



DEVELOPING MISSIONAL LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

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## NEWS

**CSP Board of Regents narrows Presidential Candidate list.** Included on the list for on-site interviews are: [Dr. Donald Christian](#), [Rev. Dr. David Kluth](#), [Rev. Thomas Ries](#).

[Lutheran Hour Ministries Regional Outreach Conference](#), March 18-19, Alexandria, MN.

**HAMMOND, MINNESOTA FLOOD RECOVERY.** Crews are still needed throughout the winter. Thank you to all who have served. Further questions? Contact Vicki Strong, 651-730-5049.

[Networking Resources](#). (Refreshed 02-25-11) Events in and around the MNS District. Creation Speaker Brian Young; Readiness For Marriage; Workshop for Scripture Readers; Planning to Care-Caring To Plan event; Adventures In Genesis; Pastors and Teachers Wellness Retreat.

[Weekly Classifieds](#). (Refreshed 02-25-11) Jobs, stuff. Would you like to get an item included?

[District website](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[Camp Omega Events](#)

**DCE Internship sites needed.** For additional information, please contact Kevin Hall, DCE Program Director, at [khall@csp.edu](mailto:khall@csp.edu) or 651-603-6165.

**Change of address, e-mail address, contact information?** [Contact the Minnesota South District](#)

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

Many situations in life require mediators. Two parties at odds with each other can be brought together by one who is skilled in helping each one see things from the other's point of view. Christ was just such a mediator. Sin had separated us from God. A great chasm lay between us. The just and holy God could not tolerate sin and we helpless humans could not keep from it. Thanks be to God for giving His Son to bring about reconciliation between us and our Heavenly Father!

["Do Not Be Afraid"](#) -A stewardship newsletter article is available for your use on the MSN District website.

## Resources

[Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarships available.](#)

Candidates must be members of a LCMS congregation in the Minnesota South District, in their third or fourth year of full-time study at an LCMS school, and pursuing a career in ministry.

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

[MNS Lutheran Witness](#)

[The Lutheran Witness](#) on-line

[January 2011 LCEF Update](#)

### **Lectionary Illustration: "A Mountain of Meaning" Matthew 17:1-9**

A brilliant magician was performing on an ocean liner. But every time he did a trick, the Captain's parrot would yell, "It's a trick. He's a phony. That's not magic." Then one evening during a storm, the ship sank while the magician was performing. The parrot and the magician ended up in the same lifeboat. For several days they just glared at each other, neither saying a word to the other. Finally the parrot said, "OK, I give up. What did you do with the ship?"

The parrot couldn't explain that last trick! It was too much to comprehend, even for a smart parrot.

In life, moments occur that are incomprehensible. The birth of one's own child is one of those moments. The loss of a loved one is one of those moments. September 11 was one of those moments. There are mountaintop and valley moments throughout life. We are seldom ready for them. They arrive unannounced changing us in irreversible ways. But there is one thing they all have in common. They demand that we be silent and listen. These moments have something to say to us, to teach us.

But too often our response is like that of Peter, babbling in our fears because we cannot understand the significant, the meaningful moment. When Peter does finally quit talking a cloud appears, envelopes the disciples, and the voice of God gives this instruction to Peter, James, and John: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!" That's it. Very short. To the point. 3 parts. What God said had a mountain of meaning.

*"... And a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him." Matthew 9:7*

### **Health**

**This week's focus: Symptoms, and Building Skills To Endure Hardship**

[Symptom Checker](#): Find out the why of what ails you.

[Resilience: Build Skills To Endure Hardship](#)

### **MISSION NEWS**

[Mission Prayer List for March 2011](#)

[Mission Vision News Winter 2010/2011](#)

**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.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of **Circuit 9, North Carver County**, Circuit Counselor: Rev. Lucas Woodford. [Please click here](#) for maps of the District and all Circuits.

Please pray for Rev. Alan Rehwaldt, who is under Hospice care, for Joyce Klein, mother of Pastor Brent Klein, (Trinity, Northfield) as she recovers from surgery, and for the family of LaVonne Larrabee (Rev. Eugene Larrabee, em., Wykoff, MN) LaVonne passed away February 13, 2011. Family Contact information.: Rev. Eugene Larrabee, 30584 County 5, Wykoff, MN 55990.

### **CALL UPDATE INFORMATION**

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 02-25-11)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 02-25-11)

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