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Please share this information with others in your congregation!*

**NEWS**

As of 01/01/2010, the [IRS business mileage rate](#) is changing from .55 to .50 per mile.

**Rev. John Meyer**, a military chaplain from our District currently serving in Afghanistan requests some items on behalf of the troops serving there as follows:

- 1) Coffee Maker (like a 10-12 cup Mr. Coffee) with plenty of filters
- 2) Coffee Grinder (beans have already been sent)
- 3) Microwave oven (for popcorn, hot water, etc.)

Please follow up with Pastor Meyer via his e-mail address at:

**john.a.meyer@us.army.mil**, or ship these items directly to:

Chaplain John A. Meyer, HHC 372nd ENG BDE, FOB Sharana, APO AE 09311

**Computer equipment** is available from the District office as follows:

Free - HP Office Jet Model 300 fax machine	Free - HP Model 1220 fax machine
\$50.00 - HP Laser Jet 2100 printer	\$50.00 - HP Laser Jet 2100M printer

If interested, please contact President Seitz at (952-223-2150) or via e-mail at [mnspres@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:mnspres@mnsdistrict.org)

[LCMS World Mission](#) is pleased to offer **FREE** resources for your congregation to celebrate Armed Forces Ministry Sunday. Resources for 2010 include: a suggested sermon, a responsive prayer, and bulletin insert. **Order by Friday, February 19th** to ensure delivery in time for Armed Forces Sunday May 16, 2010.

[January 2010 LCEF newsletter](#) is now posted, with articles including improvements to Immanuel in Fairmont, featured ministries in Iowa, and explore a StewardAccount® for your escrow funds and/or auto insurance . . . It also helps the Church!

**[Networking Resources with Congregations](#) (as of 12/30)**

The [Dare to Dream](#) conference will address how to be a positive influence in building relationships with people from other cultures. This conference, sponsored by LINC-Twin Cities will be held January 26, 2010.

An [Equipping to Share \(ETS\) Workshop](#) will be held at Golden Valley Lutheran Church on January 23, 2010 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. These are Lutheran Hour workshops that strengthen and encourage believers for outreach. Traci Kohls will be the presenter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[District Calendar](#)...of upcoming events and meetings in the District.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the next MN Ablaze event, **April 10, 2010**. For more information, visit our website at [www.mnablaze.org](http://www.mnablaze.org).

[BECOMING TRANSFORMED FOR HIS MISSION: Passing On Vibrant Faith—Romans 12:2](#) conference workshops are scheduled throughout the District in early 2010.

[Camp Omega Events and Retreats](#)

## MISSION NEWS

[Ministry Innovation Workshop, January 30, 2010](#) held at Cross View, Edina – **Goal of 250 New Ministries** in the District. This event is co-sponsored by MN South District, OHSCO and LINC-Twin Cities.

Please refer to the [January Mission Prayers](#) for updated prayer requests and concerns from our missions and missionaries serving the Minnesota South District.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of the [St. Paul Metro](#) Circuit in the Minnesota South District.

Prayers of God's peace and comfort for the family of **William Dunk**, retired principal from Trinity Lutheran School, St. Francis, MN who was called home to glory on January 5, 2010 after a brief battle with cancer. Bill's life will be celebrated during the funeral on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Francis at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be Friday, January 15, 5-8 PM, at Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Francis, 3812 229th Avenue Northwest, St. Francis, MN 55070 and one hour prior to service.

Prayers of congratulations and thanksgiving as **Rev. Erland Asmus** will be installed as the pastor of St. Peter's in Afton on Sunday, January 31 at 2:30 PM.

Prayers of congratulations and thanksgiving as **Rev. Andrew Thompson** will be installed as the pastor of St. Stephanus in St. Paul on Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 PM.

## CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 12/18)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 01/08)

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