



Six out of 17 members of the 1936 confirmation class at St. Stephanus, St. Paul, were present at a 70th reunion. Pictured are David Beyer of Texas; Doris Heidorn, Howard Schultz, Dorothy Stach, Helene Johnson, all still members of St. Stephanus; and Warren Leininger of Minneapolis. Three of the members could not attend due to health reasons; two have died; and the remainder could not be reached. The group has celebrated every five years since their 50th.

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discussions “for the purpose of building greater understanding of our theology and worship.”

Circuit Re-Alignment: A proposal to re-align the district circuits was passed by a vote of 82 percent. The re-alignment proposal addressed the following issues:

- Shifting of population within the district (growth and decline), and the population trends going forward for the next 10- to 20-plus years;
- Anticipation of new mission start areas, in addition to projected/possible dissolution of congregations;
- Existing and projected traffic patterns and population centers of influence for each region.

The district circuits had not been re-aligned since 1985, and at that point it was subject to only minor alteration. This proposal first restructured regions, then re-worked the circuits to maximize ministry opportunities and mission partnerships throughout the district. Before the re-alignment: 26 circuits, 243 congregations, 105,052 communicants. After: 24 circuits, 244 congregations, 102,442 communicants.

Memorial Day weekend at Camp Omega

For more than 20 years on Memorial Day weekend, Camp Omega has been offering families an opportunity to enjoy the camp setting by offering free lodging and meals to anyone who would like to take part.

Most of Saturday is set aside for family members to work at projects that help the camp prepare for its summer program. This year, with a grant of \$9,500 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the camp was able to tackle some projects that were set aside because of a lack of finances and manpower.

As a result, major roofing projects on the tree houses and outpost cabins, the completion of the floating dock, the repair and staining of 20 picnic tables and the new deck on the retreat center, new steps at the outdoor worship center, and the annual projects of landscaping, spreading wood chips, and splitting and stacking cords of wood at the four outpost camps and the additional three campfire circles were among the 60-plus projects that were accomplished.

A number of other projects also needed to be completed throughout the summer. If you or a group from your congregation/community is looking for a service project for next summer and would like to spend a day helping the camp, call Camp Omega at (507) 685-4266.

Elda Krause, wife of Pastor Martin Krause of Peace, Claremont, pulls weeds at Camp Omega. The Krauses were among the nearly 100 people who spent a “no-cost” Memorial Day weekend at the camp.



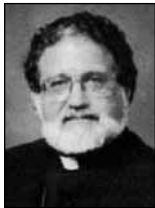
Trinity shows growth in the SONshine

In April, 36 new members joined Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Thirteen adults were confirmed. Two adults who were confirmed were from an adult day-services program held at Trinity.

Pastor Jack Baumgarn says, “We praise God for all who worship with us and study the Word of God with us on a regular basis.”



Klaus celebrates St. Martin's 150th anniversary



Klaus

Rev. Kenneth Klaus, speaker for Lutheran Hour Ministries, will help celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Winona, Minn., Oct. 7-8. He will preach at the 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday, the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, and will lead the adult education hour at 9:15 Sunday morning.

Klaus has held positions as an administrative pastor in Texas, Minnesota, Illinois, and South Dakota parishes. He has also served as the International Lutheran Laymen's League pastoral adviser.

He has written a number of devotional books, including the 1997 Lenten Series, *Uncustomary Love*, and more recently authored the International Lutheran Laymen's League's devotions, *The Savior Said to Me*.

Klaus has traveled throughout parts of the Middle East, Europe, and Turkey.

'For the glory of God'

Larry Brockberg's last wishes are completed!

If you travel north from Luverne or south from Pipestone on Highway 75, at the corner of Trosky in southwest Minnesota, you will see a sign praising God—spreading the Word of God. It was Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, when Larry Brockberg gave two thumbs up for the large 25-foot-high sign that he donated.

In January 2005, Larry had been cancer-free for three years. Then, in April 2005, the cancer attacked again—only harder. Later tests revealed that the melanoma cancer had spread to stage four, an advanced stage of cancer.

Doctors were forced to tell the young man of 25 that the cancer was terminal. In the past, Pastor Thomas Mickelson would say, "He keeps holding on and keeps on going in hope that he would get to see the sign." When he prepared his will, he decided to donate money for the construction of a sign to "spread the Word of God!"

When his bosses from Daktronics found out about his last wish, they took quick action: In just 21 days the sign was up! The top part reads, "St. John's Lutheran Church." The bottom portion is electronic and the text



message can be changed. Along the bottom of the sign is "For the Glory of God, Donated by Larry Lee Brockberg."

On Aug. 29, 2005, Larry went home to be with His Lord. Being too late in the fall to make the planter and to plant native grass, that project was postponed until this summer. On Tuesday evening, June 6, Larry's church family at St. John, Trosky; his community friends; his parents, Roger and Bonnie; his brother, Tom, and wife, Fabiana; his brother, Mark, and his special friend, Diane VanDyke, met at the sight to lay the brick planter and complete Larry's wishes.

Larry was active in his church, grew up on a farm, and had been farming near Hardwick with his family. He graduated from college at South Dakota State University with a degree in agricultural science. While studying, he worked as an account executive at Daktronics, Brookings, S.D.

Pastor Mickelson said that Larry "was very spiritual and Christ-believing ... an exceptional young man."

Lutheran emergency services chaplains invited to conference

Lutheran emergency services chaplains are invited to a first-time conference Nov. 13-14 in St. Louis, sponsored by LCMS World Relief/Human Care. The purpose of the event is to offer support and training, and opportunities to network.

