



## MNS WEEKLY e-NEWS March 31, 2009

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### WORD FOR THE WEEK

**Jesus said, "Even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45**

### NEWS

**Important Dates 2009 District Convention:** Transformed For His Mission - Romans 12:2. All other **Convention Documents** are available on the MNS District website.  
**Saturday, April 11, 2009** – Deadline for registrations (***\$50.00 late fee after this date***)

#### **Fan into Flame update as of Friday, March 27:**

LCMS National Campaign - **\$45,466,038.00**

Minnesota South District - **\$1,904,929.00** (*toward the National Campaign*)

*These monies do not come directly to the MNS District. Please consider the monetary support from the congregation for the work of the District separately from Fan into Flame.*

**ASSISTING WITH THE FARGO/MOORHEAD FLOODING.** As the Red River begins to recede, please be patient until an "official notice" is made for volunteers to assist in the Recovery effort. The second Disaster after a primary Disaster (in this case flooding) is the number of well meaning workers who assemble at the site of the Disaster—but with no "marching orders" actually slow and impede the intended efforts.

**Barna Update:** Survey Shows How Liberals and Conservatives Differ on Matters of Faith.

**Networking with Congregations** (*as of 3/27*) 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**

**FINAL CALL – TOMORROW – April 1, 2009** is the deadline to register for the **Ordained Ministers Pre-Retirement Workshop Mon. & Tues. April 27-28**, held at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN. Seven (7) couples are needed; presently, only two (2) are registered. Contact Gae Ash (952)223-2156 or [Gae.Ash@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:Gae.Ash@mnsdistrict.org)

**The MNS DCE Conference Confirmation Ministry: What Does This Mean Today?**  
Tuesday, April 28, 2009 @ St. Michael's, Bloomington. **Early registration deadline is THIS Friday, April 3.** Contact Gae Ash (952)223-2156 or [Gae.Ash@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:Gae.Ash@mnsdistrict.org)

**LCMS MN South District Sr. High Leadership Conference** is being hosted at Concordia University, St. Paul **THIS Saturday, April 4.**

## MISSION NEWS

Take a look at the number of potential resources available from the **Center for US Missions (home page)** *Equipping God's people to Multiply the Harvest.* Two of the lists available are: 1) **Missional Resources Alphabetical Listing** 2) **Missional Resources Articles by Topic.**

**Another resource for Missional Worship**—Read what Rev. Mike Zehnder has prepared and register to receive the e-News from the **Center for Missional Worship.**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Litchfield Circuit:** Life In Christ, Albertville; Bethlehem, Annandale; Zion, Annandale; St. John, Atwater; Hosanna, Buffalo; St. John, Buffalo; St. James, Howard Lake; Immanuel, Litchfield; Immanuel, Maple Lake; and Alive!, Monticello.

**The people in the Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota** areas that have been affected by the rising flood water in the Red River. Thanksgiving for those from **Concordia University, St. Paul, and Mayer Lutheran High School** who traveled to the Disaster area to assist in the Rescue effort to spare the cities.

**Ian Loewe**, the 12 year old grandson, **Jerry and Carol Loewe**, is struggling once again with Rhabdomyosarcoma Cancer. We petition our heavenly Father, if it be His will, to grant another full recovery as He had when Ian was 8 years old.

Download **MNS Mission Prayers** for April.

## CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

**Commissioned Ministers** (as of 3/24)

**Ordained Ministers** (as of 3/27)

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Pastor Rance** and wife **Leslie Settle** (Redeemer, Rochester) give thanks to the Lord and celebrate at the birth of their third child **Brett Alan** born yesterday Monday, March 30.

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