The conference was planned specifically for LCMS chaplains, but all Lutheran chaplains are welcome, including those who work with fire and police departments, emergency medical services, the FBI, Secret Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Border Patrol, and with other emergency services.

Plenary sessions and speakers for the "Enriching and Networking Lutheran Emergency Services Chaplains" conference are:

- Theology for Mercy, Rev. Matthew Harrison;
- Self-Care, Rev. W. Roger Stauffer; and
- Building Trust in Relationships or Building Trusting Relationships, Rev. Richard Turner, Groves.

Workshops will explore other related topics.

An LCMS World Relief/Human Care grant helps make the conference affordable. The \$50 registration fee includes one night's lodging and three meals.

You must register by Oct. 1. The event is limited to the first 150 participants. Contact Judy Ladage, (800) 248-1930, Ext. 1388, or judy.ladage@lcms.org.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Personnel changes 2006

Accessions and transfers into the district for the second quarter

REV. TERRILL F. BRAMSTEDT; St. John, Madison, Minn. (MN), to Trinity, Elgin, Minn. Installed June 11 by Dr. Larry Griffin.

REV. JASON D. NEEL; colloquy, April 22. Ordained and installed Spirit of Christ, Ham Lake, Minn., May 7, by Dr. Lane R. Seitz.

CANDIDATE JON C. OLSON; (FW06) ordained and installed, Our Saviour, Pipestone, Minn., June 6, by Rev. Evan G. Schiller.

REV. DANIEL R. RITTER; senior pastor, Pilgrim, Bellevue, Neb. (NEB), to Mount Hope, Bloomington, Minn. Installed June 11 by Rev. Klemet Preus.

REV. GREGORY A. SCHLICKER; Zion, Auburn, Mich. (MI), to associate pastor, Good Shepherd, Owatonna, Minn. Installed June 25 by Dr. Larry Griffin.

Transfers out of the district for the second quarter

REV. KEVIN D. ROBSON; candidate status, to Prince of Peace, Baxter, Minn. (MN), June 10.

REV. CHRISTOPHER M. SEIFFERLEIN; Grace, Stockton, Minn., to Emmanuel, Adell, Wis. (SW), May 2.

Removal from the roster

REV. LARRY A. GIFF; non-candidate status. Removed May 1.

Deaths in the district

REV. VERON H. HARLEY; emeritus status.

called to glory June 5.

Changes within the district

REV. ROGER HETT; Our Redeemer, Jackson, Minn., to emeritus status, April 30.

REV. THOMAS E. LOCK; St. Peter and St. Paul, Vernon Center and Amboy, Minn., to candidate status, May 1.

Congregational changes

New church start: Grace International, Robbinsdale, Minn.; approved by the district Board of Directors Feb. 7.

New church start: Saving Grace Lutheran Mission, Delano, Minn., May 1.

Commissioned Workers Accessions and transfers into district second quarter 2006

RHONDA DEDOR (MI), to St. Paul, Chatfield, June 30.

CANDIDATE HEIDI EVANSON (OR05), to Redeemer, Owatonna, June 25 by Rev. Kirk Griebel.

TIMOTHY STROHSCHHEIN (SE), candidate status April 4.

CANDIDATE SANDRA TUTKA (colloquy), to Redeemer, Wayzata, April 30 by Rev. William Mueller.

AARON WACHHOLZ (CNH), non-candidate status, June 30.

SARAH WACHHOLZ (CNH), non-candidate status, June 30.

Changes within the district

LEAH BECK, non-candidate to candidate status, June 21.

SARAH BJORK, non-candidate to candidate status, April 1.

HEIDI BREITBARTH, Christ Victorious, Chaska, to candidate status, Jan. 17.

KIMBERLY HYLTON, Bethlehem, St. Paul, to candidate status, June 28.

TRACI KOHLS, St. John, Chaska, to non-candidate status, June 1.

JUANITA KRUEGER, candidate to Holy Cross, Austin, June 25, by Rev. Daniel Provost.

LORI SCHROEDER, non-candidate to candidate status, April 28.

Transfers to other districts

CLINT COLWELL, St. John, Buffalo, to Missouri District, June 1.

SCOTT RANDALL, Messiah, Lakeville, to South Wisconsin District, June 1.

JEREMY WINTER, St. Paul, Lester Prairie, to Rocky Mountain District, June 5.

Removed/resigned from synodical roster

MARKHAM DIERKS, candidate, removed May 2.
STEPHANIE MILLER, non-candidate, resigned April 28.

DAVID TONN, St. James, Northrop, resigned June 28.

Retired/Emeritus

DARLENE CLAUGHERTY (emeritus), East St. Paul, St. Paul, June 30.

ANN WEBER (emeritus), St. Peter, Edina, June 15.

Deaths

DENNIS GETZLAFF, called to glory Feb. 15, 2002.

DARRYL GIESSELMAN, called to glory, April 11, 2006.

New school opening

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL, North Mankato, Minn., Aug. 31.

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further involved in spreading the Gospel through the mission and ministries in the Minnesota South District.

Funds raised from this campaign will be used to plant new congregations, provide mission training, and build up the future of missions by growing the Mission Endowment Fund and supporting the Synod's *Ablaze!* initiative.

For more information on how you can participate in "It's Time to Fish: Catch, Equip, Release!" mission campaign, call Sherylea Downes at (952) 223-2164 or e-mail sherylea.downes@mnsdistrict.org or visit www.mns.lcms.org.

